AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GUYANA NATIONAL SHIPPING CORPORATION LTD.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GUYANA NATIONAL SHIPPING CORPORATION LIMITED ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

Chartered Accountants, Deloitte and Touche, have audited on my behalf the financial statements of Guyana National Shipping Corporation Limited for the year ended 31 December 2004, as set out on pages 2 to 18. The audit was conducted in accordance with the Audit Act 2004.

The preparation of the financial statements, including assertions relating to their completeness, accuracy and validity, and compliance with applicable laws, regulations and contractual obligations, is the responsibility of Management. My responsibility is to express an independent opinion on the statements based on these assertions and to report my opinion to you.

As required by the Audit Act 2004, I have reviewed the audit plan and procedures, work papers, report and opinion of the Chartered Accountants. I have also had detailed discussions with the Chartered Accountants on all matters of significance to the audit. I concur with the opinion, as set out on page 1, of Chartered Accountants, Deloitte and Touche.

SHARMA POITOR GENERAL (ag.)

AUDITOR

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REPORT OF THE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

DELOITTE & TOUCHE

TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL

ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF

GUYANA NATIONAL SHIPPING CORPORATION LIMITED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Guyana National Shipping Corporation Limited as at 31 December 2004 and the related income statement, statements of changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended as set out on pages 2 to 18. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We have conducted our audit in accordance with the Office of the Auditor General's auditing standards and International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2004 and of its results of operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and comply with the Companies Act 1991.

Without qualifying our opinion we draw attention to Note 1 (e) to the financial statements. The company estimated an insignificant (if any) effect on the financial statements had it complied with International Accounting Standards 19 (Revised 2000).

DELOITTE & TOUCHE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

77 Brickdam, Stabroek, Georgetown, Guyana

29 June 2005

STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Notes	2004	2003
		G\$ 000	G\$ 000
Revenue	17	483,292	420,302
Operating expenses:			
Staff cost		111,529	99,773
Repairs		73,729	61,673
Hire of vessel		121,765	80,350
Other operating expenses		128,391	133,451
		435,414	375,247
Operating income		47,878	45,055
Other income		20,858	25,810
Finance costs		(8,907)	(16,005)
Profit before taxation	3	59,829	54,860
Taxation	4	25,440	25,352
Profit for the year after taxation		34,389	29,508
Earnings per share in dollars	5	12.30	10.55

[&]quot;The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements".

GUYANA NATIONAL SHIPPING CORPORATION LIMITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Share capital G\$ 000	Accumulated profit G\$ 000	Capital reserve G\$ 000	<u>Total</u> G\$ 000
At 31 December 2002	2,797	537,765	12,879	553,441
Profit for the year after taxation	-	29,508		29,508
Dividends		(4,912)		(4,912)
At 31 December 2003	2,797	562,361	12,879	578,037
Write back of provision for dividends	_	4,912		4,912
As at 31 December 2003 restated	2,797	567,273	12,879	582,949
Profit for the year after taxation		34,389		34,389
At 31 December 2004	2,797	601,662	12,879	617,338
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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Notes	2004	2003
ASSETS		G\$ 000	G\$ 000
Non current assets		O# 000	G# 000
Fixed assets	7	492,405	498,887
Deferred tax	4	5,548	5,397
Current assets		497,953	504,284
Stores		37,714	44,867
Trade debtors		19,891	24,538
Other debtors and prepayments	6	6,915	6,674
Due from Government Organisations		44,512	30,932
Taxes recoverable		3.548	3,548
External payment deposits		59	59
Save and Prosper account	8	142,284	195,000
Cash on deposit	9	12,906	12,400
Cash and bank	10	41,589	9,324
		309,418	327,342
TOTAL ASSETS		807,371	831,626
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Capital and reserves			
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Share capital	- 11	2,797	2,797
Accumulated profit		601,662	567,273
Capital reserve	12	12,879	12,879
Shareholders' funds		617,338	582,949
New angular Rebiller			
Non current liabilities			are all -
Due to Privatisation Unit	13	92,033	161,376
Current liabilities			
Trade creditors		37,539	29,130
Other creditors and accruals	14	26,134	21,147
Due to Privatisation Unit	13	16,759	22,509
Taxes payable		17,568	14,515
		98,000	87,301
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		807,371	831,626
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These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 2001/4/29

On behalf of the Board:

Director

"The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements".

