FINANCIAL STATEMENTS $\mbox{YEAR ENDED } 30^{\mbox{\scriptsize TH}} \mbox{ SEPTEMBER } 2019$



RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30^{TH} SEPTEMBER 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Rural Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30th September 2019, 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 15.

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 30th September 2019 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.
- ➤ Obtain 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)

Detain 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.

Maharaj Mohammed & Co.

Chartered Accountants

Trinidad & Tobago

12th June 2020

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30^{TH} SEPTEMBER 2019

ASSETS	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Current assets		Ψ	Ψ
Cash and bank balances Accounts and other receivables Amounts due by related parties Taxation recoverable	4 5 9(i)	2,376,784 220,146 33,858,660 248,594	1,372,485 84,224 7,397,524 <u>248,594</u>
Total current assets		36,704,184	9,102,827
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	651,443	693,805
Total Assets		37,355,627	9,796,632
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Shareholders' Equity			
Stated capital Retained earnings	10	10 (<u>582,695</u>)	10 (<u>430,860</u>)
Total shareholders' equity		(<u>582,685</u>)	(430,850)
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accruals Amounts due to related parties Taxation payable	6 9(ii)	36,591,277 1,281,550 <u>7,964</u>	9,080,420 1,076,326 7,975
Total current liabilities		37,880,263	10,164,721
Non-current liabilities	47		
Deferred tax liability	11	<u>57,521</u>	62,761
Total Liabilities		37,937,784	10,227,482
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		37,355,627	9,796,632

The accompanying notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

:Director

:Director

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30^{TH} SEPTEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Revenues		Ψ	Ψ
Project management fees Government subventions Other comprehensive income		2,392,620 1,000,000 462,419	551,411 3,540,236 2,908,593
Total revenue		3,855,039	7,000,619
Direct costs			
Project management expenses		_(135,044)	(<u>2,796,291</u>)
Gross income		3,719,995	4,204,328
Expenses			
Personnel costs and expenses Depreciation Administrative and other Interest and bank charges		2,866,550 103,257 894,688 7,076 3,871,571	1,495,999 115,701 570,727 6,962 2,189,389
(Loss) / profit before taxation		(151,576)	2,014,939
Taxation charge	12	(259)	(10,617)
Net (loss) / profit for the year		(151,835)	2,004,322

The accompanying notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30^{TH} SEPTEMBER 2019

	Stated Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 1st October 2018	10	(430,860)	(430,850)
Loss for the year		(151,835)	(151,835)
Balance as at 30 th September 2019	10	(582,695)	(<u>582,685</u>)
Balance as at 30 th September 2017	10	(2,435,182)	(2,435,172)
Profit for the year	8	2,004,322	2,004,322
Balance as at 30 th September 2018	10	<u>(430,860</u>)	(430,850)

The accompanying notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30^{TH} SEPTEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Operating Activities		Ψ	Ψ
Net (loss) / profit before taxation		(151,576)	2,014,939
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		103,257	_115,701
Net (loss) / profit before working capital changes		(48,319)	2,130,640
Movements in working capital			
(Increase) / decrease in accounts and other receivables Increase in amounts due from related parties Increase in accounts payable and accruals (Increase) / decrease in amounts due to related parties		(135,922) 6,461,136) 7,510,857 205,224	2,096,811 (1,624,144) 123,798 (<u>3,869,714</u>)
Cash generated from / used in operating activities		1,070,704	(1,142,609)
Taxation paid	-	(5,511)	(6,568)
Net cash generated from / (used in) operations		1,065,193	(1,149,177)
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(<u>60,894</u>)	
Cash provided by investing activities		(<u>60,894</u>)	7
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,004,299	(<u>1,149,177</u>)
Cash and cash equivalents			
- at the beginning of the year - at the end of the year 3	19	1,372,485 2,376,784 1,004,299	2,521,662 1,372,485 (1,149,177)

The accompanying notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019

1. Incorporation and principal activities

The company was incorporated in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on 2nd 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 12th June 2020.

