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# RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

#### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

#### RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and incorporating summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, as stated on pages 5 to 16.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.



#### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ➤ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Dotain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- > Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- > Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



#### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

Dobtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Chartered Accountants

Trinidad & Tobago

24th June 2019

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT $30^{\text{TH}}$ SEPTEMBER 2018

ASSETS	Notes	2018 \$	Restated 2017
Current assets			
Cash and bank balances Accounts and other receivables Amounts due by related parties Taxation recoverable	4 5 9(i)	1,372,485 84,224 7,397,524 <u>248,594</u>	2,521,662 2,181,033 5,773,380 248,594
Total current assets		9,102,827	10,724,669
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	<u>693,805</u>	809,508
Total Assets		9,796,632	11,534,177
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Shareholders' Equity			
Stated capital Retained earnings	10	10 ( <u>430,860</u> )	10 (2,435,182)
Total shareholders' equity		( <u>430,850</u> )	(2,435,172)
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accruals Amounts due to related parties Taxation payable Total current liabilities	6 9(ii)	9,080,420 1,076,326 7,975 10,164,721	12,950,136 952,528 10,953 13,913,617
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liability	11	<u>62,761</u>	55,732
Total Liabilities		10,227,482	13,969,349
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		<u>9,796,632</u>	<u>11,534,177</u>

The accompanying notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED $30^{\text{TH}}$ SEPTEMBER 2018

	Note	2018 \$	Restated 2017
Revenues			
Project management fees Government subventions Other comprehensive income		551,790 3,540,236 <u>2,908,593</u>	1,211,411 744,762 5,584
Total revenue		7,000,619	1,961,757
Direct costs			
Project management expenses		(2,796,291)	(19,355)
Gross income		4,204,328	1,942,402
Expenses			
Personnel costs and expenses  Depreciation  Administrative and other  Interest and bank charges	<u></u> .	1,495,999 115,701 570,727 	3,183,922 159,006 683,711 7,661 4,034,300
Profit / (loss) before taxation		2,014,939	(2,091,898)
Taxation (charge) / benefit	12	(10,617)	10,978
Net profit / (loss) for the year		2,004,322	( <u>2,080,920</u> )

The accompanying notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

	Stated	Additional	Retained	Total
	Capital \$	Paid-in Capital \$	Earnings \$	\$
Balance as at 1st October 2017	10	-	(2,435,182)	(2,435,172)
Profit for the year	=		2,004,322	2,004,322
Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	10		(430,860)	<u>(430,850</u> )
Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	10	14,088,902	(11,675,339)	2,413,573
Prior period adjustments		(14,088,902)	11,321,077	(2,767,825)
Restated balance as at 1st October 20	16 10	<u>.</u>	(354,262)	(354,252)
Loss for the year			(2,080,920)	(2,080,920)
Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	10		(2,423,182)	( <u>2,435,172</u> )

The accompanying notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

	Note	2018 \$	<b>2017</b> \$
Operating Activities			
Net profit / (loss) before taxation		2,014,939	(2,091,898)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		115,701	159,006 40,701
Net profit / (loss) before working capital changes		2,130,640	(1,892,191)
Movements in working capital			
Decrease / (increase) in accounts and other receivables (Increase)/ decrease in amounts due from related parties Increase / (decrease) in accounts payable and accruals Decrease in amounts due to related parties		2,096,811 (1,624,144) 123,798 ( <u>3,869,714</u> )	(511,100) 10,888,362 (7,188,287) (16,499)
Cash (used in) / generated from operating activities		(1,142,609)	1,280285
Taxation paid		(6,568)	(20,825)
Net cash (used in) / generated from operations		( <u>1,149,177)</u>	1,259,460
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipmen	t		(6,524) <u>64,137</u>
Cash provided by investing activities			<u>57,613</u>
		(1.140.177)	1 217 072
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		( <u>1,149,177</u> )	<u>1,317,073</u>
Cash and cash equivalents			
- at the beginning of the year - at the end of the year 3		2,521,662 1,372,485	1,204,589 2,521,662
		( <u>1,149,177</u> )	1,317,073

The accompanying notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

#### 1. Incorporation and principal activities

The company was incorporated in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2005. The registered office is situated at Caroni (1975) Limited Central Office, Brechin Castle, Couva. The company is a Special Purpose State Enterprise, with the Ministry of Finance as Corporation Sole, with 2 shares held by nominees, on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, as Corporation Sole.

