

# **REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON SMALL ENTERPRISES FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

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## **REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Opinion**

The accompanying financial statements of Small Enterprises Finance Company Limited set out on pages 7 to 22, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, and the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, have been audited on my behalf by PricewaterhouseCoopers, auditors appointed under Section 23 of the Public Audit Act, 2015. The auditors have duly reported to me the results of their audit and on the basis of their report, I am satisfied that all the information and explanations which, to the best of my knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of the audit were obtained.

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Small Enterprises Finance Company Limited as at 31 December, 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 Kenya Companies Act.

In addition, as required by Article 229(6) of the Constitution, 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 Opinion**

The audit was conducted in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). I am independent of Small Enterprises Finance Company 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 opinion.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

#### **Funding of New Projects**

The Company ceased financing new development projects for some time now and currently pursues recovery of existing project loans and advances. Being a fully owned subsidiary of Development Bank of Kenya Limited with no distinct directors and staff, the company is served by the directors and staff of Development bank of Kenya Limited.

### **Other Matter**

Management has not disclosed in the financial statements the fact that the comparative figures (for the financial year 2016) were restated since the following 2016 closing balances changed as follows:

	<b>2016 Closing Balance (Kshs.) 000</b>	<b>2017 Opening Balance (Kshs.) 000</b>
Impairment on loans & advances	47	247
Administrative expense	656	856
Income tax expense	645	854
Term deposit	8,000	8,003
Investment in Government Sec.	21,042	21,104
Current income tax (recoverable)	4,145	3,676
Other assets	65	-
Retained earning	8,725	8,516
Equity	44,249	44,040

### **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 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 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 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 Company'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 of the Company's business activities 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, 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 the 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**

**Nairobi**

**27 June 2018**