# REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON JOMO KENYATTA UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISES LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

#### REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### **Qualified Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology Enterprises Limited set out on pages 16 to 32, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows 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 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 effects 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 Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology Enterprises Limited 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 Kenyan Companies Act.

In addition, as required by Article 229(6) of the Constitution, except for the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion and Other Matter sections 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**

#### **Going Concern**

During the year under review, the Company registered a loss of Kshs.17,527,775 (2016 loss: Kshs.6,422,906) which resulted to a revenue reserves deficit of Kshs.10,541,651 as at 30 June 2017 compared to revenue reserves of Kshs.6,986,124 in 2016. Further, the current liabilities of Kshs.121,347,411 exceeded the current assets of Kshs.91,961,281 resulting in a negative working capital of Kshs.29,386,130 as at 30 June 2017. The Company is therefore technically insolvent and the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis on the assumption of continued support from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology and its creditors. Although the management has attributed the poor financial performance to lack of adequate financing, dry weather and adverse political climate in the Country, it is not clear when and if the financial performance will improve.

The audit was conducted in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). I am independent of Jomo Kenyatta University of

Agriculture and Technology Enterprises Limited 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 matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion and Other Matter sections of my report, I determine there were no Key Audit Matters to communicate in my report.

#### **Other Matter**

# Non-compliance with the Constitution and the National Cohesion and Integration Act No. 12 of 2008

A review of the staff composition revealed that one ethnic community accounts for 50% of other staff. The Company is therefore in contravention of Article 232(1)(h) of the constitution on the values and principles of the Public Service for the representation of Kenya's diverse communities and section 7of the National Cohesion and Integration Act, 2008, on discrimination in employment for all public establishments and which should represent the diversity of the people of Kenya and no public establishment shall have more than one third (1/3) of its staff from the same ethnic community.

Consequently, the Management is in breach of the constitution and the National Cohesion and Integration Act, 2008,

# 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/ sustain services, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to sustainability of services and using the applicable 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 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 or to sustain its services. 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's to cease to continue as a going concern or to sustain its services.
- 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's 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 Kenyan Companies Act, 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;
- in my opinion, adequate accounting records have been kept by the Company and returns adequate for their audit have been received from the Company's branches not visited, so far as appears from the examination of those records; and,
- (iii) The Company's financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

FCPA Edward R. O. Ouko, CBS AUDITOR-GENERAL

Nairobi

09 May 2018