

# THE SECOND REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY LABOUR WELFARE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

The First Report of the Auditor General on the Non-receipt of Financial Statements of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee for the years ended September 30, 1998 to 2003 was signed by the Auditor General on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 and submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate for laying in the House of Representatives and the Senate respectively and to the Minister of Finance.

2. Section 12 of the Sugar Industry (Labour Welfare Fund) Regulations requires the Auditor General to audit the accounts of the Committee. The accompanying Financial Statements of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee for the year ended September 30, 2000 have been audited. The Statements comprise a Balance Sheet as at September 30, 2000, an Income Statement for the year ended September 30, 2000 and Notes to the Financial Statements numbered 1 to 14.

#### MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. The management of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles 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.

#### **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY**

4. The Auditor General's responsibility is to express an opinion on these Financial Statements based on conducting the audit in accordance with accepted auditing standards. Because of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, I was not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

#### BASIS FOR DISCLAIMER OF OPINION

# SOURCE DOCUMENTS AND SUBSIDIARY RECORDS

5. Source documents, schedules, and subsidiary records necessary for the verification of key balances on the financial statements were not produced for audit examination as shown below:

BALANCES SHEET	
Non Current Assets	\$
Freehold Lands	347,771.98
Development of Housing Sites	10,703,115.39
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash equivalents	11,384,336.90
Receivables	3,725,143.77
<b>Equities And Liabilities</b>	
Capital Grants	(18,637,994.67)
Sugar Levies	(15,062,669.45)
Price Stabilisation Fund	(34,014.64)
Current Year Accumulated Expense	(8,060,184.90)
YTD Accumulated Expense	(23,194,286.80)
Other Creditors	(383,021.74)
Provision for Bad Debts	(62,918.22)
INCOME STATEMENT	
Employees Expenses	3,649,412.72
Other Income	69,787.62

#### **DISCLAIMER OF OPINION**

6. Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion at paragraph 5 above, I have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the financial statements.



#### **SUBMISSION OF REPORT**

7. This Report is being submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate and the Minister of Finance in accordance with the requirements of sections 116 and 119 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

21st February, 2018 PORT OF SPAIN



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# SUGAR INDUSTRY LABOUR WELFARE COMMITTEE (SILWC)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

# SUGAR INDUSTRY LABOUR WELFARE COMMITTEE

# Income Statement For the Twelve Months Ending September 30th 2000

		September -2000 YTD \$TT	September -1999 YTD \$TT
INCOME			
Interest on Mortgages / Advances Interest on Investment Interest earned Current A/C Processing Fees Other Income Land Premium Income from Land Sale Income - Sugar Levies Subvention	Note 12	1,925,705.51 687,659.98 90,810.03 62,855.00 69,787.62 124,875.83 153,442.65 158,932.45 9,809,263.00	1,781,659.37 637,329.45 65,197.59 63,896.57 64,487.60 21,630.16 151,431.42 3,988,729.00
TOTAL INCOME		13,083,332.07	6,774,361.16
EXPENDITURE			
Employee Expenses Administrative Expenses Maintenance Depreciation Appropriation of Sugar Levies Other Expense	•	3,649,412.72 889,198.59 258,656.21 66,947.20 158,932.45	3,346,960.35 708,830.33 199,411.68 56,303.09 151,431.42 500,243.19
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		5,023,147.17	4,963,180.06

# SUGAR INDUSTRY LABOUR WELFARE COMMITTEE

# **BALANCE SHEET**

	As at 30th Septe	mber 2000 September 2000 \$TT	September 1999 \$TT
ASSETS Non Current Assets			·
Freehold Lands Development of Housing Sites Motor Vehicle New Office Building Furniture and Fixtures Computers and Software	Note 6 Note 7 Note 7	347,771.98 10,703,115.39 1.00 629,205.46 322,330.43 242,727.95	347,771.98 5,394,314.58 1.00 330,870.46 172,464.66 135,637.75
SUB TOTAL		12,245,152.21	6,381,060.43
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 Current Assets  Mortgages and Advances  Cash and Cash Equivalents  Receivables  Pro Notes  Prepayments	.*	38,079,519.54 11,384,336.90 3,725,143.77 938.00	3,382,532.60
SUB TOTAL		53,189,938.2/1	48,021,249.89
TOTAL ASSETS		65,435,090.42	54,402,310.32

