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A Transformation in Fiji's Telecommunications Sector



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Letter to the Minister

The Honorable Ioane Naivalurua
Minister for Policing and Communications
Level 7, Ra Marama Building
Gordon Street
Suva

Dear Honorable Minister

RE: Telecommunications Authority of Fiji Annual Report 2010 - 2023

Pursuant to Section 26 of the Telecommunications Act 2008 and on behalf of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji (TAF), I am pleased to submit the 13-year consolidated Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period of 01 August 2010 to 31 July 2023, certified by the Auditors.

Yours faithfully

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Mr. David Eyre
Chairperson

Corporate Profile

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji (TAF) is Fiji's independent telecommunications regulator established under the Telecommunications Act 2008 (Act). TAF's role is to support a fair, efficient, and trusted telecommunications environment, one that encourages investment and innovation while protecting consumers and promoting service quality, safety, and compliance across the sector.

TAF delivers its mandate through practical regulation that balances industry growth with public interest outcomes. Our work includes licensing and authorisations for telecommunications services, market and compliance oversight, consumer protection, technical safeguards, and administration of essential State assets such as spectrum/frequencies and numbering.

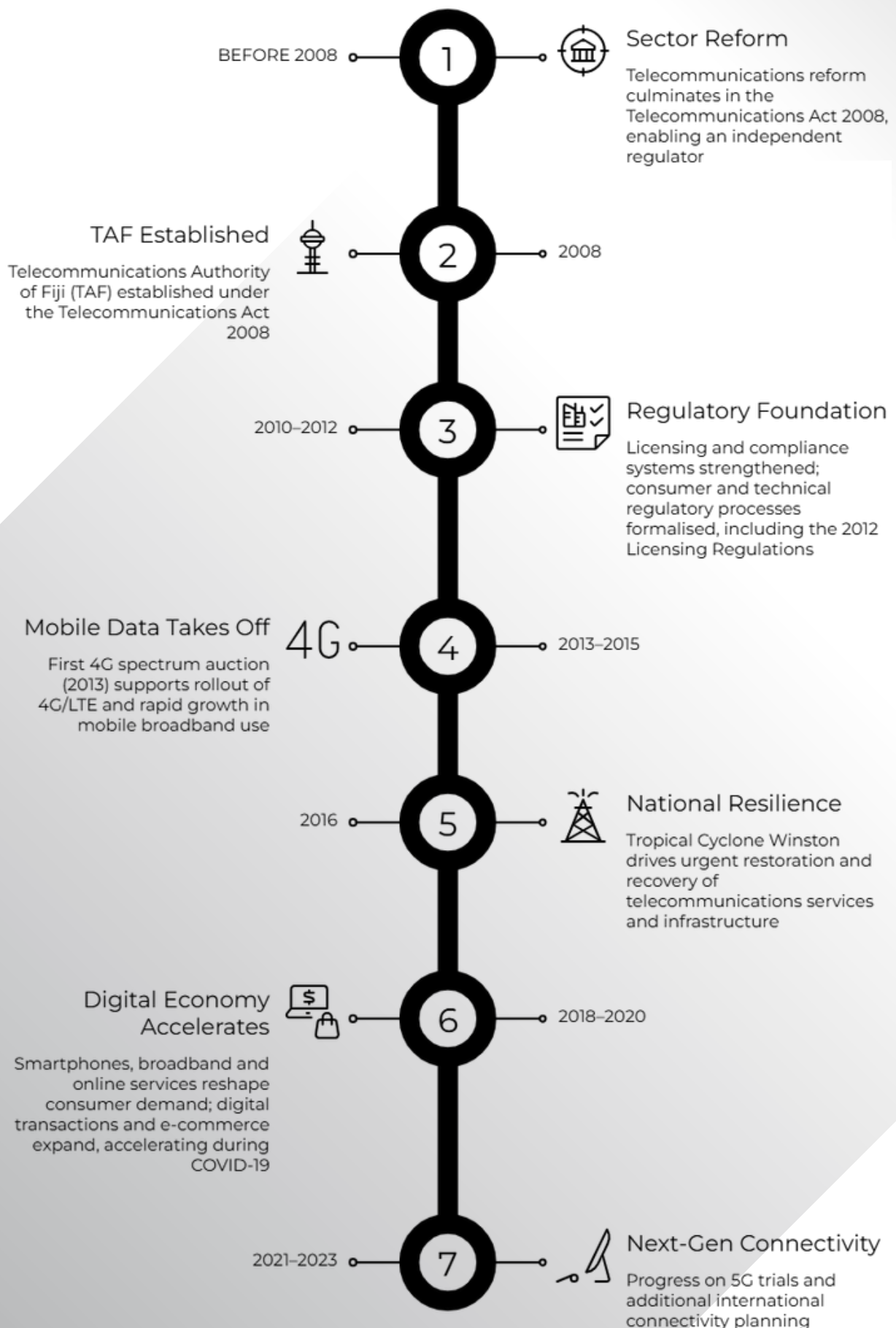
What We Do:

- Licensing and Authorisations – support a transparent and predictable framework for service providers and operators.
- Consumer Protection – promote fair treatment, complaint resolution pathways, and service standards.
- Market Oversight and Compliance – monitor compliance with licence conditions and regulatory requirements and respond to breaches where necessary.
- Dispute Resolution Support – assist through mediation in resolving disputes between licensees and/or consumers.
- Technical Regulation – regulate vendor licensing, device/equipment approvals and standards to protect users, networks and safety.
- Numbering and Emergency Numbers – oversee orderly allocation and use of numbering resources (including national emergency numbers arrangements).
- Spectrum and Frequencies Oversight – manage and supervise spectrum/frequencies use, including coordination and interference management support, consistent with government/ministerial responsibilities.
- Universal Service – implement universal service obligations to extend connectivity to underserved areas.

Our Stakeholders

TAF works closely with the Government of Fiji, licensed telecommunications operators, equipment vendors, consumers, and regional/international partners to ensure Fiji's communications networks remain resilient, secure, and fit-for-purpose.

Our History



Highlights

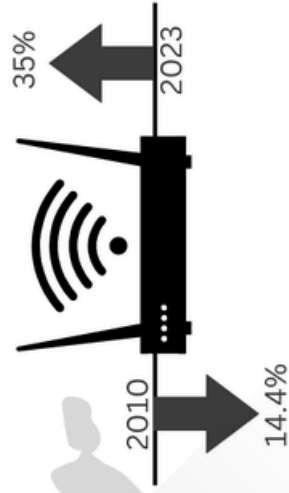


Landline
Telephones

15% in 2010



Internet Connection



Mobile Network



94% in 2023

E-transport Customers



67% in 2023

Mobile Money
Customers



97.7% in 2023

4G NETWORK



Source: All local (Fiji) Telecommunication operators

Chairperson's Report

On behalf of the Board of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji (TAF), I am pleased to submit this consolidated Annual Report covering the period from 2010 to 2023 for your consideration and onward tabling in Parliament, in accordance with Section 26 of the Telecommunications Act 2008.

This report represents an important milestone for the Authority. As TAF's first consolidated Annual Report, it not only fulfils a statutory reporting obligation, but also provides a record of the evolution of Fiji's telecommunications sector during one of the most transformative periods in the nation's history.

Over the reporting period, Fiji's telecommunications sector evolved from a voice-centric utility environment into critical national digital infrastructure underpinning government services, economic activity, education, commerce, financial inclusion, disaster response, and the daily lives of Fijians. The sector's transformation reflects not only rapid technological advancement, but also the growing importance of connectivity as a driver of national resilience, productivity, and economic participation.

This transformation was enabled through infrastructure investment, market liberalisation, and regulatory reform. The expansion of 3G services and the introduction and scaling of 4G/LTE networks following Fiji's first 4G spectrum auction in 2013 accelerated mobile broadband access and fundamentally changed how individuals, businesses, and Government interact, transact, and communicate.

The reporting period also saw the emergence of broader digital ecosystems built upon telecommunications infrastructure. The growth of mobile money services and mobile-based e-ticketing platforms demonstrated the increasing role of telecommunications networks in financial inclusion and digital transactions. The rollout of Walesi and the Walesi App further signalled Fiji's transition toward digital broadcasting, internet-enabled television, and streaming-based media consumption.

At the same time, Fiji's international connectivity environment underwent significant transformation. Expansion of submarine fibre connectivity and international bandwidth capacity strengthened Fiji's position as a regional communications and connectivity hub while enabling the rapid growth of broadband services and digital platforms across the economy.

By 2023, increasing focus had shifted towards international connectivity resilience, including work towards a second submarine cable landing station and broader efforts to strengthen Fiji's international bandwidth security and digital resilience. Fiji's geographic position within the Pacific also places the country in an increasingly important strategic position within the global undersea cable and digital infrastructure ecosystem. As geopolitical developments, supply chain security considerations, and digital resilience concerns continue to reshape international connectivity patterns, the Pacific region is expected to play a more prominent role in future telecommunications infrastructure development. Fiji is well positioned to benefit from this transition through its established connectivity infrastructure, stable regulatory environment, and location as a natural regional connectivity hub.

The reporting period also captures moments of significant national disruption that reinforced the importance of resilient communications infrastructure. Severe Tropical Cyclone Winston in 2016, subsequent cyclone events, and the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the essential role telecommunications now plays in emergency response, business continuity, remote work, education continuity, and public information access. These events reinforced that resilient communications infrastructure is fundamental to national security, economic stability, and public welfare.

Throughout this period, TAF's role as Fiji's independent telecommunications regulator remained focused on maintaining a fair, transparent, and forward-looking regulatory environment that supports investment, competition, innovation, consumer protection, and national development objectives. The Authority continued to oversee spectrum management, licensing and compliance frameworks, technical regulation, equipment standards, numbering resources, and consumer safeguards while adapting to rapid technological and market change.