The principal activities of the company are to provide project management services in the development and implementation of projects to improve the infrastructure, utilities and community facilities in rural communities of Trinidad and Tobago. These services were expanded to include the contract administration and supervision of construction of the contracts awarded.

In the main, the projects are identified by Ministry of Local Government and implemented by the company under the Infrastructure Development Fund Agreement. The project management services include procuring of contractors on approved development projects, administration and supervision, and where applicable, design fee services.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 24th June 2019.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies

#### (a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements are expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars and have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

#### (b) Use of estimates

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The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards, require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### (c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost and comprise cash in hand and bank balances disclosed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars, and other short-term highly liquid investments.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (d) Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated into Trinidad and Tobago dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Current assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates prevailing at the statement of financial position date. Gains or losses thus arising are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### VProperty, plant and equipment

#### (e) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost and are being depreciated on the reducing balance basis, at varying rates which are sufficient to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Leasehold improvements	Straight–line over 15 years
-Security and other equipment	15% - 20%
Office furniture and equipment	15% - 20%
Motor vehicles	25%
Computer equipment	25%

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

As asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### (f) Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are amounts due from customers for goods sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. All collections from sales are expected in one year or less and are classified as current assets. Accounts receivable are initially recognized at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at cost less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of accounts receivable is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to recover all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (g) Accounts payable

Accounts payable are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

#### (h) Revenue

#### (i) Project management services rendered

Revenue from services rendered is recognised in Statement of Comprehensive Income in proportion to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. The stage of completion is assessed by reference to surveys of work performed. No revenue is recognised if there are significant uncertainties regarding recovery of the consideration due or associated costs.

#### (ii) Government Income

These are Subventions received from the government towards the operation of the Company. Government Subventions are accounted for on a cash basis due to the uncertainty of the timing of the receipt.

#### (iii) Design fees and other income

Design fees and other income are recognized on an accrual basis.

#### (i) Deferred taxation

Deferred income tax is provided using the liability method on all temporary differences at the statement of financial position date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the rate that is expected to apply to the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on the enacted tax rate at the statement of financial position date.

#### (j) Taxation

The company is subject to Corporation Tax based on the stipulated rate for the respective year of income, in addition to Green Fund Levy at the rate of 0.3% of gross revenue.

#### (k) Stated capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

#### 3. Comparative information

The prior year balances have been restated to conform to current year presentation.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED $30^{TH}$ SEPTEMBER 2018

#### 4. Cash and bank balances

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, balances with banks and short-term investments. Cash and cash equivalents included in the statement of cash flows comprise the following statement of financial position amounts:

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash on hand	590	2,000
Cash at bank	1,369,229	2,517,019
Short-term investments	<u>2,666</u>	2,643
	<u>1,372,485</u>	<u>2,521,662</u>

The short-term investments comprise Money-Market deposits in the Abercrombie Fund of First Citizens Bank Limited.

5.	Accounts receivables and other	2018	2017
		\$	\$
	Retention	_	115,048
	Other receivables and prepayments	<u>84,224</u>	<u>2,065,985</u>
		<u>84,224</u>	<u>2,181,033</u>
6.	Accounts payable and accruals	2018 \$	2017 \$
	Trade payables	8,941,526	12,067,431
	Accruals	196,551	280,375
	Other payables	<u>(57,657</u> )	602,330
		<u>9,080,420</u>	12,950,136
7.	Employees	2018	2017
	The number of employees at 30 <sup>th</sup> September:	8	<u>15</u>

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# 8. Property, plant and equipment

Year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Computer Equipment \$	Office Equipment	Motor Vehicles \$	Leasehold Improvements	Office Furniture \$	Security Services	Total \$
Cost  Beginning of the year  Additions	581,669	447,931	309,634	1,077,330	415,116	56,220	2,887,900
Accumulated depreciation Beginning of the year Charge for the year	483,884	327,514	294,095	567,879	364,324	40,696	2,078,392
End of the Year	508,330	345,577	297,979	623,925	374,482	43,802	2,194,095
Net book value as at 30th September 2018	73,339	102,354	11,655	453,405	40,634	12,418	693,805
Year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017							
Cost Beginning of the year Additions	590,769	443,270 4,751	718,977	1,077,330	415,116	54,447 1,773	3,259,909
Disposal/ write-back	(9,100)	(06)	(369,343)	•	1		(378,533)
End of the Year	581,669	447,931	309,634	1,077,330	415,116	<u>56,220</u>	2,887,900
Accumulated depreciation Beginning of the year Disposal / write-back	457,811	306,435	528,414 (266,548)	511,832	351,627	36,962	2,193,081 (273,695)
Charge for the year	33,131	21,168	32,229	56,047	12,697	3,734	159,006
End of the Year	483,884	327,514	294,095	567,879	364,324	40,696	2,078,392
Net book value as at 30th September 2017	97,785	120,417	15,539	509,451	50,792	15,524	805,508

