

NCN

RADIO AND TELEVISION FOR GUYANA



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ERRATA – ANNUAL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

With reference to our Annual Report 2016, please be informed that the following parts of the Annual report 2016 at pages 06 & 07 are by these Errata amended, corrected and taken to read as shown herein instead of as printed in the Annual Report.

The errata to this Annual Report are being made consequent to inadvertent errors made during the printing of the Annual Report.

1. PAGE No: 06

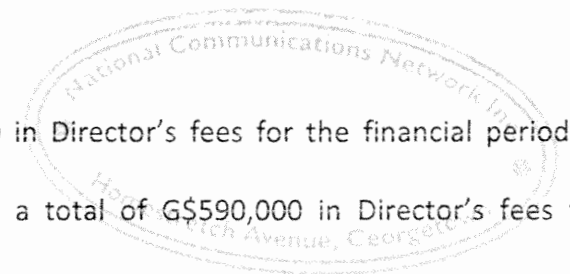
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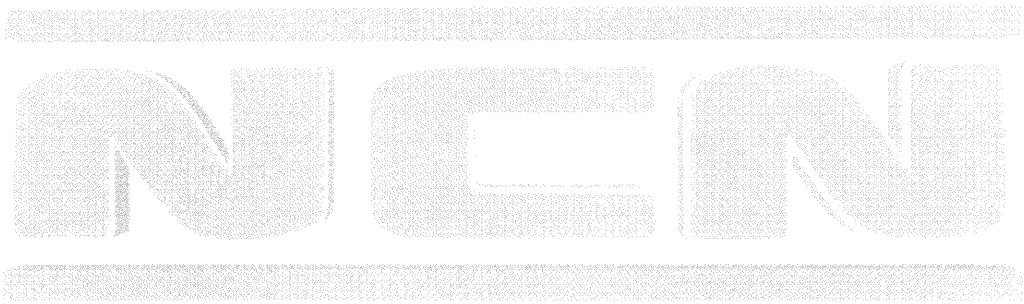
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2. PAGE No: 07 (Subheading 4 - Directors Remuneration)

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The National Communications Network Incorporated (NCN) is the largest public-funded radio and television broadcasting entity of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. It has a rich history of more than a century profoundly rooted in the evolution of the Nation's broadcasting industry.

Primarily owing its existence to the Guyana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC) and the Guyana Television Broadcasting Corporation (GTV); NCN resulted from several developments throughout the broadcasting industry in Guyana.

The Birth of Radio

It all began in 1913, when the West Indian Panama Telegraph Company established its first radio broadcast operation as an alternative to their submarine cable telegraph communication between a then 'British' Guyana and Trinidad.

Subsequently, broadcasting was done through the telephone system. In 1922 the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) started regular transmission. The initial local service involved short wave transmission and the telephone system. At that time, personnel who managed the operations had limited technical knowledge and telephone subscribers were treated to only two hours of weekly broadcasts from Daventry, England.

In 1927, the system was replaced with a short wave transmitter; as a result, listeners had to have a receiving set. This station, VRY, ceased operations in 1931. However, in 1935 due to the popularity of cricket, radio broadcasts were resumed to satisfy the demands of local audiences for commentary. As a result, two private commercial stations emerged; VP3BG and VP3MR. Three years later, the two stations were merged to form ZFY owned by the British Guiana United Broadcasting Company.

In July 1950 foreign company Rediffusion Ltd, a business engaged in the distribution of radio and television signals via wired relay networks, acquired controlling interest of station ZFY through its subsidiary the British Guiana United Broadcasting Company. As a result of this acquisition, the station was rebranded in 1951 and became Radio Demerara. Under the terms of the franchise, Rediffusion offered the Government 10 1/2 broadcasting hours weekly while it guaranteed the airing of BBC. However, soon after Radio Demerara was unable to balance its commitment to Government along with the large amounts of advertising; as a result Government allowed Rediffusion the opportunity to open the British Guiana Broadcasting Service (BGBS).

The Making of Guyana Broadcasting Corporation

Both Radio Demerara and BGBS operated out of Broadcasting House on High Street. On October 1, 1968, the Government of a newly independent Guyana took over the BGBS's

The Making of Guyana Broadcasting Corporation (Cont'd)

broadcasting facilities. This move resulted in the renaming of the BGBS to the Guyana Broadcasting Service (GBS); and its relocation to Lodge with Hugh Cholmondeley as the first General Manager.

On May 1, 1979 the Guyana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC) became the controlling body for both Radio Demerara and the GBS. In July 1980, GBC introduced channels one and two. Channel one operated on 760 kilohertz and 100.1 FM and highlighted rural programs from the region. While channel two, which was heard on 560 kilohertz and on the shortwave in the 49 meter band, contracted on general interest programming. Eight years later, following a public competition in 1997, channel one and two were renamed '*Radio Roraima*' and '*Voice of Guyana*', respectively; and, a new station, 98.1 Hot FM was born.