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	2004	2003
Operating activities	G\$ 000	G\$ 000
Profit before taxation	59,829	54,860
Adjustments for -		
Interest received	(9.204)	/40 000
Interest paid/adjusted	(8,301)	(10,282)
Depreciation	8,657	15,761
Loss on disposal	23,393	31,466
Operating profit before working capital changes	83,616	91,814
(Increase)/decrease in stores	7 450	/4 F07:
Decrease in trade debtors	7,153	(1,587)
Increase in other debtors and prepayments	4,647	1,743
Increase in amount due from Government	(241)	(686)
organisations	(13,580)	(19,905)
Increase/(decrease) in trade creditors	8,409	(10,928)
Increase in other creditors and accruals	4,987	2.287
Decrease in amount due to Privatisation Unit	(75,093)	(20,794)
Cash generated from operations	19,898	41,944
Interest paid	(8,657)	(15,761)
Taxes paid/adjusted	(22,538)	(33,049)
Net cash used in operating activities	(11,297)	(6,866)
Investing activities		
Interest received	8,301	10,282
Payments to acquire fixed assets	(16,949)	(35,047)
Cash used in investing activities	(8,648)	(24,765)
Financing activities		
Dividends paid		(10,667)
Cash used in financing activities		(10,667)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(19,945)	(42,298)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	216,724	259,022
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	196,779	216,724

[&]quot;The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements"

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting policies

(a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified for the revaluation of certain fixed assets. The accounting policies conform with International Financial Reporting Standards (including International Accounting Standards and Interpretations) adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana.

(b) Depreciation

Plant, machinery and equipment are depreciated on the straight line method as follows:-

Coastal crafts	_	14%
Motor vehicles	-	25%
Plant and machinery	- T	71/2% - 20%
Office equipment		10 % - 121/2%
Computer equipment	· , · , · · • ,	20 % - 25 %

Depreciation on buildings is provided on the revalued amounts over the estimated useful lives. Buildings under 30 years old are depreciated at a rate of 2% and those over 30 years old are depreciated at 4%.

(c) Stores

Stores are valued at lower of cost and net realisable value using the weighted average cost method.

(d) Translation of foreign currencies.

Foreign currency transactions completed during the year are translated to Guyana dollars at the National Bank of Industry and Commerce Limited cambio rates of exchange ruling at the dates of such transactions. At the balance sheet date, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to Guyana dollars at the National Bank of Industry and Commerce Limited cambio exchange rates ruling at that date. Gains and losses are accounted for in the statement of income.

(e) Pension Scheme

The Company participates in a defined benefit pension scheme for its employees. The contributions are held in a trustee administered fund which is separate from the Company's finances.

1. Accounting - policies - cont'd

(e) Pension Scheme - cont'd

An actuarial valuation as at 31 December 2003 revealed a past service surplus of G\$325M. However the proportion of this surplus relating to Guyana National Shipping Corporation Limited has not yet been ascertained.

The actuaries recommended that participating companies continue to contribute at the current rate of 7% of members' salaries up to \$2,880 per annum and 13% of the members' salaries in excess of \$2,880 per annum.

During the year the Company's contribution to the scheme was G\$3.063M (G\$3.305 M in 2003).

With regards to the Company's compliance with International Accounting Standards 19 (Revised 2000) the Company estimates that there would be insignificant (if any) net benefit obligations after taking into account the fair value of the plan assets. Also the current service cost is a fair reflection of the cost to the Company.

The next actuarial valuation is due on or before 31 December 2006.

(f) Deferred taxation

The Company provides for deferred tax using the liability method for all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of the assets and liabilities and their carrying values for financial reporting purposes. Tax rates used to determine deferred tax are those currently enacted.

The principal temporary differences arise from depreciation on property, plant and equipment. Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

- Accounting policies cont'd
 - (g) Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of

Save and Prosper account, Cash on Deposit and Cash and bank.

(h) Revenue recognition

All revenue arising from the rendering of service is recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of income.

2. Incorporation and activities

The Corporation is a state-owned enterprise incorporated under the Companies Act 89:01 and continued under the Companies Act 1991. Its principal business is the provision of shipping services, berthing and storage facilities.