# SUGAR INDUSTRY LABOUR WELFARE COMMITTEE

# **BALANCE SHEET**

As at 30th Sept	tember	2000
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September 2000 September 1999 \$TT \$TT

<b>EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES</b>	FQU	ITIES	AND	LIA	BIL	ITIES
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Capital	and	Reserves
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Capital Grants	Note 11	(18,637,994.67)	(18,082,703.70)
Sugar Levies		(15,062,669.45)	(14,903,737.00)
Price Stabilisation Fund		(34,014.64)	(34,014.64)
Current Year Accumulated Expense		(8,060,184.90)	(1,811,181.10)
YTD Accumulated Expense		(23,194,286.80)	(18,601,540.45)
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30D TOTAL (01,000,1001.0)	SUB TOTAL	(64,989,150.46)	53,433,176.8	<del>)</del> )
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# Current Liabilities

Trade Creditors Other Creditors Provisions for Bad Debts	Note 10	(383,021.74) (62,918.22)	0.10 (906,215.31) (62,918.22)
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SUB TOTAL (445,939.96)	(969,133.43)
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	(65,435,090.42)	(54,402,310.32)

Secrétary/Exec. Officer

Chairman

# SUGAR INDUSTRY LABOUR WELFARE COMMITTEE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2000

#### INCORPORATION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

1. The Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee was incorporated in the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago by Ordinance No. 12 of 1948.

Its principle activities are as follows:-

- Provision of secured housing loans
- Development of Infrastructure of housing settlements
- Maintenance of related housing settlements

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies are based on generally accepted accounting principles.

#### a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared using the historical cost convention.

# b) Freehold Land and Development of Housing Sites

Freehold land is purchased by the Committee for development over time. Funds have been provided by Central Government for some land purchases and infrastructural development of housing sites.

It has been a policy of the Committee and a condition of the contract with the Borrowers that all lots distributed should be conveyed in full, free from all encumbrances to the borrowers upon the expiration of the **twenty (20) years**Lease (there are cases where lots have been conveyed before the normal expiry date). A land rent is collected for the duration of the period.

A Cabinet decision made in 1985 has changed the terms and condition in respect to land distributed by the Committee in order to be consistent with other lands distributed by the State for housing purposes. Lots distributed after 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1986 would attract a thirty (30) years Lease.

No provision has been made to remove the cost of settlement where the twenty (20) years period of the lease to borrowers has expired. In many cases the legal formality has not yet taken place, although the right exists.

A policy is being established to quantify the write off of these expired settlements.

#### c) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

**Fixed Assets** are recorded at **Cost** and includes improvement. The cost of maintenance and repairs are charged to expenses. Upon disposal of items the cost and related Accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts and the gain or loss, if any, is reflected in the earnings of the year.

Depreciation has been provided to write off the assets over the estimated useful life. Depreciation is not provided on freehold land

The Committee's policy on the depreciation of the following assets is to write off the book value on a straight line basis. A proportionate charge is made in the year of purchase except where the asset is purchased in the latter half of the year, in which case a pro-rata basis is applied. Assets that are still existing at the end of its estimated useful life have been left with a \$1.00 balance to signify their existence.

# **Current Rates of Depreciation Are:**

a.	Electrical Items	20% per annum
Ъ.	Motor Vehicles	20% per annum
c.	Computer Hardware	20% per annum
d.	Computer Software	20% per annum
e.	Other Items	10% per annum
f.	Work in Progress	No Depreciation

Capital Expenditure on rented premises is depreciated using the straight line method at the rate of 10% per annum on assets held at the end of the year. The rate was originally intended to cover the expected Occupancy period of the building.

#### d) Bad Debts

Provision has been made for doubtful debts.

The provision made in these financial statements is based upon prudent analysis of the value existence of the security. At present all delinquent loans are under review by the Committee (via a constituted Sub-Committee). An ongoing investigative exercise is in progress.