State Television & the Emergence of the Guyana Television Broadcasting Corporation

Unlike radio, state television broadcasting is a more recent phenomenon in Guyanese culture. On April 1, 1993, the Guyana Television Broadcasting Company Limited (GTV) was established. The transition started in 1985 when the Guyana Film Center changed from film to video. Subsequent to the dissolution of the Ministry of Information in February, 1989, the Guyana Film Center was renamed the *Visual Production Center*, under the umbrella organization of the Guyana Public Communication Agency. As State television broadcaster, GTV's objective was to develop into a full-fledged network capable of self-producing a substantial amount of programs reflecting the political, social, economic, educational and cultural needs of Guyanese. In addition, it was GTV's intent to extend coverage to all populated areas of the Country; and to produce and archive video material of national and historical importance.

Merger of two State Broadcasting Entities

Given the redundancies in employment costs and corporate services created through operating two state broadcasting organizations, the Government sought to recapitalize the operations of GBC and GTV through the amalgamation of both entities in an effort to attain sound financial viability.

On February 6, 2004, those efforts were realized when the GBC and the GTV were merged to form the National Communications Network Incorporated denoting a significant period in the history of public broadcasting in Guyana.

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INC.
CORPORATE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Jan-Dec 2016

CHAIRMAN	Bishwa Panday
DIRECTOR	Imran Khan
DIRECTOR	Margaret Lawrence
DIRECTOR	Kojo McPherson
DIRECTOR	Paloma Mohamed-Martin
DIRECTOR	Gobardhan Resaul
DIRECTOR	Dhanwanti Sukhdeo-Metivier-Ali
DIRECTOR	Carolyn Walcott

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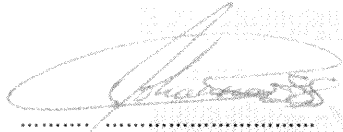
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the 13th Annual General Meeting of the National Communications Network Inc, for the period ended December 31, 2016, will be held on Thursday, **April 24, 2018**, in the NCN Boardroom, Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park, Georgetown, at 13:15 hrs (1:15 PM) for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the Company's Accounts for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To ratify the appointment of Directors.
3. To fix the remuneration of the Directors.
4. To authorize the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.
5. To transact any other business of an Annual General Meeting.

Every member entitled to be present and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead and such proxy need not be a member of the Company.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



JOHANNA ROSS
COMPANY SECRETARY
NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INC.

April 4, 2018

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INC.
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

The Board of Directors submits the Annual Report of the National Communications Network (the Company) including its Audited Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2016.

Results

The Company's revenue for the year amounted to G\$384,657,650 as compared with G\$421,817,281 for 2015, a decrease of G\$37,159,631 or approximately 8.809%.

Profit after taxation totaled G\$22,966,639.

Earnings per share amounted to G\$0.10.

Dividends

No dividends are proposed.

Directors

The Directors of the Company are appointed by the Shareholder and are eligible for reappointment.

Directors Remuneration

The Company issued a total of G\$590,000 in Director's fees for the financial period ended December 31, 2015.

	G\$
Bishwa Panday	90,000
Dhanwanti Sukhdeo	90,000
Paloma Mohamed	50,000
Gobardhan Resaul	90,000
Margaret Lawrence	90,000
Kojo McPherson	90,000
Carolyn Walcott	<u>90,000</u>
	<u>590,000</u>

Note: Bishwa Panday and Dhanwanti Sukhdeo apportioned their full fees towards activities for the company. Namely a staff lunch and children's toy drive.

Service Contracts with Directors

There were no service contracts between the National Communications Network Incorporated and any of its Directors during the year.

Going Concern

The Directors are satisfied that the Company has adequate resources to continue its operations for the foreseeable future. Consequently, they continue to adopt the “going concern” basis for preparing the accounts.

Auditors

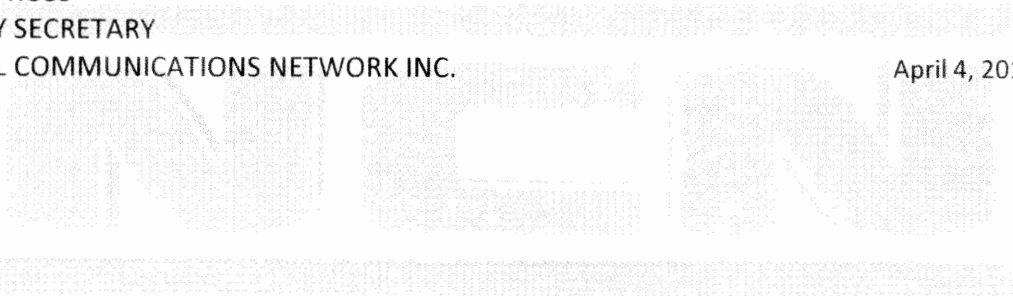
NCN, a wholly state-owned company, is required by Section 24(1) of the Audit Act 2004, to have its financial statements audited by the Audit Office of Guyana. However, the Auditor General is empowered to contract the services of a Practising Accountant to act on his behalf. Nizam Ali & Company was engaged by the Auditor General to conduct the audits for the year ended December 31, 2016.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



JOHANNA ROSS
COMPANY SECRETARY
NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INC.