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

				e in the
		2004	2003	
		G\$ 000	G\$ 000	
3	Profit before taxation	59,629	54,860	
	After crediting:			
	Gain on exchange	2,349	1,715	
	Interest received	8,301	10,282	
	Rental	73,745	68,280	
	After charging:			
	Depreciation	23,393	31,466	
	Auditors' remuneration	1,150	1,100	
	Hire of equipment	127,649	88,175	
	Directors' emoluments (a)	358	360	
	Interest paid	8,657	15,761	
	(a) Chairmen - \$110,000	110	120	
	3 Directors sharing equally	248	240	
4	Taxation			
		2004		2003
		G\$ 000		G\$ 000
	Corporation tax at 35%	18,172		15,308
	Property tax	4,788		4,508
		22,960		19,816
	Deferred taxation	(151)		318
		22,809		20,134
	Adjustment to prior year tax	2,631	Bright,	5,218
		25,440		25,352

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

4	Taxation - cont'd	2004		2003	
		G\$ 000	%	G\$ 000	%
	Reconciliation of tax expense and accounting profit				
	Accounting profit	59,829	100	54,860	35
	Corporation tax at 35%	20,940	35	19,201	35
	Add:				
	Tax effect of expenses not deductible in determining taxable profits				
	Depreciation for accounting purposes Others	8,187		11,013 26	
		29,127		30,240	
	Deduct:				
	Tax effect on depreciation for tax purposes	8,050		11,333	
	Interest	2,905		3,599	
		18,172	30	15,308	28
	Deferred tax charge/(credit)	(151)		318	
i.	Property tax	4,788		4,508	
	Adjustment to prior year tax	2,631		5,218	
		25,440		25,352	
	Components of deferred tax				
	Fixed assets	5,548		5,397	
	Movement in temporary differences			Fixed	
				assets G\$ 000	
	At 31 December 2002			5,715	
	Movement during the year			(318)	
	At 31 December 2003			5,397	
	Movement during the year			151	
	At 31 December 2004			5,548	

		2004	2003
5	Earnings per share	G\$ 000	G\$ 000
	Calculation based on:		
	Profit after taxation	34,389	29,508
	Number of Ordinary shares Issued and fully paid	2,796,644	2,796,644
	Earnings per share in dollars	12.30	10.55
6	Other debtors and prepayments		
	Other debtors Prepayments	5,143 1,772	5,121 1,553
		6,915	6,674

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

7 Fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings G\$ 000	Machinery plant and equipment G\$ 000	<u>Total</u> G\$ 000
Cost or valuation	G 000	G# 000	G\$ 000
At 1 January 2004	489,596	295,376	784,972
Additions	728	16,221	16,949
Disposals		(600)	(600)
At 31 December 2004	490,324	310,997	801,321
Comprising:			
Valuation	14,496	1,167	15,663
Cost	475,828	309,830	785,658
Depreciation	490,324	310,997	801,321
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2004	32,673	253,412	286,085
Charge for the year	7,279	16,114	23,393
Write back on disposals		(562)	(562)
At 31 December 2004	39,952	268,964	308,916
Net book values:			
At 31 December 2004	450,372	42,033	492,405
At 31 December 2003	456,923	41,964	498,887

Certain assets were revalued by the Directors on 26 May 1976 to bring them in line with the values in the books of the previous owners. Also, the land and buildings were revalued at 1 January 1982 based on professional advice.

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

	2004	2003
	G\$ 000	G\$ 000
8 Save & Prosper account - New Building Society	142,284	195,000
Interest is earned at an average of 5% per annum.		
	2004	2003
	G\$ 000	G\$ 000
9 Cash on deposit	12,906	12,400

Cash on deposit represents a performance bond guaranteed by the National Bank of Industry and Commerce Limited for the sum of G\$12,400,000 to satisfy Guyana Sugar Corporation Inc.'s contract for movement of bulk sugar. During 2003, the company made a deposit at the bank for the said amount. Interest is earned at an average rate of 4% per annum.

10 Cash at bank

	2004 G\$ 000	<u>2003</u> G\$ 000
Foreign exchange retention account - (a)	18,209	5,232
Business Cash Management account - (b)	38,423	8,084
Current account	(15,043)	(3,992)
	41,589	9,324

- (a) Interest is earned at an average rate of 4% per annum.
- (b) Interest is earned at an average rate of 1.75% 2.75% per annum.

