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LAW OF GEORGIA ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Expert Commission; Responsibilities

Part 6. Expert commission

Article 35 – Composition of the commission

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Article 37 – Notes of the expert commission

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Composition of Expert Commission

- Expert commission is created in each particular case by the Ministry.
- **Commission consists of expert** – employee of the Environment Ministry or structural sub-unit of the Ministry or/and an independent expert approved by the order of the Minister on “Independent Expert Register”.
- Invited expert – a foreign entity – natural or legal person, or a person not having a citizenship.

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Functions

- a) Preparation of ecological expertise conclusion on the scoping report
- b) Preparation of ecological expertise conclusion on EIA or SEA report
- c) Conduction of ecological expertise on Ecological Audit
- d) study and examine particular area where planned project or strategic document is foreseen to be carried out

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Ecological expertise conclusion – positive – negative

Positive:

- a) Relevant to the national legislation and environmental protection norms and standards applicable on the territory of Georgia
- b) Justifies that the implementation of the project or strategic document on a particular area will not cause irreversible change of quantitative and qualitative characteristics of state of the environment
- c) Foresees the measures for reducing or preventing environmental impact (liquidate possible outcomes of emergency situations)
- d) Approved scoping report

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Responsibilities – subjects

- ▶ The developer
- ▶ The planning authorities
- ▶ The public authority official
- ▶ Expert commission

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Question-answer

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