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

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^{TH} SEPTEMBER 2019

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.

(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 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019

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.

(i) 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 2019

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:

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Cash on hand Cash at bank Short-term investments	(767) 2,365,449 	590 1,369,229 2,666
	2,376,784	1,372,485

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

5.	Accounts receivables and other	2019 \$	2018 \$
	Retention	115,048	
	Other receivables and prepayments	105,098	84,224
		<u>220,146</u>	84,224
6.	Accounts payable and accruals	2019	2018
		\$	\$
	Trade payables	36,092,307	8,941,526
	Accruals	156,836	196,551
	Other payables	342,134	(57,657)
		<u>36,591,277</u>	9,080,420
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7.	Employees	2019	2018
	The number of employees at 30 th September:	24	8

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019

8. Property, plant and equipment

Year ended 30 th September 2019 Cost	Computer Equipment	Office Equipment \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Leasehold Improvements \$	Office Furniture \$	Security Services	Total
Beginning of the year Additions End of the Year Accumulated depreciation	581,669 _38,244 619,913	447,931 22,650 470,581	309,634	1,077,330 	415,116	56,220 	2,887,900 60,894 2,948,794
Beginning of the year Charge for the year End of the Year Net book value as at 30th September 2019	508,330 18,334 526,664 93,249	345,577 15,353 360,930 109,651	297,979 2,913 300,892 8,742	623,925 <u>56,046</u> 679,971	374,482 8,126 382,608	43,802 2,484 46,286	2,194,095
Year ended 30 th September 2018 Cost			2)	<u>397,359</u>	<u>32,508</u>	<u>9,934</u>	651,443
Beginning of the year Additions End of the Year Accumulated depreciation	581,669 581,669	447,931 ————————————————————————————————————	309,634	1,077,330 ———————————————————————————————————	415,116 ———————————————————————————————————	56,220 56,220	2,887,900
Beginning of the year Charge for the year End of the Year Net book value as at 30th September 2018	483,884 <u>24,446</u> <u>508,330</u> <u>73,339</u>	327,514 	294,095 3,884 297,979 11,655	567,879 <u>56,046</u> 623,925 453,405	364,324 10,158 374,482 40,634	40,696 <u>3,106</u> 43,802 <u>12,418</u>	2,078,392 115,703 2,194,095 693,805

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30^{TH} SEPTEMBER 2019

9.	Rel	ated party balances	2019 \$	2018 \$
	i)	Amounts due by related parties:		
		Ministry of Local Government	33,858,660	7,397,524
	ii)	Amounts due to related parties:		
		Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries Ministry of Local Government	126,611 1,154,939	126,611 949,715
			<u>1,281,550</u>	1,076,326
		transactions conducted with related parties were clitions at market rates.	arried out on commerc	cial terms and
	The	company had related company transactions during t	he year as follows:	
1-	S	ales to related companies	<u>34,217,282</u>	551,790
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10.	Stat	ed capital	2019	2018
		norized An unlimited number of ordinary shares	\$	\$
	Issu	•		
	24 14	10 ordinary shares	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
		9.		
11.	Defe	erred taxation	2019	2018
i)	Defe	erred Tax Liability	\$	
	Net	book value per accounting records	651,443	693,807
	Tax	written down value	(<u>459,707</u>)	(<u>484,605</u>)
	Tem	porary differences	191,736	209,202
	Defe	erred tax liability @ 30%	<u>57,521</u>	<u>62,761</u>
	Net L	Deferred Tax benefit / (charge) (Note 12)	<u>5,240</u>	(<u>7,029</u>)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30^{TH} SEPTEMBER 2019

12.	Taxation	2019 \$	2018 \$
	Taxation (charge)/ benefit is made up as follows:		
	Business levy Green Fund levy	(3,666) (1,833)	(2,392) (1,196)
	Deferred tax benefit / (charge) (Note 11)	5,240	<u>(7,029)</u>
		_(259)	(<u>10,617</u>)

