AUDIT OF THE RESOURCES MANAGED AND USED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017
BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT CREDIT NUMBER 5474-GY

AUDITORS: AUDIT OFFICE OF GUYANA
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Ms. Delma Nedd  
Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Regent and Vlissengen Roads  
Georgetown.

Dear Ms. Nedd,

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I forward herewith two (2) copies of the audited financial statements for the above-mentioned Project for the year ended 31 December 2017, together with the Report of the Auditor General and management letter thereon.

Should you need any clarification or explanation, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Rosamund P. Hall  
AUDIT MANAGER
368/IDA:15/1/2018

Mr. Sergio Dell’Anna
Disaster Risk Management and Urban Development Specialist
1818 H Street N.W
Washington D.C 20433
USA.

Dear Mr. Dell’Anna,

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I forward herewith one (1) copy of the audited financial statements for the above-mentioned Project for the year ended 31 December 2017, together with the Report of the Auditor General and management letter thereon.

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AUDIT MANAGER
REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE
STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INVESTMENTS
STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS AND THE
ASSET REGISTER OF THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT
FINANCING AGREEMENT (CREDIT NUMBER 5474-GY)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Flood Risk Management Project which comprise the Statement of Cumulative Investments as of 31 December 2017, the Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds, and the Asset Register for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the Flood Risk Management Project for the year ended 31 December 2017 have been prepared in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of Section 4:09 of the Financing Agreement (Credit Agreement Number 5474-GY) dated 10 October 2014 between the Government of Guyana and the International Development Association.

Basis of Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) issued by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) and the Audit Act 2004. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Project in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Guyana, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Management’s Responsibility

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements established in Section 4:09 of the Financing Agreement (Credit Agreement Number 5474-GY) and for such internal control as management determines is necessary.
Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and ISSAIs 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 my audit in accordance with ISAs and ISSAIs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I 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 my 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.

I communicated 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 I identify during my audit.
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### GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT UNIT
Name of Project: FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT (FRMP)
IDA CREDIT NO. 5474 - GY
Statement of Cumulative Investments
For the Period 1 January 2017 - 31 December 2017

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**TOTAL**

426,854,070
1. Description of the Project

The Flood Risk Management Project (FRMP) IDA Financing No. 5474-GY is an agreement between the Co-operative Republic of Guyana (the Recipient) and the International Development Association (the Association). The agreement was signed on October 10, 2014 with the Project Implementation start date being 31 August 2014 and its Implementation end date as 31 January 2019. The total cost of the project is a credit of Seven million, seven hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR7, 700,000.) equivalent to Eleven Million, eight hundred and ninety thousand United States Dollars. (USD11, 890,000.) at date of signing. The date of effectiveness being November 25, 2014.

The Recipient of the funds under the FRMP is the Ministry of Finance. The Project is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Agriculture Sector Development Unit (ASDU).

The objective of the Project is to reduce the risk of Flooding in the low-lying areas of the East Demerara.

The project consists of the following parts:

**Component 1: Priority Works for Flood Risk Reduction (USD 10.3 Million)**

- Upgrading critical sections of the East Demerara Water Conservancy (EDWC) Dams to the criteria set forth in the Construction Supervision and Quality Assurance Plan including rehabilitation of the embankment and associated regulators and Installation of surveillance equipment.

- Carrying out priority flood risk reduction investments in the East Coast Demerara Drainage System, by improving pumping capacity in three areas being Lusignan, Buxton-Vigilance and Hope/Enmore

- Support the supervision of the construction and quality assurance for the investments based on the construction Quality Assurance Plan.

**Component 2: Institutional Strengthening for Flood Risk Reduction (USD 0.5 Million)**

- Improvement of EDWC Dams safety systems of the Recipient Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), including preparation and implementation of: (a) the Construction Supervision and Quality Assurance Plan; (b) the Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance Plan; (c) the Instrumentation Plan; and (d) the Emergency Preparedness Plan.
• Support the MOA in the use and expansion of the hydrology and hydraulic modelling of the EDWC and coastal drainage system through the carrying out of the following activities: (a) hydraulic and hydrological modeling; (b) specialized training in hydraulic and hydrological modelling, use of remote sensing tools and data management; and (c) information technology support for data management.

