

# **REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON GATANGA COMMUNITY WATER SCHEME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

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## **REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Qualified Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Gatanga Community Water Scheme set out on pages 18 to 46, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and the statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information in accordance with the provisions of Article 229 of the Constitution of Kenya and Section 35 of the Public Audit Act, 2015. I have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of my knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of the audit.

In my opinion, except for the effect of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of my report, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gatanga Community Water Scheme as at 30 June 2017, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and comply with the Water Act, 2002 and the Companies Act, 2015.

In addition, as required by Article 229(6) of the Constitution, except for the matter described in the Other Matter section of my report, based on the procedures performed, I confirm that, nothing has come to my attention to cause me to believe that public money has not been applied lawfully and in an effective way.

### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

#### **1. Accounts Receivables**

As previously reported, the accounts receivables balance of Kshs.48,069,940 as at 30 June 2017 includes trade receivables of Kshs.30,773,030 which have been outstanding for a long period. Therefore, the recoverability of these debts is uncertain and the provision for bad and doubtful debts of Kshs.5,293,263 made in the financial statements appears inadequate. Further, the scheme has not established a debt management policy and does not prepare receivables age analysis to guide provisioning for bad and doubtful debts. In addition, no efforts appear to have been made to recover the outstanding trade receivables.

Consequently, the accuracy and recoverability of accounts receivables balance of Kshs.48,069,940 as at 30 June 2017 could not be confirmed.

#### **2. Customer Deposits**

As previously reported, the statement of financial position reflects customer deposits balance of Kshs.8,306,093 as at 30 June 2017. However, a review of bank statements and cash book revealed that the actual customer deposit balance as at 30 June 2017

stood at Kshs.637,521. The variance of Kshs.7,668,572 constitute money spent by management without authority from Athi Water Services Board and which had not been refunded to the account as at 30 June 2017.

In view of the irregular application of customer deposits, the scheme will not be able to pay consumers when their liabilities crystalize.

The audit was conducted in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). I am independent of Gatanga Community Water Scheme in accordance with ISSAI 30 on Code of Ethics. I have fulfilled other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the ISSAI and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Kenya. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

### **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in my professional judgment, are of most significance in the audit of the financial statements. Except for the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of my report, I have determined that there are no Key Audit Matters to communicate in my report.

### **Other Matter**

#### **Unaccounted for water**

During the year under review the water scheme produced a total of 2,004,866 cubic meters (m<sup>3</sup>) of water. However, out of this volume, only 1,090,648 m<sup>3</sup> of water was billed to customers. The balance of 914,218 m<sup>3</sup> or approximately 46% of the total volume of water produced represented unaccounted for water (UFW) and which is 21% over and above the allowable loss of 25% in accordance with WASREB guidelines. The UFW of 46% may have resulted in loss of sales estimated at Kshs.30,169,194.

The significant level of UFW may negatively impact on the Company's profitability and its long term sustainability.

### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Management is also responsible for the submission of the financial statements to the Auditor-General in accordance with the provisions of Section 47 of the Public Audit Act, 2015.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor-General's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

The audit objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 of the Public Audit Act, 2015 and submit the audit report in compliance with Article 229(7) of the Constitution. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) will always detect a material misstatement and weakness 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 an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs, I exercise professional judgement 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 and for the purpose of giving an assurance on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the 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 I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information and business activities of the Company to express an opinion on the financial statements.
- Perform such other procedures as I consider necessary in the circumstances.

I communicate with the management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that are identified during the audit.

I also provide management with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

#### REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

As required by the Companies Act, 2015 I report based on my audit, that:

- I. I have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of my knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of the audit;
- II. In my opinion, adequate accounting records have been kept by the company, so far as appears from my examination of those records; and,
- III. The Company's financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records and returns.



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**AUDITOR-GENERAL**

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**19 September 2018**