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### *Caucasus Energy and Infrastructure Completes Diversion Canal Excavation Works*

JSC Caucasus Energy and Infrastructure (CEI) announces that it has completed diversion canal excavation works on the upper part of Mtkvari HPP construction site. The 220m long diversion canal will divert the river from its riverbed during the construction period in order to ensure dry working environment for the main dam building works. The excavation works were carried out using the company's own machinery and the drill & blast (D&B) method.

Pictures (1,2,3.)



*“We are pleased that construction works on Mtkvari HPP construction site are moving forward on schedule. Just weeks after completing the surge shaft excavation works, diversion canal has also been excavated. Currently, works are underway to prepare the diversion canal for concrete lining”,* commented the CEO of Caucasus Energy and Infrastructure **George Abdushelishvili**.

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#### **About Caucasus Energy and Infrastructure**

Caucasus Energy & Infrastructure (CEI) is a joint stock company organised in compliance with the Georgian legislation. CEI holds a mandate to invest in Transcaucasian companies engaged in the production, transmission and distribution of gas and electricity. The company is currently constructing a 48 MW hydro power plant on the Mtkvari River in Akhaltsikhe, Southern Georgia (near Turkish border).

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