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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF TRINIDAD GENERATION UNLIMITED

Opinion

The financial highlights are derived from the audited financial statements of Trinidad Generation Unlimited (“the Company”) for the year ended 31 December 2019.

In our opinion, the financial highlights are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, on the basis described in Note 1.

Financial Highlights

The financial highlights do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”) applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of Trinidad Generation Unlimited. Reading the financial highlights and the auditor’s reports thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor’s report thereon. The financial highlights and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 in our report dated 31 January 2020. This report also includes the communication of Key audit matters. Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the relevant period.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Highlights

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and financial highlights in accordance with IFRSs.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the financial highlights are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Port of Spain
Trinidad
20 July 2020

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CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the Year ended December 31, 2019

AUDITED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF OPERATING RESULTS

For Year ended December 31, 2019

Expressed in United States Dollars (\$’000)

	Full Year ended December 2019	Full Year ended December 2018
Profit Before Taxation	38,233	41,732
Total Comprehensive Income	26,168	28,253
Total Assets	1,067,685	1,043,234
Total Liabilities	827,772	819,489
Total Equity	239,913	223,745
Bond Interest Expense	31,500	31,500
Dividend Declared & Paid	10,000	10,000
	Rating as at December 2019	Rating as at December 2018
Standard & Poor’s (S&P)	BBB-	BBB-
Fitch Ratings	BBB-	BBB-

Note 1

These financial highlights are prepared in accordance with criteria developed by management using information derived from the audited financial statements of Trinidad Generation Unlimited for the year ended 31 December 2019. These audited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The audited financial statements are available on the Company’s website or the website of the Singapore Exchange.

CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT

Trinidad Generation Unlimited (TGU) operates a fuel efficient 720-megawatt (MW) capacity combined-cycle gas-fired power plant at Union Estate in Vessigny, La Brea. The facility, initially a joint project of the AES Corporation and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT), is currently wholly owned by the GORTT. On July 6th, 2018, 100% of TGU’S shares were transferred from Union Estate Electricity Generating Company Limited (UEEGCL) to the National Investment Fund Holding Company Limited (NIFHCL).

As at year ended December 31, 2019, the power plant achieved an Equivalent Availability of 90.34%, short of its targeted 93%. This shortfall was due to unscheduled maintenance requirements necessary to maintain asset integrity. The Company’s highest priority continues to be high performance in the area of Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) in order to ensure the continued well-being of our employees and stakeholders. As at December 31, 2019, TGU employees have achieved a record of zero Lost Time Incidents (LTIs) since commencing commercial operations in 2011.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company achieved a profit before tax of US\$38 million, exceeding its budget by US\$2 million while achieving a profit after tax of US\$26 million. In the year 2018, TGU attained profit before tax of US\$42 million and profit after tax of US\$28 million. Total assets as at December 2019 amounted to US\$1.068 billion. Total equity amounted to US\$240 million as at December 2019, which represented a US\$16 million increase when compared to equity as at December 2018. This growth was driven by operating efficiencies over the periods.

In November 2016, TGU issued its US\$600 million 144A RegS bond on the international financial market at a rate of 5.25%. The proceeds of this bond were utilised to fully repay the government for its non-equity injections towards the construction of the facility. The bond, which was four times oversubscribed upon issue, continues to perform well on the market – a clear indication of confidence in the Company’s future performance by its international investors. As at December 2019, TGU’s bond has a remaining life of eight years. As at December 31, 2019, the Company has successfully paid in total, US\$110.3 million of interest to its bondholders.

As at December 2019, the Company held steady its investment grade rating of BBB- as affirmed by international rating agencies Standard and Poor’s and Fitch Ratings which can be referenced on their website.

Over the two-year period ending December 2019, the Company continued to enhance its management framework and institutional strengthening activities providing opportunities for growth and development in an environment of improving efficiencies and new technology. As a wholly owned subsidiary of the NIFHCL as well as an issuer of a major United States dollar (USD) denominated international bond, TGU is fully cognisant of its roles in the financial markets and its responsibilities to its shareholders. As a result, key areas of focus for further institutional strengthening will include internal monitoring, auditing and compliance functions and enhancements to the organisation structure and staffing to support these changes.

TGU is aware of the threat of COVID-19 in Trinidad and Tobago and around the world. The Company has taken precautionary measures to ensure the safety of its employees and minimise operational ramifications.

I wish to express my appreciation to our customer Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC), the NIFHCL, our Company directors, our employees, and all other stakeholders for their contributions towards the continuing growth and sustainability of Trinidad Generation Unlimited.

Chairman
Sandra Jones
20 July 2020

