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AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GUYANA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

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09 December 2010

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Dear Mr. Mohamed,

RE: AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GUYANA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

We wish to inform you that the audit of the above-mentioned Authority has been completed. Accordingly, we are pleased to forward two copies of the audited financial statements, together with the Report of the Auditor General and Management Letter thereon.

Should you need any clarification or explanations, please do not hesitate to let us know.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,





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09 December 2010

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GUYANA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) which comprised of the balance sheet as at 31 December 2004, and the income and expenditure and cash flow statements for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted the audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing issued by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) and those of the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI). Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud and error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An

audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Qualified Opinion Arising from Limitation of Scope and Uncertainties

The amount of \$55,962,847 represents income earned for the year under review. However, an examination of the records revealed that amounts totalling \$42,709,248 were received for the year under review, giving a difference of \$13,253,599 resulting in the amount shown as income being overstated by this amount. As a result, the completeness, accuracy and validity of the figure shown in the financial statement could not be verified.

The amount of \$291,096,532 represents total expenditure for the year under review. However, an examination of the records revealed amounts totalling \$239,704,657 were expended for nine expenditure heads whilst the audited amounts reflected \$246,639,318 resulting in differences totalling \$6,935,661. As a result, the completeness, accuracy and validity of the amount reflected as expenditure could not be verified.

The amount of \$317,982,166 was shown as fixed assets for the year under review. A Fixed Asset Register was not produced for audit. However, a schedule was presented for audit verification but this did not reflect the category of fixed assets as such it could not be traced to the financial statements. In addition, the amount of \$19.077M was expended on the acquisition of Fixed Assets for the year under review. However, these assets were not capitalized and reflected in the balance sheet but were charged as current expenditure. As a result, the completeness, accuracy and validity of the figures shown in the financial statement could not be verified.

Amounts totalling \$85,541,732 were shown as debtors and prepayments for the period under review. However, an examination of the records revealed the amount of \$100,011,271, resulting in a difference of \$14,469,539, as a result, the amount shown as debtors and prepayments was understated by this amount. As a result, the completeness, accuracy and validity of the figures shown in the financial statement could not be verified.

Except for any adjustments which might have been shown to be necessary as a result of the matters referred to in the preceding paragraphs, in my opinion, the financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority as of 31 December 2004, and the results of its operation and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards.



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Financial Statement 2004

	Notes	2004 6\$	2003 G\$
Income:	Nutsa	00	00
Licences		419,020	_
Airwortiness Certificates		3.112.220	-
Training Institutions		-	
Aircraft Maintenance Organisations			
ADC's			
International Overflights		35,528,269	-
International Arrivals and Departures		10,709,010	
Damestic Flights		5,946,493	-
ASR Fees and Fines		247.835	
AIP Contribution		-	
ATM Licence			
Other			305,000
Total Income		55,962,847	305,000
Expenditures			
Employment Costs		190,304,073	173,517,661
Expenses Specific to the Agency		567,601	2
Materials Equipment and Supplies		3,920,097	2,879,414
Fuel and Lubricants		2,321,839	1,671,098
Rental and Maintenance of Buildings		6.184.153	6,294,489
Maintenance of Infrastructure		512,200	540,860
Transport Travel and Postage		15,174,427	15,049,924
Utility Charges		9,248,831	8,063,594
Other Goods and Services Purchased		9,750,838	12,317,522
Other Operating Expenses		552,079	997,141
Training		2,248,320	2,628,376
Contributions To International Organisations		-	
Depreciation (see schedule)		50,312,074	49,921,740
Total other costs		100,792,459	100,364,158
Total Expenditures		291,096,532	273,881,819
Surplus(Deficit)		(235,133,685)	(273,576,819)
		(200,100,000)	(2,0,0,0,0,0)
Funded By:	*		
Government Subsidy + Sponsorship	AI	208,580,524	225,939,417
Net Surplus (Deficit)		(26,553,161)	(47,637,402)

Submitted by:

Assistant Accountant (ag)

