AGREEMENT
between the Georgian Unified National Accreditation Body
Georgian Accreditation Centre and the Latvian National
Accreditation Body Standardisation, Accreditation and Metrology
Centre Ltd on Cooperation in the Field of Accreditation

The Georgian unified national accreditation body Georgian
Accreditation Centre and the Latvian national accreditation body
Standardisation, Accreditation and Metrology Centre Ltd, hereinafter
referred to as “the Parties”,
recognizing the mutual usefulness of cooperation in the field of
accreditation;
following the economic interests of both Parties;
bearing in mind that the Republic of Latvia has become a member state
of the European Union;
bearing in mind that Georgia is ready to follow requirements of the
European Union in the field of accreditation;
trying to develop bi-lateral cooperation within the framework of their
authority and observing the national legislation, agree on the following:

Article 1
The Parties, implementing the Agreement, shall proceed in accordance
with the national normative acts of Georgia and of the Republic of
Latvia.

Article 2
The Parties shall facilitate participation of the national laboratories in
interlaboratory comparisons and proficiency testing programs organized
by the competent bodies of Georgia and the Republic of Latvia.

Article 3
The Parties shall facilitate participation of their representatives in
educational activities organized by the other Party (seminars,
conferences, symposiums, participation in joint accreditation
assessments, etc.).
Article 4
As need arise the Parties shall exchange the normative acts, and guideline documents of their countries regulating the accreditation field.

Article 5
At the invitation of one Party the Parties shall participate in trainings of assessors in accreditation field.

Article 6
The expenses related to implementation of Articles 2, 3 and 5 of the present Agreement shall bear the inviting Party on separate contractual basis.

All the other expenses related to implementation of the present Agreement (normative acts, exchange of information, experience, etc.) shall bear the Parties on their own account.

Article 7
The responsibility in regard to confidentiality of documentation or information obtained within the framework of the present Agreement shall bear the Party which gets the documentation or information.

The documentation or information may be delivered to the third Party only by consent of the Party that has handed it over.

The information in regard to negotiations of the Parties and their results may be published only by consent of both Parties.

Article 8
Conditions of the present Agreement shall not affect the obligations following the international agreements with Georgia on the one hand and the European Union and their member states on the other hand.

Conditions of the present Agreement shall not in any way be used or interpreted as to affect or change the obligations of the Republic of Latvia in respect to its membership in the European Union.
Article 9

Any dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation or implementation of the present Agreement shall be settled through consultations and negotiations.

Article 10

In common accord of the Parties the present Agreement may be amended or supplemented. Such amendments or addenda shall be drawn up in a form of separate records of proceedings that are integral parts of this Agreement and enter into force on the day of their signing.

Article 11

The present Agreement shall be concluded for an indefinite period and enter into force on the day of its signing.

Any of the Parties may terminate the Agreement notifying the other Party about the intention in writing. The Agreement validity shall be terminated within one month after the other Party has received such a notification.

Done in Riga, in Riga duplicate, on 16th of September, 2009, each of them in the Georgian, Latvian and English languages, all texts being authentic. In case of disagreements in interpretation of the Agreement text, the English text shall prevail.

For the
Georgian Accreditation Centre

Director

For the
Standardisation, Accreditation and Metrology Centre Ltd

Visvaldis Zvejs
Chairman of the Board