



## საქართველოს საგარეო საქმეთა სამინისტრო Ministry Of Foreign Affairs Of Georgia

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia declares that the construction of the Alagiri (North Ossetia) – Tskhinvali/South Ossetia section of the gas pipeline is illegal and so too are all the effects of this construction. Reference is made to all participants of this ‘project’, including commercial companies.

The Ministry has to underline again that all kinds of involvement in any deal with the Tskhinvali de-facto government without consent of the Georgian central authorities, including any form of participation of a foreign company in the tender to be announced for the construction of the above-referenced gas pipeline will be assessed as infringement of Georgia’s territorial integrity and gross interference in its internal affairs.

At the same time, the Ministry remains insistent on the need to receive the Russian side’s clarifications concerning the issue raised earlier, that is the opening of an illegal consultation centre of the Russian Federation’s Pension Fund, and demands closure of this centre and withdrawal of the Russian Federation's personnel staying illegally on the territory of Georgia.

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