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

9.	Related party balances	2018 \$	2017 \$
	i) Amounts due by related parties:		
	Ministry of Local Government	<u>7,397,524</u>	<u>5,773,380</u>
	ii) Amounts due to related parties:		
	Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries Ministry of Local Government	126,611 949,715	126,611 <u>825,917</u>
		<u>1,076,326</u>	<u>952,528</u>
	The transactions conducted with related parties were carried conditions at market rates.	out on commerc	ial terms and
	The company had related company transactions during the year	ar as follows:	
	Sales to related companies	<u>551,790</u>	<u>1,211,411</u>
10.	Stated capital  Authorized An unlimited number of ordinary shares  Issued 10 ordinary shares	2018 \$	2017 \$
11.	Deferred taxation	2018 \$	2017
i)	Deferred Tax Liability		
	Net book value per accounting records	693,807	809,508
	Tax written down value	( <u>484,605</u> )	(586,581)
	Temporary differences	209,202	222,927
	Deferred tax liability @ 30% (2017:25%)	<u>62,761</u>	<u>55,732</u>
	Net Deferred Tax (charge) / benefit (Note 12)	<u>(7.029</u> )	<u>21.931</u>

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

12.	Taxation	2018 \$	<b>2017</b> \$
	Taxation (charge)/ benefit is made up as follows:		
	Business levy Green Fund levy	(2,392) (1,196)	(7,302) (3,651)
	Deferred tax (charge) / benefit (Note 11)	( <u>7,029</u> )	21,931
		(10,617)	10,978

#### 13. Prior period adjustment

In the previous years, Government subventions were received to assist with the payment of salaries and operating expenses. These subventions were recorded as Additional Capital. which is a deviation from IAS 20 - Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance. During the said years, the expenses were paid and the income from subventions were not matched with the relevant costs. The correction of this error was accounted for retrospectively. As a result, the opening statement of financial position of 1st October 2017 and the comparative figures for 30th September 2017 have been restated.

	As at September 30 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Impact of Prior Period Adjustment	As at October 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016
Statement of financial position	\$	\$	\$
Assets			
Deferred tax asset	<u>2,767,825</u>	( <u>2,767,825</u> )	**************************************
Members Equity			
Additional paid in capital	14,088,902	(14,088,902)	
Retained earnings	(11,675,339)	11,321,077	(3,542,252)
Statement of comprehensive income	year ended 2017		
Total income	2,841,815	<u>744,762</u>	3,586,577
Taxation benefit	<u>697,727</u>	(686,749)	<u>10,978</u>

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

#### 14. Going concern

We draw your attention to the Statement of Financial Position where Unrelieved Losses reflect a balance of (\$430,860) at year end 30th September 2018 (2017: \$2,435,182). These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The assumption that the Company will continue as a going concern is based on its ability to continue to obtain financing from its primary shareholder, in the form of annual subventions per budgetary allocations of the Ministry of Finance, Trinidad & Tobago.

# SCHEDULES TO THE STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED $30^{\mathrm{TH}}$ SEPTEMBER 2018

1.	Project costs	2018 \$	2017 \$
	Project management expenses	<u>2,796,291</u>	<u>19,355</u>
2.	Personnel expenses	2018 \$	2017 \$
	Group health plan Staff welfare Gratuity Directors' remuneration Group life plan Salaries and wages	17,396 (2,883) 338,516 5,408 1,137,562 1,495,999	48,547 6,203 341,997 351,000 14,160 2,422,015 3,183,922
3.	Administrative and other expenses	2018 \$	2017 \$
	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations Meetings and annual events Insurance Professional fees Repairs and maintenance Office Penalties and interest Utilities Traveling Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Cash over and short Health and safety	12,474 4,677 2,000 1,372 33,018 177,342 3,233 43,573 4,767 89,024 185,613 - 11,334 2,300 570,727	7,644 29,789 4,600 13,918 30,277 71,253 1,358 70,942 2,337 100,079 303,935 40,701 6,878 683,711