# e) Capital Grants

A depreciable asset purchased with a government capital grant is amortized in the same manner as the asset is depreciated. The amortization is taken as income in the Revenue Account. Depreciation Appropriation from Accumulated Fund (per Ministry of Finance and the Economy F: 22/8/43 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1969).

#### (3) DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SITES

This represents accumulated expenditure on infrastructural development of settlements owned by the Committee. No write off was effected in the 1999 accounts.

# (4) FREEHOLD LAND

This represents land purchased by the Committee for development and distribution to borrowers.

### (5) RENTED PROPERTY- LAND AND BUILDING

This property was vacated in 1987 and an agreement was reached with Caroni 1975 Ltd to exchange same for one acre of land situated at Camden Couva. The amount of \$81,625.15 has now been included under Capital Expenditure on the New Head Office Building.

(6) NEW OFFICE BUILDING

This represents note 5 above, plus expenditure on soil tests and preliminary consultancy fees in respect of the construction of a new office building. Total Expenditure to Date is \$629,205.46

# (7) FIXED ASSET SCHEDULE (DEPRECIATION ASSET)

ASSET GROUP	COST	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION To 30/9/1999	DEPRECIATION To 30/9/2000	NET BOOK VALUE	
Capital Expenditure on rented Premises	\$141,165.40	\$141,162.40	\$0.00	\$3.00	
Furniture & Office Equipment	\$716,461.08	\$394,653.62	\$30,600.41	\$322,330.43	
Computer Software	\$98,121.33	\$49,810.44	\$9,669.29	\$49,810.89	
Computer Hardware	\$277,126.98	\$82,709.92	\$26,677.50	\$194,417.06	, i
Motor Vehicle	\$24,899.40	\$24,898.40		\$1.00	
TOTAL	\$1,257,774.19	\$692,711.80	\$66,947.2	\$238,929.91	_

# (8) MORTGAGES & ADVANCES

Advances are stated at principal outstanding.

Arrears of principal, interest and insurance for the year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 amounted to \$979,081.60

# (9) CASH AT BANK

This sum represented by balances held as of 30th Sept are as follow:-

TOTAL	2,409,379.06	91,908.29
Republic Bank A/C # 2	2,263,553.49	229,880.53
Republic Bank A/C # 1	145,8258.57	-137,972.24
	2000 \$	1999 \$

# (10) CURRENT LIABILITIES

210000 MORT. & ADVANCES - CREDIT BAL.	(364,483.73)
226000 CASH PERFORMANCE DEP. D/H/S	(16,231.10)
227000 RETENTION FEES PAYABLE	(1,799.90)
210010 SUSPENSE PAYMENTS (E.D)	(507.01)

Total Other Creditors (383,021.74)

# (11) CAPITAL GRANTS

Capital Grants have been received from Central Government for purposes as follows:

	2000	1999
a. Development of Housing sites (See note 2(b) and (3)	\$6,257,708.96	\$5,394,315.58
b. Loan Fund	\$12,071,412.00	\$12,071,412.00
c. Head Office Building	\$84,628.40	\$84,628.40
d. New Permanent Head Office	\$224,245.31	\$224,245.31
e. Computers		\$91,132.57
f. Furniture & Equipment		\$172,464.66
g. Software		\$44,505.18
TOTAL	\$18,637,994.67	\$18,082,703.70

# (12) SUGAR LEVY

This represents a levy on sugar manufacturers equivalent to two dollars and forty cents (\$2.40) for every ton of sugar manufactured and exported, as laid down in "The Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Ordinance No. 12 of 1948".

For the year 2000 the sum of \$158,932.45 was receivable from Caroni (1975) ltd.

### (13) GOVERNMENT GRANT - COST OF ADMINISTRATION

Funding is provided by the Central Government to meet certain administration

? Expenses.

Unutilized amounts are refunded annually.

#### (14) CREDIT BALANCES IN MORTGAGES AND ADVANCES

2000

1999

1) Credit Balances

\$364,483.73

\$339,543.12

Credit Balances represent the following:

- (a) Overpayment on loans paid off and balances b\f from previous year(s)
- (b) Existing loans with overpayments on current year installments
- (c) Loans which have been closed during the accounting period and remain with credit balances.