Zulficar Mohamed
Interim Director General

Guyana civil Aviation authority

Guyana Civil Aviation Authority Balance Sheet

As at December 2004

Asset Fixed Asset	Notes	2004	2003
Intangibles Long Term Investment (Pension Fund to be adjusted)	2	41,459,882	28,041,514
Tangible Assets			
Land & Buildings	3	177,573,857	183,593,310
Plant & Machinery		111,310,123	152,269,376
Fixtures & Fittings		4,570,292	5,555,474
Computer Equipment		3,856,538	2,156,737
Electrical Equipment		3,306,142	2,558,359
Motor Vehicles		14,916,667	250,000
Office Furniture		2,433,386	2,817,316
General Equipment		15,161	16,261
Total Fixed Assets		359,442,048	377,258,347
Current Assets			
Debtors	4	85,541,732	_
Prepayments	5	1,221,649	_
Bank Balance	6	3,430,373	822,227
Cash		5, 155,575	(96,978)
Total Current Assets		90,193,754	725,249
Total Assets		449,635,802	377,983,596
Equity and Liabilities			
Financed by			
Accumulated Fund	7	501,050,165	413,762,032
Pension Fund Reserve		41,459,882	28,041,514
Reserves		House Newstern Modern	Company (From States (Frenches) St
Accumulated Surplus/Deficit	8	(94,820,895)	(68, 267, 734)
Mortgage and Securities etc		e de la companya del la companya de	
		447,689,152	373,535,812
Current Liabilities		2 E.J. 6 8320	
Account Payables	9	1,839,972	4,447,784
Accruals	2.2	225 81.5	
Provision for reconciliation Loss	10	106,678	-
Short Term Loans			
		1,946,650	4,447,784
Total Equity and Liabilities		449,635,802	377,983,596

Guyana Civil Aviation Authority

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31-Dec-04

	Notes	2004	2003
Operating Surplus Before Tax		(96,978)	(106,678)
			,
Adjustment for :			
Receivables			
Revenue		42,709,248	
Subventions		208,000,000	225,939,417
Capital Releases			10,000,000
Refunds		580,524	
Contributions to ICOA Celebrations			305,000
Loan Repayments		1,412,556	
Cash Generated from Operation		252,605,350	236,244,417
Cash Flows from investing activity			
Employment cost		191,759,014	172,560,804
Expenses Specific to the agency		717,601	
Materials Equipment & Supplies		3,609,435	3,338,641
Fuel & Lubricants		2,588,294	1,404,643
Rental & Maint of Building		5,834,153	6,644,489
Maint of Infrastructure		512,200	540,860
Transp Tvl & Postage		15,017,393	14,759,069
Utility Charges		10,761,505	6,321,074
Other Goods & Services		9,835,718	11,763,162
Other Operating Expense		553,059	986,161
Training		2,158,320	2,628,376
Loans & advances		1,857,556	
Purchase of Asset		4,077,407	5,287,438
Refund of Capital Releases			126,500
WGS 84 Project			9,873,500
		(249,281,655)	(236,234,717)
Net leaves to Carlo Carl		2 222 505	(06.070)
Net Increase in Cash & Cash Equivale		3,323,695	(96,978)
Cash & Cash Equivalents -Jan -writte	n off	106,678	(05.075)
Cash & Cash Equivalents -Dec		3,430,373	(96,978)
Analysis of Cash & Cash Equivalent - [Dec 31		
Cash at Bank		3,430,373	(96,978)

Guyana Civil Aviation Authority

Notes to the Accounts

Background of the Entity

- i. The Guyana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) was established on 29th August, 2000 by Act No. 10 of 2000. The Authority is responsible for providing air Navigation, air traffic aeronautical telecommunications and aeronautical meteorology services.
- ii. The Income and Expenditure Statement, Cash Flow Statement and Balance Sheet of the Authority have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, using the Accrual accounting convention, Assets are carried at historical cost (reduced by depreciation-actual and notional) and where historical cost is unavailable the estimated replacement cost have been used,
- iii. Government subvention/grants have been accounted for in accordance with <u>IAS 20</u>
 Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance.
- iv. A professional valuation is still to be done to confirm the relevant values and useful lives of our Navigation Equipment and related assets. Amounts carried in the balance sheet are our best estimates of replacement cost from available market prices (obtained by way of quotes and prices used in similar recent transactions).
- v. The WGS-84 Geodetic Survey is still an ongoing project; additional Government Assistance/Grants (Capital) are expected for financing of the remaining stages of the project. The grant has been accounted for based on value of the completed portion of the works and the amount of non-refundable disbursements received.
- 1. Expenses for the Authority is broken down into employment cost and other charges

Employment cost-It is broken down into two headings which are wages and salary (code 101-107) of which 106 represent contracted employees and 107 temporary employees and employment overhead (201-205), 201 represent overtime for employees and 202 incentives, 203 benefits and allowance, 204-for employee and employer NIS and 205 pensions for employees.