April 4, 2018



National
Communications
Network Inc.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

DECEMBER 31, 2016



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25 January 2018

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INC. FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Opinion

Chartered Accountants Nizam Ali and Company have audited on my behalf the financial statements of National Communications Network Incorporated, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information as set out on pages 5 to 26.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements give a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the financial position of National Communications Network Incorporated as at 31 December 2016, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Title deeds for property with net book value of \$487,354,883 were not available and a fixed asset register was not maintained by the Company. Further, the Company only recognised annual depreciation charge on additions to fixed assets during the year. I am therefore uncertain of the ownership, existence and valuation of non-current assets stated at \$1,893,221,569 and depreciation charge of \$16,651,215 in the financial statement.

Emphasis of Matter

Without further qualifying my opinion, I draw attention to note 24 of these financial statements which explains that the Company's current liabilities exceed its asset by \$107,844,249. Further operations of the Company is dependent on the ongoing financial support of its principal owner.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) issued by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) and the Audit Act 2004. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Guyana, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Going Concern

The Company's financial statements have been prepared using the going concern basis of accounting. The use of this basis of accounting is appropriate unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. As part of my audit of the financial statements, I have concluded that management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Company's financial statements is appropriate. Except as described in note 24 Management has not identified a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and accordingly none is disclosed in the financial statements. Based on my audit of the financial statements, I also have not identified such a material uncertainty. However, neither management nor I can guarantee the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all the information included in the Company's 2016 annual report but does not include the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, 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 management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My 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. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and ISSAIs will always detect a material misstatement 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.

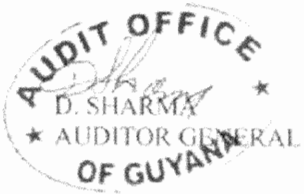
As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs and ISSAIs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- 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, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion 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 management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of 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 my 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 auditor's 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.

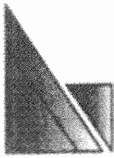
From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

The financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1991.



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REPORT OF THE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
NIZAM ALI AND COMPANY
TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INC.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of National Communications Network Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the National Communications Network Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the financial position of the company as at December 31, 2016, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Title deeds for property with net book value of \$487,354,883 were not available and a fixed asset register was not maintained by the company. Further, the company only recognized annual depreciation charge on additions to fixed assets during the year. We were therefore uncertain of the ownership, existence and valuation of non-current assets stated at \$1,893,221,569 and depreciation charge of \$16,651,215 in the financial statement.

Emphasis of Matter

Without further qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 24 of these financial statements which explains that the Company's current liabilities exceed its asset by \$107,844,249. Further operations of the Company is dependent on the ongoing financial support of its principal owner.

Basis for Opinion

Except as described in the basis of opinion paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Audit Office of Guyana Auditing Standards and International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Guyana, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Going Concern

The Company's financial statements have been prepared using the going concern basis of accounting. The use of this basis of accounting is appropriate unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. As part of our audit of the financial statements, we have concluded that management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Company's financial statements is appropriate. Except as described in note 24 management has not identified a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and accordingly none is disclosed in the financial statements. Based on our audit of the financial statements, we also have not identified such a material uncertainty. However, neither management nor the auditor can guarantee the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all the information included in the company's 2016 annual report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, 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 management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our 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 our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they can 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 ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We 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 our 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, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion 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 management.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements, continued

- Conclude on the appropriateness of 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 we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's 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 to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the company audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We are also required to provide those charged with governance with a statement that we 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 our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

The financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1991.

Nizam Ali
Chartered Accountants
Georgetown, Guyana

January 10, 2018

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
Operating revenue	13	384,657,650	421,817,281
Cost of sales		<u>75,841,082</u>	<u>23,437,472</u>
Gross profit		308,816,568	398,379,809
Operating expenses	14	550,225,146	751,635,142
Depreciation		<u>16,651,215</u>	<u>8,811,483</u>
Net operating loss		(258,059,793)	(362,066,816)
Interest and other income		63,770,227	23,033,455
Deferred income	15	67,256,205	55,676,156
Income from subvention		<u>150,000,000</u>	<u>96,761,000</u>
Net profit (loss) before taxation	16	22,966,639	(186,596,205)
Taxation	17	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net profit (loss) after taxation		<u>22,966,639</u>	<u>(186,596,205)</u>
Earnings (loss) per share	18	<u>0.10</u>	<u>(0.85)</u>

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

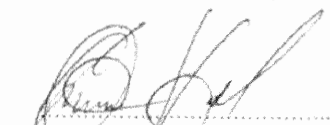
NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INC
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