• Support a series of communications activities as part of the MOA’s ongoing efforts in the disaster risk management and drainage and irrigation sectors. These activities will include: (a) carrying out of public meetings in the Project area on Project implementation progress; (b) carrying out of workshops on Project implementation activities; and (c) preparation and distribution of information materials related to the progress of the Project.

Component 3: Project Management and Implementation Support

Support Project management and implementation activities by the ASDU, including reporting and auditing activities.

2. Basis of Preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) with particular emphasis on Cash Basis Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting which recognizes transactions and events only when cash is received or paid by the Project.

The Project’s accounting records are maintained in both United States Dollars (US$) and Guyana Dollars (G$), with US$ being the presentation currency. Local currency transactions during the year are translated at the Bank of Guyana exchange rate on the date the funds are transferred to the local account. The average rate of exchange as at December 31, 2017 was G$206.50 to US$1.00. There was no foreign exchange gain or loss during the financial year.

3. Available Cash Balances

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4. Designated Account

(a) In accordance with the Disbursement letter the Designated Account was established to deposit advances withdrawn from the Credit to facilitate eligible expenditure.
During the period under review advances made by World Bank to the Designated Account in the sum of US$5,538,480.94 through withdrawal Application No. 8 and 9.

(b) During the period under review, disbursements were made for a total amount of US$4,214,273.72 as follows:
   i. Documented Expenditure amount for a total sum of US$2,357,130.43 through withdrawal Application No. 9, 10 & 11.
   ii. Expenditure made during current period under review documented after 31 December 2017 for a total sum of US$1,857,143.29 through Withdrawal Application No. 12

5. Sources and Use of Funds

The Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds shows a detailed breakdown of funds received and expended for the period under review.

6. Exchange Rate Gain/Loss

During the period under review there was a total budget deficit of US$896,017. due to the decline in the exchange rates SDR versus US dollars from 1.5442 as at 10 October 2014 to 1.427790. as at 31 December 2017.

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7. Key Management Personnel

The overall responsibility for the implementation of the project lies with the Permanent Secretary, coordinated by the Director, Project coordinator, Project Engineer and other key management personnel from the accounting, procurement and Administrative sections of the ASDU are used. During the period under review the following staffing occurred:

- Program Coordinator contract renewed with effect 1 December, 2017
- Finance Officer resigns with effect 30 April, 2017 but remained in the ASDU as Finance Manager with overall responsibility of the Finance Department which includes the FRMP.
- Procurement Officer resigns with effect 13 May, 2017 but remained in the ASDU with the Procurement responsibility for the FRMP.
- Project Engineer hired with effect 1 January, 2017
- Driver contract renewed with effect 1 October, 2017
REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE
ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURE
FOR THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT
FINANCING AGREEMENT (CREDIT NUMBER 5474-GY)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Opinion

I have audited the Requests for Reimbursement of Expenditure submitted for the Flood Risk Management Project for the year ended 31 December 2017, in support of credit withdrawals under Financing Agreement (Credit Number 5474-GY).

In my opinion, the expenditure submitted for reimbursement were eligible to be replenished from the funds of the Project, the funds were used for the purposes intended and the internal control and procedures used in the preparation of the Requests for Reimbursement of Expenditure can be relied upon to support each request.

Basis of Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with international Standards on Auditing (ISAs) issued by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) and the Audit Act 2004. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Project in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Guyana, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for the Requests for Reimbursement of Expenditure in accordance with the requirements established in Section IV of the Financing Agreement (Credit Agreement Number 5474-GY) and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and ISSAI’s 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 my audit in accordance with ISAs and ISSAI’s, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I 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 my 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.

I communicated 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 I identify during my audit.