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

		2004	2003
11	Share capital		
	Authorised Number of Ordinary shares	4,000,000	4,000,000
	Issued and fully paid	G\$ 000	G\$ 000
	2,796,644 Ordinary shares	2,797	2,797
12	Capital reserve	12,879	12,879
	This represents the difference betw fixed assets at 26 May 1976 and the	een compensation price a	and the valuation of

at 1 January 1982.

		2004 G\$ 000	2003 G\$ 000
13	Due to Privatisation Unit	108,792	183,885
	Amount repayable in one year	16,759	22,509
	Amount repayable within 2 - 5 years	70,880	110,185
	Amount repayable after 5 years	21,153	51,191
		92,033	161,376

This amount is payable for the Guyana Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited's properties located in La Penitence. The balance of the purchase price plus interest at the rate of 8% per annum should be repaid in equal quarterly installments in arrears over a 10 (ten) years period commencing on the 29 September 2000.

The purchase price of this property is G\$300M plus interest.

During the year, the loan repayment schedule was revised after a lump sum payment of G\$60M was made by the Company. The new interest rate being 5%.

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

		2004 G\$ 000	2003 G\$ 000
14	Other creditors and accruals		
	Other creditors	5,155	8,673
	Accruels	20,979	12,474
		26,134	21,147
15	Commitments and contingencies		
	(a) Bonds entered into with the		
at	Comptroller of Customs and Excise	9,500	9,500
	(b) Capital commitments		
	Approved and contracted for	80,684	85,700
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	Revenue	31 December 2004. The ge. 2004 G\$ 000	outcome of <u>2003</u> G\$ 000
	Revenue The company's revenue was as follows:- Handling/stevedore charges	ge. <u>2004</u> G\$ 000	<u>2003</u> G\$ 000
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	Revenue The company's revenue was as follows:- Handling/stevedore charges Rental - premises Freight	2004 G\$ 000 143,357 65,267 186,785	2003 G\$ 000 127,467 61,000 153,036
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	Revenue The company's revenue was as follows:- Handling/stevedore charges Rental - premises Freight Agencies Hire - cargo handling equipment	2004 G\$ 000 143,357 65,267 186,785 28,060 20,984	2003 G\$ 000 127,467 61,000 153,036 23,929
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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

19 Risk Management

(a) Price risk

(I) Foreign currency risk

The company is exposed to foreign currency risk due to fluctuations in exchange rates on balances that are denominated in foreign curriencies. The Guyana dollar equivalent of assets and liabilities denominated in United States dollars are stated below. The company's exposure to foreign currency risk is minimal.

	2004 200 G\$ 000 G\$ (<u>13</u> 000
Assets	32,219 20	884
Liabilities	28,314 13,	409

(ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in the market interest rates. The company's exposure to interest rate risk is minimal.

(b) Credit risk

The company faces credit risk in respect of its receivables. However this risk is controlled by close monitoring of these assets by the company. The maximum credit risk faced by the company is the balance reflected in the financial statements.

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company will encounter difficulty in raising funds to meet its commitments associated with financial instruments.

The following table shows the distribution of assets and liabilities by maturity.

Assets Liabilities	Within 1 year G\$ 000 309,418 (98,000)	2 to 5 years G\$ 000 (70,880)	over <u>5 years</u> G\$ 000 (21,153)	<u>Total</u> G\$ 000 309,418
As at 31 December 2004	211,418	(70,880)	(21,153)	119,385
Assets Liabilities	327,342 (87,301)	(110,185)	(51,191)	327,342 (248,677)
As at 31 December 2003	240,041	(110,185)	(51,191)	78,665

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

19. Risk management - continued

(d) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual security or its issuer or factors affecting all securities traded in the market. The company's exposure to market risk arises from its local and foreign securities.

Management continually identifies, evaluate, underwrite and diversify risk in order to minimize the total cost of carrying such risk.

20 Restatement

Proposed dividends of G\$4,912,000 which was included in the 2003 financial statements was reversed to conform with the requirements of International Accounting Standards. As a result, retained earnings and current liabilities were restated.

21 Related party transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operating decisions.

Listed below are transactions with related parties:

		2004	2003
		G\$ 000	G\$ 000
Dir	ectors/Senior Officers		
(a)	Directors' emoluments		
	Chairman	110	120
	Three Directors - sharing equally	248	240
(b)	Loans	55	122
	No provision was made for loans to related p	parties.	
	Government organisations		
	Due from Government Organisations	44,512	30,932
36	Due to Privatisation Unit	108,792	183,885