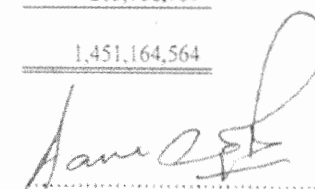
	Share capital \$	Deposit on shares \$	Reserves \$	Retained earnings \$	Ca subv
Year ended December 31, 2016					
As at beginning of year	220,553,395	-	554,536,331	305,197,580	101
Government Grant	-	-	-	-	107
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	22,966,639	
Amortisation of Government Grant	-	-	-	-	(67)
As at end of year	<u>220,553,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>554,536,331</u>	<u>328,164,219</u>	<u>141</u>
Year ended December 31, 2015					
As at beginning of year	220,553,395	-	554,536,331	491,793,785	120
Government Grant	-	-	-	-	20
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	(186,596,205)	
Amortisation of Government Grant	-	-	-	-	(5)
As at end of year	<u>220,553,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>554,536,331</u>	<u>305,197,580</u>	<u>10</u>

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

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Assets	Notes	2016 ₹	2015 ₹
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	<u>1,353,022,104</u>	<u>1,278,594,822</u>
		<u>1,353,022,104</u>	<u>1,278,594,822</u>
Current assets			
Inventories	6	3,640,846	4,826,104
Trade and other receivables	7	64,442,217	78,166,141
Cash and cash equivalents	8	<u>30,059,397</u>	<u>7,938,836</u>
Total current assets		<u>98,142,460</u>	<u>90,931,081</u>
Total assets		<u><u>1,451,164,564</u></u>	<u><u>1,369,525,903</u></u>
Shareholder's equity and liabilities			
Shareholder's equity			
Share capital	9	220,553,395	220,553,395
Reserves	10	554,536,331	554,536,331
Capital subvention		141,923,910	101,663,823
Retained earnings		<u>328,164,219</u>	<u>305,197,580</u>
		<u>1,245,177,855</u>	<u>1,181,951,129</u>
Current liabilities			
Cash and cash equivalents	8		12,732,157
Trade and other payables	11	107,279,639	85,464,115
Provision for taxation	12	<u>98,707,070</u>	<u>89,378,502</u>
		<u>205,986,709</u>	<u>187,574,774</u>
Total shareholder's equity and liabilities		<u><u>1,451,164,564</u></u>	<u><u>1,369,525,903</u></u>


 Director


 Director

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

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net profit (loss) before taxation	22,966,639	(186,596,205)
Depreciation	<u>16,651,215</u>	<u>8,811,483</u>
Operating profit (loss) before working capital changes	39,617,854	(177,784,722)
Change in inventories	1,185,258	1,308,327
Change in trade and other receivables	13,723,925	113,595,625
Change in trade and other payables	<u>21,815,524</u>	<u>53,266,049</u>
Cash generated from operations	76,342,560	(9,614,721)
Change in provision for taxation	<u>9,328,568</u>	<u>36,317,591</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>85,671,128</u>	<u>26,702,870</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of plant and equipment	<u>(91,078,497)</u>	<u>(32,299,998)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(91,078,497)</u>	<u>(32,299,998)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Change in subvention	<u>40,260,087</u>	<u>(27,061,156)</u>
Net cash from (used) in financing activities	<u>40,260,087</u>	<u>(27,061,156)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	34,852,718	(32,658,284)
Cash and cash equivalents as at the beginning of year	<u>(4,793,321)</u>	<u>27,864,963</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as at end of year	<u>30,059,397</u>	<u>(4,793,321)</u>

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

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INC.
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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1. Company identification

(a) Incorporation

National communications Network Inc. (The Company) was incorporated under the companies Act no 29 of 1991 on February 6, 2004.

The Company is a state owned and operated radio and television station which is 100% owned by the National Industrial and Commercial Investments Ltd.

The Company has three major out of town branches namely, New Amsterdam- Berbice, Watooka- Linden and Anna Regina- Essequibo. The operations in Berbice and Linden are commercialised and earning revenues.

The Company also has several relay locations throughout the country to facilitate its national grid:

- a) Drill
- b) Benab
- c) Long Creek
- d) Essequibo branch

(b) Principal Activity

The principal activity of the company is to provide quality, educational, entertainment and inspiration programming in Guyana via radio and television broadcasting.

2. Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

New standards, amendments and interpretations adopted

The following standards and interpretations which became effective in the current financial year were adopted.

Disclosure Initiative amendments to IAS 1.

The amendment clarifies, the materiality requirement in IAS 1, that specific line items in the statement(s) of profit or loss and OCI and the statement of financial position may be disaggregated, that entities have flexibility as to the order in which they present the notes to the financial statements and that the share of OCI of associates and Joint Ventures accounted for using the equity method must be presented in aggregate as a single line item, and classified between those items that will be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss.

Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 38 - Clarification of acceptable methods of depreciation and amortisation.

The amendment clarifies the principle in IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment and IAS 38 Intangible Assets that revenue reflects a pattern of economic benefits that are generated from operating a business rather than the economic benefits that are consumed through use of the asset.