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AND THE PROJECT ACCOUNTS
FOR THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT
FINANCING AGREEMENT (CREDIT NUMBER 5474-GY)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Opinion

I have audited the Designated Account Reconciliation Statement and the Project Accounts submitted for the Flood Risk Management Project for the year ended 31 December 2017. This statement and the accounts are the responsibility of the Flood Risk Management Project.

In my opinion, the Designated Account Reconciliation Statement and the Project Accounts, used for managing the funds provided by the International Development Association, presents fairly the availability of funds for the year ended 31 December 2017, as well as the transactions made during the same period, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions outlined in the Financing Agreement.

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Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements established in Section 4.09 of the Financing Agreement (Credit Agreement № 5474-GY) and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
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FOR THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT
FINANCING AGREEMENT (CREDIT NUMBER 5474-GY)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Flood Risk Management Project which comprise the Statement of Cumulative investments as of 31 December 2017, the Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds, and the Asset Register for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the Flood Risk Management Project complied with Articles II to V of the Financing Agreement (Credit Number 5474-GY) and the relevant laws and regulations for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Basis of Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) issued by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) and the Audit Act 2004. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Project in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Guyana, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

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Compliance with Financing Agreement

Article II - Financing

2.02

According to this Article, the Recipient may withdrawal the proceedings of the Financing in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

_During the period under review, the amounts withdrawn were in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement. Therefore, the requirement of this Article was met._

2.03

This Article stipulates that the Maximum Commitment Charge Rate payable by the Recipient on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance is one-half of one percent ($\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%) per annum.

_It was observed during the period under review that the Maximum Commitment Charge Rate payable by the Recipient did not exceed that stipulated in the Financing Agreement Therefore, the requirement of this Article was met._

2.04

The Service Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to three-fourths of one-percent ($\frac{3}{4}$ of 1%) per annum.

_During the period under review, the Service Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance did not exceed that stipulated in the Financing Agreement and therefore, the requirement of this Article was met._

2.05

The Interest Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to one and a quarter percent (1.25%) per annum.

_During the period under review, the Interest Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance did not exceed that stipulated in the Financing Agreement and therefore, the requirement of this Article was met._
2.06

The Payment Dates are June 1 and December 1 in each year.

The Government of Guyana paid to the Association, the sums of US$ 32,643.07 on 1 June 2017 and US$ 81,762.08 on 29 November 2017. Therefore, the requirement of this Article was met.

2.07

The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in the Agreement.

According to the repayment schedule, the amounts to be paid to the Association are due in June and December each year, with the first repayment on 1 December 2019 and the last on 1 June 2039. Therefore, the requirements were not applicable during the period.

2.08

The Payment Currency is United States Dollars.

The amount paid as Service Charge was in United States Dollars and therefore, the requirement of this Article was met.

Article III – Project

3.01

The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through its Ministry of Agriculture in accordance with provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions.

The Recipient declared its commitment to the objective of the Project and the activities of the Project were undertaken through the Ministry of Agriculture. The requirements of this Article were therefore met.

3.02

According to this Article, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 of the Financing Agreement.

During the period under review, the activities of the Project were carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 of the Financing Agreement.
Article IV – Effectiveness: Termination

4.01

The Additional Conditions of Effectiveness consist of, namely, that the Project Operations Manual has been adopted by the Recipient pursuant to Section I.C.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

During the period under review it was observed that the Recipient through the Ministry of Agriculture has prepared and adopted the Operational Manual and is executing the Project in accordance with the terms of the Operations Manual.

4.02

Without prejudice to the provision of the General Conditions, the Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement, but in no case later than the date eighteen (18) months after the Association’s approval of the Financing, which expires on December 4, 2015.

It was observed that the Project date of effectiveness was on 25 November 2014 which did not exceed the expired date in the Financing Agreement and therefore, the requirement of this Article was fully met.

4.03

For purpose of Section 8.05(b) of the General conditions, the date on which the obligations of the Recipient under the Agreement (other than those providing for payment obligations) shall terminate is twenty years after the date of this Agreement.