Total employment cost amounted to \$190,304,073 for 2004. See breakdown below

Description	Amount \$
Wages and salaries (101-107)	132,798,910
Employment Overhead (201-205)	57,505,163
Total	190,304,073

- 2. A Pension Scheme was set up for the benefit of the employees of the Authority in 2002. The nature if the scheme is a Defined Benefit scheme and 15% of each permanent employee's basic salary is contributed by the authority. No contribution is made by employees. Hand-in-Hand insurance company is the Manager of the scheme and three employees of the Authority were nominated as trustees. The financial reports of the Scheme did not contain an actuarial valuation of the liabilities for future pensions and other benefits; therefore no provision have been taken account of in the Income Statement and no liability has been created in the balance sheet. Total payments into pension fund to date (on a cash basis) amounted to \$41,459,882.00.
- 3. Assets are depreciated using the straight line depreciated method. (See schedule attached)
- 4. Debtors are reflected as \$85,541,732 which shows monies outstanding for Air Navigation charges from Overflight, Arrival and Departure and Domestic flights.
- 5. List of prepayments (expenses paid in advance) are attached for 2004.
- 6. Bank balances

BOG Account #3254

\$3,430,373

- 7. Accumulated Fund Comprises the value of all assets transferred to the Authority, all capital grants received, total opening balances of Accounts Receivable obtained from CJIA in September and additions for two motor vehicles obtained from the ATRP (see worksheet in appendix for computations).
- 8. Accumulated surplus/deficit

Balance at 1/1/2004	(\$68,267,734)
Earned/Incurred for 2004	(\$26,553,161)
Balance as at 31/12/2004	(\$94,820,895)

9. See list of accounts payables attached for 2004.

Line Item	Amount \$
Local travelling and Subsistence	3,900
Postages and Telex	3,260
Vehicle and Spares	470,729
Telephone Charges	232,423
Electricity Charges	285,300
Water Charges	4,800
Security Charges	718,560
Equipment Maintenance	21,000
Refreshment and Meals	10,000
Training	90,000
	1,839,972

10. An overpayment of \$106,678 was brought forward from 2002 and 2003. This occurred upon the repayment of unspent balances to the treasury at the end of financial year 2002. This amount was written off in the cashbook in 2004 due to our inability to obtain a refund from the Accountant General.

Guyana Civil Aviation Authority

Assets Schedule as at 31 December 2004 (Note 3)

			,		0,000,000	1//,5/3,85/ 111,310,123	111,310,123	1//,5/3,85/	Net Book Value
15,161 317,982,162		2,433,382	3.306.143 14,916,667 2,433,382		3 856 538	A 570 291	111 210 123	22000	
1,339 597,636,144		5,864,198	,830 5,083,333 5,864,198	6,009	2,513,894	63,204,254 503,065,178 11,894,118 2,513,894	503,065,178	63,204,254	Total Depreciation
1,100 50,312,073		702,060	333,333	769,231	432,460	1,095,183	40,959,253	6,019,453	Depreciation for year
				- 1	- 1	TO1. 20100	402,100,020	37,104,001	Dep at 1/1/04
239 547,324,071		5,162,138	4,750,000 5,162,138	5,240,599	2,081,434	10.798.935	E7 19/ 801 /62 105 925	E7 19/ 901	
				1		101,01,101	OTT, O'COCT	240,770,111	Total Assets
16,500 915,618,306		8,297,580	9,315,973 20,000,000 8,297,580		6,370,432	240 778 111 614 375 301 16.464.409	614 375 301	240 778 111	
				- 1		/			Additions
19,077,407		318,130	1,517,015 15,000,000		2.132,262	110.000			
						Т		270,1,0,22	Balance as at 1/1/2004
16,500 896,540,899		7,979,450	5,000,000 7,979,450	7,798,958	4,238,170	16,354,409	240 778 111 614.375.301	240 778 111	21/1/2004
Total	General Equipment	Office Furniture	Motor (Electrical Equipment	Computer Equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Plant and Machinery	Land and Buildings	Assets

Schedule - 2

Prepayments 2004

Total		1,221,649
	Salary advances / short term loans	445,000
111	GCIS -Renewal of Insurance contract	150,000
	GBTISubscription for Aviation Week	14,265
124	Guyana PublicationsDaily News	114,300
102	Salary for P Tyrell	498,084



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Following the audit of the financial statements of the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) for the year ending 31 December 2004, the findings hereunder were discussed with the Assistant Accountant (ag) of the Authority and are now forwarded to you for appropriate action.

- 2. The audit was conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, including those of the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and the International Standards on Auditing, issued by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC). These standards require that the audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements.
- 3. The main purpose of the audit was to evaluate the operations of the Authority to ascertain whether:
 - (a) The financial statements were properly prepared, in accordance with applicable laws, and properly present the operations and affairs of the Authority;
 - (b) The accounts were faithfully and properly kept;
 - (c) The rules, procedures and internal management controls were sufficient to secure effective control on the assessment, collection, and proper allocation of revenue;
 - (d) All monies expended and charged to the accounts were applied to the purpose or purposes for which they were intended;

- (e) Essential records were maintained, and the internal management controls, rules and procedures established and applied were sufficient to safeguard the control of stores and other property; and
- (f) The Authority applied its resources and carried out its activities economically, efficiently and effectively and, with due regard to ensuring effective internal management control.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Income and Expenditure

Operating Income: \$55,962,847

4. The amount of \$55.963M represents income earned for the year under review. It was derived from Fees and Charges from Licenses, Airworthiness Certificates and contacts charges from international over flights, domestic movement, arrival and departures of aircrafts. However, an examination of the records revealed that amounts totalling \$42.709M were received for the period under review, giving a difference of \$13.254M resulting in the amount shown as income being overstated by this amount.