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2. Changes in accounting policies and disclosures, continued

Entities currently using revenue-based amortisation methods for property, plant and equipment will need to change their current amortisation approach to an acceptable method.

New and amended standards and interpretations adopted, continued

Annual improvements to IFRS's 2012 -2014 cycle.

o IFRS 5 – *Non-current asset held for sale and discontinued operations* - The amendment clarifies that changing from one disposal method to another would not be considered a new plan of disposal, rather it is a continuation of the original plan.

Annual improvements to IFRS's 2012 -2014 cycle.

o IFRS 7 – *Financial instrument: disclosure*- The amendment clarifies that a servicing contract that includes a fee can constitute continuing involvement in a financial asset.

o IAS 19 – *Employee benefits* - The amendment clarifies that market depth of high quality corporate bond is assessed based on the currency in which the obligation is denominated, rather than the country where the obligation is located. Where there is no deep market for high quality corporate bond in that currency, government bond rates must be used.

o IAS 34 – *Interim financial reporting*- The amendment clarifies that the required interim financial disclosures must either be in the interim financial statements or incorporated by cross reference between the interim financial statements and whether they are included within the interim financial report.

The adoption of these amendments did not have any material effect on the Company's financial statements.

New and amended standards and interpretations not yet adopted

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the following standards and interpretations, which have not been applied in these financial statements, were in issue but not yet effective for the year presented:

IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments. Effective January 1, 2018

May change the measurement and presentation of many financial instruments depending on their contractual cash flows and business models under which they are held. The impairment requirements will generally result in earlier recognition of credit losses. The new hedging model may lead to more economic hedging strategies meeting the requirements for hedge accounting.

IFRS 15- Revenue from Contracts with Customers. Effective January 1, 2018

The standard outlines the principles an entity must apply to measure and recognise revenue. The core principle is that an entity will recognise revenue at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to customers.

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2. Changes in accounting policies and disclosures, continued

New and amended standards and interpretations not yet adopted

IFRS 16 - Leases. Effective January 1, 2019

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16, Leases. The objective of IFRS 16 is to bring all leases on-balance sheet for lessees. IFRS 16 requires lessees to recognize a "right of use" asset and a lease liability calculated using a prescribed methodology. The mandatory effective date of IFRS 16 is for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2017. Early adoption is permitted provided that IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, is also adopted.

Management is currently reviewing the provisions of these new standards and amendments to existing standards to determine the impact, if any, on future reporting obligations.

3. Significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in Guyana dollars in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). They have been prepared under the historical cost convention method as modified by the valuation of financial assets available for sale and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and no account has been taken for the effects of inflation.

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, contingent assets and contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and income and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 4.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on November 24, 2017.

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3. Significant accounting policies, continued

(a) Foreign currencies

Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates. The financial statements are presented in Guyana Dollars, which is the company's functional currency.

Transactions and balances

Transactions involving foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency using exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign currency gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(b) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated generally at historical cost, except for those measured at fair value, when they are tested for impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Property, plant and equipment are tested for impairment whenever there is objective evidence that the carrying amount of the asset may exceed its recoverable amount. Any resulting impairment loss is recognised immediately in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying value or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of replaced parts are derecognised. All repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment, is provided for over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets using the straight-line method. A full year's depreciation is charged in the year of acquisition and no depreciation is charged in the year of disposal.

The following annual depreciation rates are applicable for the respective asset categories:

Buildings	5%
Furniture and fixtures	10%
Equipment	20%
Motor vehicles	20%

No depreciation is provided on land and work in progress.

The gain or loss arising on disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

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3. Significant accounting policies, continued

a. Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on an average cost basis and net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses.

(e) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are carried at original invoice value less a provision made for impairment of these receivables. A provision for impairment of trade and other receivable is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, deposits held on call with the bank and other bank balances net of overdraft.

(g) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are recorded at cost.

(h) Revenue recognition

Sales represent the value of services provided to third parties which are recognized when persuasive evidence of the arrangement exists and collectability is reasonable assured.

(i) Taxation

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognized for the following temporary differences: the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries and jointly controlled entities to the extent that it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future. In addition, deferred tax is not recognized for taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities

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3. Significant accounting policies, continued

(i) Taxation, continued

are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

A deferred tax asset is recognized for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

(j) Share capital

Ordinary shares with discretionary dividends are classified as equity.

(k) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

(l) Going concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

(m) Financial instruments

The company recognizes financial assets and financial liabilities when the company becomes a party to a contract. Financial assets and financial liabilities, with the exception of financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, are measured at fair value plus transaction costs on initial recognition. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value on initial recognition and transaction costs are expensed when incurred.

Measurement in subsequent periods depends on the classification of the financial instrument.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Financial assets are classified as FVTPL when acquired principally for the purpose of trading, if so designated by management (fair value option), or if they are derivative assets. Financial assets classified as FVTPL are measured at fair value, with changes recognized in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The company's financial assets classified as FVTPL include cash and cash equivalents. The company does not currently hold any derivative instruments.