13. Going concern

We draw your attention to the Statement of Financial Position where Unrelieved Losses reflect a balance of (\$562,895) at year end 30th September 2019 (2018: \$430,860). 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^{TH} SEPTEMBER 2019

1.	Project costs	2019 \$	2018 \$
	Project management expenses	135,044	2,796,291
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2.	Personnel expenses	2019 \$	2018 \$
-	Group health plan Staff welfare Gratuity Directors' remuneration Group life plan Salaries and wages	8,372 20,000 465,750 - 2,372,428 2,866,550	17,396 (2,883) 338,516 5,408 1,137,562 1,495,999
3.	Administrative and other expenses	2019 \$	2018 \$
3.	Administrative and other expenses Advertising		
3.		\$	\$
3.	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations	\$ 46,692	\$ 12,474
3.	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations Meetings and annual events	\$ 46,692 11,088	\$ 12,474 4,677
3.	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations Meetings and annual events Insurance	\$ 46,692 11,088 5,100	\$ 12,474 4,677 2,000
3.	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations Meetings and annual events Insurance Professional fees	\$ 46,692 11,088 5,100 21,261 35,222 250,884	\$ 12,474 4,677 2,000 1,372 33,018 177,342
3.	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations Meetings and annual events Insurance Professional fees Repairs and maintenance	\$ 46,692 11,088 5,100 21,261 35,222 250,884 19,028	\$ 12,474 4,677 2,000 1,372 33,018
3.	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations Meetings and annual events Insurance Professional fees Repairs and maintenance Office	\$ 46,692 11,088 5,100 21,261 35,222 250,884 19,028 84,147	\$ 12,474 4,677 2,000 1,372 33,018 177,342 3,233 43,573
3.	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations Meetings and annual events Insurance Professional fees Repairs and maintenance Office Penalties and interest	\$ 46,692 11,088 5,100 21,261 35,222 250,884 19,028 84,147 2,307	\$ 12,474 4,677 2,000 1,372 33,018 177,342 3,233 43,573 4,767
3.	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations Meetings and annual events Insurance Professional fees Repairs and maintenance Office Penalties and interest Utilities	\$ 46,692 11,088 5,100 21,261 35,222 250,884 19,028 84,147 2,307 87,553	\$ 12,474 4,677 2,000 1,372 33,018 177,342 3,233 43,573
3.	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations Meetings and annual events Insurance Professional fees Repairs and maintenance Office Penalties and interest Utilities Rental of machinery & equipment	\$ 46,692 11,088 5,100 21,261 35,222 250,884 19,028 84,147 2,307 87,553 3,500	\$ 12,474 4,677 2,000 1,372 33,018 177,342 3,233 43,573 4,767
3.	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations Meetings and annual events Insurance Professional fees Repairs and maintenance Office Penalties and interest Utilities Rental of machinery & equipment Security	\$ 46,692 11,088 5,100 21,261 35,222 250,884 19,028 84,147 2,307 87,553 3,500 12,685	\$ 12,474 4,677 2,000 1,372 33,018 177,342 3,233 43,573 4,767 89,024
3.	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations Meetings and annual events Insurance Professional fees Repairs and maintenance Office Penalties and interest Utilities Rental of machinery & equipment Security Traveling	\$ 46,692 11,088 5,100 21,261 35,222 250,884 19,028 84,147 2,307 87,553 3,500 12,685 324,539	\$ 12,474 4,677 2,000 1,372 33,018 177,342 3,233 43,573 4,767 89,024
3.	Advertising Motor vehicle Subscriptions and donations Meetings and annual events Insurance Professional fees Repairs and maintenance Office Penalties and interest Utilities Rental of machinery & equipment Security Traveling Cash over and short	\$ 46,692 11,088 5,100 21,261 35,222 250,884 19,028 84,147 2,307 87,553 3,500 12,685	\$ 12,474 4,677 2,000 1,372 33,018 177,342 3,233 43,573 4,767 89,024
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