Management's Response: This was acknowledged by Management, who gave the assurance that steps will be taken to account for the difference observed.

Recommendation: The Audit Office recommends that the Management of the Authority investigate this difference with a view of having it cleared.

Expenditure: \$291,096,532

5. Included in the above sum representing expenditure were payments totalling \$190.304M for employment cost and \$100.792M for depreciation and other charges. However, an examination of the records revealed amounts totalling \$239.704M for the following expenditure items resulting in differences totalling \$6.935M, as shown below:

Expenditure Items	Financial Statements Amounts \$	Audited Amounts \$	Differences \$
Employment Costs	190,304,073	192,204,034	(1,899,961)
Materials Equipment and Supplies	3,920,097	3,737,455	182,642
Fuel and Lubricants	2,321,839	2,588,294	(266,455)
Rental and Maintenance of Buildings	6,184,153	5,834,153	350,000
Transport Travel and Postages	15,174,427	15,017,393	157,034
Utility Charges	9,248,831	10,761,505	(1,512,674)
Other Goods and Serv. Purchased	9,750,838	13,785,105	(4,034,263)
Other Operating Expenses	552,079	553,059	(980)
Training	2,248,320	2,158,320	90,000
Total	239,704,657	246,639,318	(6,934,657)

Management's Response: The Management acknowledged the above discrepancies and indicated that steps are being taken to investigate the differences observed.

Recommendation: The Audit Office recommends that the Management of the Authority investigate these differences with a view of having them cleared

6. The amount of \$19.077M was expended on the acquisition of Fixed Assets for the year under review. However, these assets were not capitalized and reflected in the balance sheet but were charged as current expenditure, as a result, the true position of fixed assets was not reflected.

Management's Response: The Management explained that during the year under review, all current and capital expenditures were reflected in the same register, and with effect from 2005 separate registers were put in place.

Recommendation: The Audit Office recommends that the Management of the Authority take the necessary steps to ensure assets purchased are properly classified and reflected in the Fixed Assets so as to reflect its true position.

7. Twelve payment vouchers totalling \$15.713M were not presented for audit. As a result it could not be easily determined whether all payments were made for the purposes intended and whether they were properly authorised.

Management's Response: The Management acknowledged this shortcoming and indicated that steps are being taken to locate these payment vouchers and forward them for audit examination.

Recommendation: The Audit Office recommends that the Management of the Authority put measures in place to ensure all payment vouchers are properly and securely maintained for audit purposes at all times.

B. Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets: \$317,982,166

8. The amount of \$317.982M was shown as fixed assets for the year under review. A Fixed Asset Register was not produced for audit. However, a schedule was presented for audit verification but this did not reflect the category of fixed assets as such it could not be traced to the financial statements. As a result, the completeness, accuracy and validity of the figures shown in the financial statement could not be verified

Management's Response: Management acknowledged this shortcoming, and indicated that steps will be taken to introduce a fixed assets register with effect from 2009.

Recommendation: The Audit Office recommends that the Management of the Authority take the necessary steps to ensure that the Fixed Assets Register is introduced with immediate effect so as to properly account for all its assets.

Debtors and Prepayments: \$85,541,732

9. Amounts totalling \$85.542M were shown as debtors and prepayments for the period under review. However, an examination of the Authority's records revealed the amount of \$100.011M, resulting in a difference of \$14.469M, as a result, the amounts shown as debtors and prepayments was understated by this amount.

Management's Response: Management indicated that steps are being taken to investigate the difference observed.

Recommendation: The Audit Office recommended that the Management of the Authority investigate this difference with a view to having it cleared.

C. Record keeping

- 10. A Controlled Form register, vehicle log books and Utility registers were not maintained for the year under review. As such, it could not be easily determined:
 - Whether the use of controlled forms were properly monitored,
 - Whether all journeys undertaken were properly authorised; and
 - Whether utility bills paid were properly accounted for.

Management's Response: Management explained that vehicle log books are maintained, however, same was not being done for the year under review. In addition, Management indicated that the Utility registers would be introduced.

Recommendation: The Audit Office recommends that the Management of the Authority put measures in place to ensure that all registers are introduced and properly maintained.

D. General

11. The Audit Office wishes to express its gratitude for the co-operation given to its officers during the course of the audit. In keeping with this Office's policy, a reply is expected within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this management letter.

Yours sincerely,