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3. Significant accounting policies, continued

(m) Financial instruments, continued

(ii) Other financial assets and liabilities

Other financial assets and liabilities are financial assets and liabilities that are not classified as FVTPL. Subsequent to initial recognition, other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Appropriate allowances for estimated unrecoverable amounts are recognized in statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired. The allowance recognized is based on management's evaluation of the collectability of the receivables.

Trade and other payables, trade and other receivables are classified as other financial assets and liabilities.

(n) Comparative information

Where necessary, comparatives have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

(o) Subvention

(i) Revenue subvention

Subvention that compensate the company's costs are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the period that these costs are incurred. During the year the company received subvention totaling \$ 150,000,000 (2015 - \$ 96,761,000).

(ii) Capital subvention

Subvention relating to purchase of noncurrent assets is credited to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on a straight line basis over the expected lives of the related assets. During the year the company received capital subvention of \$107,516,292 (2015- \$ 28,615,000).

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4. Significant accounting estimates and judgments

These financial statements include estimates which, by their nature, are uncertain. The impacts of such estimates are pervasive throughout the financial statements, and may require accounting adjustments based on future occurrences. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. These estimates are based on historical experience, current and future economic conditions and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized prospectively from the period in which the estimates are revised. The following are the key estimate and assumption uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment within the next financial year.

(i) Impairment of assets

When there are indications that an asset may be impaired, the company is required to estimate the asset's recoverable amount. Recoverable amount is the greater of value in use and fair value less costs to sell. Determining the value in use requires the company to estimate expected future cash flows associated with the assets and a suitable discount rate in order to calculate present value.

(ii) Useful life of property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is amortized over the estimated useful life of the assets. Changes in the estimated useful lives could significantly increase or decrease the amount of depreciation recorded during the year and the carrying value of property, plant and equipment.

Critical accounting judgments

In the preparation of these financial statements management has made judgments, aside from those that involve estimates, in the process of applying the accounting policies. These judgments can have an effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements.

(i) Income taxes

The measurement of income taxes payable and deferred income tax assets and liabilities requires management to make judgments in the interpretation and application of the relevant tax laws. The actual amount of income taxes only becomes final upon filing and acceptance of the tax return by the relevant authorities, which occurs subsequent to the issuance of the financial statements.

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5. Property, plant and equipment	2016						
	Land ₹	Buildings ₹	Furniture and fixtures ₹	Equipment ₹	Motor vehicles ₹	Work in progress ₹	Total ₹
Cost							
At January 1, 2016	84,008,900	412,213,366	72,293,890	1,144,328,867	83,857,700	5,440,349	1,802,143,072
Additions	-	13,477,080	739,317	74,076,798	-	2,785,302	91,078,497
Transfer				5,440,349		(5,440,349)	-
At December 31, 2016	84,008,900	425,690,446	73,033,207	1,223,846,014	83,857,700	2,785,302	1,893,221,569
Accumulated depreciation							
At January 1, 2016	-	21,670,609	51,919,425	434,177,420	15,780,796	-	523,548,250
Charges for the year	-	673,854	73,932	15,903,429	-	-	16,651,215
At December 31, 2016	-	22,344,463	51,993,357	450,080,849	15,780,796	-	540,199,465
Net book value							
At December 31, 2016	84,008,900	403,345,983	21,039,850	773,765,165	68,076,904	2,785,302	1,353,022,104

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	Land \$	Buildings \$	Furniture and fixtures \$	2015		
				Equipment \$	Motor vehicles \$	Work Progr \$
5. Property, plant and equipment, continued						
Cost						
At January 1, 2015	84,008,900	380,217,026	72,205,701	1,108,314,632	83,857,700	41,2
Additions	-	31,996,340	88,189	215,469	-	-
Transfer	-	-	-	35,798,766	-	(35,7
At December 31, 2015	84,008,900	412,213,366	72,293,890	1,144,328,867	83,857,700	5,4
Accumulated depreciation						
At January 01, 2015	-	20,070,792	51,910,606	426,974,573	15,780,796	-
Charges for the year	-	1,599,817	8,819	7,202,847	-	-
At December 31, 2015	-	21,670,609	51,919,425	434,177,420	15,780,796	-
Net book value						
At December 31, 2015	84,008,900	390,542,757	20,374,465	710,151,447	68,076,904	5,4

