

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: the Ministry of Public Works, Executing Agency of the IDB financed program "IMPROVING TRANSPORT LOGISTICS AND COMPETITIVENESS IN SURINAME"

Report on the audit of the special purpose financial statements for the period December 5, 2019 to December 31, 2021

Our opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Program "IMPROVING TRANSPORT LOGISTICS AND COMPETITIVENESS IN SURINAME", carried out the Ministry of Public Works of Suriname and financed through the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Contract N° 4828/OC-SU, for the period December 5, 2019 to December 31, 2021.

The special purpose financial statements comprise:

- the Statement of Cumulative Investments;
- the Statement of Cash Received and Disbursements;
- the notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial statements of the Program "IMPROVING TRANSPORT LOGISTICS AND COMPETITIVENESS IN SURINAME" for the period December 5, 2019 up to December 31, 2021 have been prepared in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the contractual clause 5.02 of the Loan Contract N° 4828/OC-SU and the Audited Financial Reports and External Audit Management Handbook for Projects Financed by the IDB.

Basis of our opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Our responsibilities for the audit of the special purpose financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Ministry of Public Works of Suriname in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the special purpose financial statements in Suriname, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting, Prior period and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Basis for preparation of the special purpose financial statements

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 of the special purpose financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial statements have been prepared to assist the Program in complying with the requirements of Loan Agreement referred to above and the Audited Financial Reports and External Audit Management Handbook for Projects Financed by the IDB.

Prior period

We draw attention to note 2.3 of the special purpose financial statements, indicating that on April 30, 2021, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has waived the contractual requirements of Article 7.03 of the Special Conditions and Section 5.02 of the General Conditions of the Loan Agreement to submit the annual audited financial statements of 2020 for the project by April 30, 2021. Therefore the 2021 special purpose financial Statements also include the 2020 transactions (5 December 2019 up to 31 December 2020), which are also audited in the 2021 special purpose financial Statements.

Restriction of use

As a result, the special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended only for the Executing Agency of the Project and the IDB, and should not be distributed to other parties other than the Bank or the Executing Agency of the Project. However, this report may become a public document, in which case its distribution would not be limited. Our opinion has not been modified in relation to this issue.

Description of responsibilities regarding the special purpose financial statements

Responsibilities of management for the special purpose financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the special purpose financial statements in accordance with the requirements established in the of Loan Agreement referred to above and the Audited Financial Reports and External Audit Management Handbook for Projects Financed by the IDB. Furthermore, management is responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the special purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the special purpose financial statements

Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance that the special purpose financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the 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 the 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 special purpose financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designing and performing audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtaining 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 project'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 special purpose 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 a company to cease to continue as a going concern;
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the special purpose financial statements, including the disclosures; and
- evaluate whether the special purpose financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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 controls that we identify during our audit.

Paramaribo, April 29, 2022

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