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6. Inventories	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
Inventory items for use	3,640,846	4,826,104
	<u>3,640,846</u>	<u>4,826,104</u>
7. Trade and other receivables		
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	75,768,933	268,100,256
Other receivables	180,710,827	-
Less provision for bad debt	<u>(199,908,454)</u>	<u>(190,392,206)</u>
	56,571,306	77,708,050
VAT receivable	-	349,163
Employees and assignment advances	68,301	108,928
Prepayments	468,420	-
Deposit	7,334,190	-
	<u>64,442,217</u>	<u>78,166,141</u>
8. Cash and cash equivalents		
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
Bank accounts		
Demerara Bank - A/C #4012860	2,874,370	(12,563,537)
Demerara Bank - A/C#1206358	4,899,463	2,263,486
Republic Bank - A/C# 653-675-9	9,676,997	(168,620)
Demerara Bank - A/C# 401-524-4	<u>12,250,308</u>	<u>5,330,350</u>
	29,701,138	(5,138,321)
Cash accounts		
Petty cash - Homestretch	250,000	240,000
Petty cash - Linden Branch	60,000	60,000
Petty cash - Berbice Branch	40,000	40,000
Change float- Homestretch	8,259	5,000
	<u>358,259</u>	<u>345,000</u>
	30,059,397	(4,793,321)
Included in:		
Current assets	30,059,397	7,938,836
Current liabilities	-	(12,732,157)
	<u>30,059,397</u>	<u>(4,793,321)</u>
9. Share capital	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
Authorized		
220,553,395 ordinary shares of no par value	-	-
Issued and fully paid		
220,553,395 ordinary shares of no par value	<u>220,553,395</u>	<u>220,553,395</u>

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10. Reserves

This amount represents the net assets taken over from the merger of Guyana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC) and the Guyana Television Broadcasting Ltd (GTV) in 2004.

11. Trade and other payables

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
Trade payables and accrued expenses	67,984,362	50,340,070
Vacation allowance payable	13,699,666	15,582,107
PAYE payable	19,541,935	19,541,938
Deposits refundable	6,053,676	-
	<u>107,279,639</u>	<u>85,464,115</u>

12. Provision for taxation

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
Provision for property tax	98,707,070	89,378,502
	<u>98,707,070</u>	<u>89,378,502</u>

13. Operating revenue

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
Advertising	140,220,965	166,004,180
News	21,462,807	23,317,674
Program sponsorship	102,191,728	106,919,544
Sports	22,876,030	27,927,639
Production	94,212,217	93,799,132
Others	3,693,903	3,849,112
	<u>384,657,650</u>	<u>421,817,281</u>

14. Operating expenses

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
Provision for obsolete inventory	-	2,298,067
Write down of trade receivables	9,508,376	152,083,334
Property taxes	9,328,569	36,317,591
Employment cost	317,264,475	352,483,004
Fuel and lubricant	6,250,555	10,924,085
Utility	75,555,709	73,483,691
Security	27,633,900	33,330,405
Repairs and maintenance	28,188,099	22,594,243
Agency commission	14,040,002	12,392,559
Regulatory authority fees	20,736,358	19,493,150
Others	41,719,103	36,235,013
	<u>550,225,146</u>	<u>751,635,142</u>

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15. Deferred income

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
Amortisation of Government Grant	<u>67,256,205</u>	<u>55,676,156</u>

16. Net profit (loss) before taxation

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
Net profit (loss) before taxation	<u>22,966,639</u>	<u>(186,596,205)</u>
After charging:		
Employment cost	317,264,475	352,483,004
Depreciation	16,651,215	8,811,483
Auditors' remuneration	2,500,000	2,500,000

17. Taxation

The Company has approximately G\$381,095,065 (2015- \$404,061,704) in accumulated corporation tax losses available to reduce future taxable income, which may be carried forward indefinitely. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of this loss, as the ability of the entity to generate future taxable income is uncertain.

18. Earnings (loss) per share

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
Calculated as follows:		
Profit (loss) for the year	22,966,639	(186,596,205)
Number of ordinary shares (see note 9)	<u>220,553,395</u>	<u>220,553,395</u>
Earnings (loss) per share	<u>0.10</u>	<u>(0.85)</u>

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19. Related party

(a) Identification of related parties

A party is related to the company if:

(i) Directly or indirectly the party:

- controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the company;
- has an interest in the company that gives it significant influence over the company; or
- has joint control over the company.

(ii) The party is a member of the key management personnel of the company.

(iii) The party is a close member of the family of any individual referred to in (i) or (ii) above.

The company considers key management personnel, directors and persons and entities affiliated with key management personnel as related parties.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
(Short term benefits)	<u>25,753,666</u>	<u>32,082,096</u>
Remuneration paid to Directors	<u>410,000</u>	<u>320,000</u>

20. Contingencies

By their nature, contingencies will only be resolved when one or more future events occur or fail to occur. The assessment of contingencies inherently involves the exercise of significant judgement and estimates of the outcome of future events.

As at December 31, 2016 the company did not have any material provisions for litigation claims or regulatory assessments. Further, the company does not believe claims or regulatory assessments for which no provision has been recorded will have a material impact on the financial position of the company.

21. Fair Values

The fair value hierarchy categorises into three levels the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 inputs) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 inputs).

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included with level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly such as derived from prices.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

There have been no changes in categories of financial instruments since December 31, 2015.

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22. Analysis of financial assets and liabilities by measurement basis

December 31, 2016	Loans and receivable	Other financial assets and liabilities at amortised cost	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Assets			
Trade and other receivables	64,442,217	-	64,442,217
Cash and cash equivalents	-	30,059,397	30,059,397
	64,442,217	30,059,397	94,501,614
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	-	107,279,639	107,279,639
	-	107,279,639	107,279,639
December 31, 2015			
	\$	\$	\$
Assets			
Trade and other receivables	78,166,141	-	78,166,141
	78,166,141	-	78,166,141
Liabilities			
Bank overdraft	-	4,793,321	4,793,321
Trade and other payables	-	85,464,115	85,464,115
	-	90,257,436	90,257,436

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23. Financial risk management

Introduction and overview

The company has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- (i) Market risk
- (ii) Liquidity risk
- (iii) Credit risk
- (iv) Capital risk

This note presents information about the company's exposure to each of the above risks, the company's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk and the company's management of capital. The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the company's risk management framework.

(i) Market risk

The company's activities expose it to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The company uses interest rate sensitivity and exposure limits to financial instruments to manage its exposure to interest rate and foreign currency risk. There has been no change in the company's exposure to market risks or the manner in which it manages these risks.

(a) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual security of its issuer or factors affecting securities traded in the market. The company does not actively trade in equity investments.

(b) Currency risk

The company's exposure to foreign currency risk is minimal.

(c) Interest rate risk

As at year end, the company's exposure to interest rate risk is as follows:

	<u>2016</u>		Total \$
	Floating interest rate \$	Non interest bearing \$	
Trade and other receivables	-	64,442,217	64,442,217
Cash and cash equivalents		30,059,397	30,059,397
		94,501,614	94,501,614
Trade and other payables	-	107,279,639	107,279,639
	-	107,279,639	107,279,639

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(i) Market risk, continued

(c) Interest rate risk

	Floating interest rate \$	2015	
		Non interest bearing \$	Total \$
Trade and other receivables	-	78,166,141	78,166,141
	-	78,166,141	78,166,141
Bank overdraft		4,793,321	4,793,321
Trade and other payables	-	85,464,115	85,464,115
	-	90,257,436	90,257,436

(ii) 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 company manages its liquidity risk by maintaining an appropriate level of resources in liquid or near liquid form.

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

	2015 Maturing				Total \$
	Up to six months \$	Six months to one year \$	Two to five years \$	Over five years \$	
Assets					
Trade and other receivables	64,442,217	-	-	-	64,442,217
Cash and cash equivalents	30,059,397				30,059,397
	94,501,614	-	-	-	94,501,614
Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	107,279,639	-	-	-	107,279,639
	107,279,639	-	-	-	107,279,639
Liquidity Gap	(12,778,025)	-	-	-	(12,778,025)
Cummulative Gap	(12,778,025)	(12,778,025)	(12,778,025)	(12,778,025)	-

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(ii) Liquidity risk, continued

	<u>2015</u> Maturing				Total \$
	Up to six months \$	Six months to one year \$	Two to five years \$	Over five years \$	
Assets					
Trade and other receivables	78,166,141	-	-	-	78,166,141
	-	-	-	-	-
	78,166,141	-	-	-	78,166,141
Liabilities					
Bak overdraft	4,793,321	-	-	-	4,793,321
Trade and other payables	85,464,115	-	-	-	85,464,115
	90,257,436	-	-	-	90,257,436
Liquidity Gap	(12,091,295)	-	-	-	(12,091,295)
Cummulative Gap	(12,091,295)	(12,091,295)	(12,091,295)	(12,091,295)	-

(iii) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The maximum amount of credit risk is equal to the balance of cash and trade and other receivables. Cash resources are held with financial institutions licensed in Guyana. The credit risk related to trade and other receivables are mainly due to delays in payments which can result in impairment of trade and other receivables. Reviews of trade and other receivables are performed on a yearly basis. In 2016, an impairment of \$9,508,376 was recognized in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income (2015- \$152,083,334).

(iv) Capital risk management

The company is not exposed to a depletion in its capital, since its sole shareholder is committed to future capital maintenance.

24. Economic Dependency

The Company's current liabilities exceed its current asset by \$107,844,249 as at December 31, 2016. Future operations of the Company are dependent on the ongoing financial support of its sole shareholder.



Annual General Meeting 2016

FORM OF PROXY

The Secretary
National Communications Network, Inc.
Homestretch Avenue
Durban Park
Georgetown
Guyana

I/We

of _____

A Member/Members of the National Communications Network, Inc. hereby appoint

or in his/her absence

of _____

as my/our Proxy to vote in my/our name(s) and on my/our behalf upon any matter proposed at the ___ Annual General Meeting of the National Communications Network, Inc. to be held on _____, 2018 or any adjournment thereof in such manner as such Proxy may think proper.

As witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Signed by the Said _____

(Name of Member/s)

(Signatures of Member/s)

Note: To be valid, this form must be completed and deposited with the Secretary at least 48 hours before the time appointed for the meeting or adjourned meeting.