Importantly, the preparation of this consolidated report also reflects the Authority's ongoing commitment to strengthening institutional governance, accountability, and long-term regulatory capability. The Board recognises the importance of building a modern, responsive, and credible regulatory institution capable of supporting Fiji's long-term digital development priorities and evolving communications landscape.

Looking ahead, emerging technologies such as 5G, artificial intelligence, cloud computing, cybersecurity systems, and satellite-based connectivity will increasingly shape the next phase of Fiji's digital economy.

These developments will create significant opportunities for innovation, productivity, regional competitiveness, and inclusive economic growth, while also introducing new challenges relating to resilience, cybersecurity, digital trust, and consumer protection. The Board remains committed to supporting the continued modernisation of Fiji's telecommunications regulatory framework to ensure it remains fit-for-purpose within an increasingly digital and interconnected environment. This includes strengthening regulatory readiness, supporting universal connectivity objectives, enhancing infrastructure resilience, promoting fair competition, safeguarding consumers, and supporting national priorities for digital transformation and sustainable economic development.

I wish to acknowledge the contributions of past and present Board members, management, staff, industry stakeholders, Government partners, and the people of Fiji, whose collaboration and resilience have supported the continued development of Fiji's telecommunications sector during a period of substantial transformation.

As Fiji continues its transition into a more digitally connected society and economy, the role of telecommunications infrastructure and regulation will become increasingly central to national development. The Board reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that TAF continues to provide sound governance, effective regulatory oversight, and strategic leadership in support of a secure, resilient, inclusive, and future-ready communications sector for Fiji.

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Mr. David Eyre
Chairperson

The Foundational Period (Before 1989)

During the pre-1989 era, telecommunications in Fiji were managed under the Post and Telecommunications Department (PTD) within the Ministry of Communications. The PTD operated as a government service, responsible for both postal and telecommunication functions.

Infrastructure during this time was largely analogue-based, with manual exchanges, landline services, and radio communication serving as the main modes of connectivity. Coverage was limited mainly to urban centres such as Suva, Lautoka and Labasa, while rural and maritime regions relied heavily on high-frequency (HF) radio networks.

International connectivity was enabled through the Fiji International Telecommunications Limited (FINTEL) gateway station at Vatuwaqa, linking Fiji to the global communications network via the Southern Cross submarine cable and the INTELSAT satellite system. FINTEL's establishment as a joint venture between the Government of Fiji and Cable & Wireless (UK) marked the beginning of Fiji's emergence as a regional telecommunications hub in the Pacific.

The Era of Liberalisation (1989–2008)

A major structural reform began in 1989, which separated postal and telecommunications functions, leading to the corporatisation of key service providers:

- Telecom Fiji Limited (TFL) – Domestic fixed-line and data services
- Post Fiji Limited – Postal services
- FINTEL – International gateway operations

This reform also introduced exclusive licences for these operators, laying the groundwork for modernisation and expansion of network infrastructure. In 1994, Vodafone Fiji Limited (Vodafone) was established as a joint venture between TFL and Vodafone Group (UK), becoming Fiji's sole Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) service provider and ushering in the era of mobile communications.

Key achievements of this period included the following:

- Digitisation of the national telephone network, replacing analogue exchanges with digital switching.
- Introduction of GSM 2G mobile services, expanding access to mobile voice and Short Message Service (SMS).

- Emergence of internet connectivity in the late 1990s through the first commercial Internet Service Providers (ISPs).
- Expansion of national fibre and microwave backbones, improving inter-island connectivity.

However, the market remained closed to competition, with exclusive rights limiting innovation and affordability. These constraints eventually led to policy reform and the creation of an independent regulator to oversee a liberalised market.

The Modern Regulatory Era (2008–2010)

The Telecommunications Act 2008 marked a turning point in Fiji's telecommunications history. The Act established the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji as an independent regulator, introducing a new licensing and regulatory framework aligned with international best practices.

Major developments following liberalisation included:

- Entry of Digicel Fiji Limited (Digicel) (2008): Introducing competition in mobile services, reducing prices, and expanding rural coverage.
- Network modernisation by TFL and Vodafone: Deployment of 3G and later 4G LTE services.
- Launch of the Southern Cross Cable Network (SCCN): Significantly increasing international bandwidth and internet speeds.
- Expansion of broadband coverage through both fixed and wireless technologies.

These reforms enhanced affordability, improved the quality of service, and fostered innovation across the telecommunications landscape.

The Digital Transformation Phase (2010–2023)

The period from 2010 to 2023 marked Fiji's transition into a digitally connected society characterised by rapid growth in mobile broadband access, expanded digital services, and strengthened international connectivity.

National policy commentary in 2023 highlighted that this shift was underpinned by market reforms and infrastructure development, including international fibre connectivity, expansion of 4G networks, development of wireless broadband services, and the onset of 5G trials.

Key sectoral developments included:

- Introduction of the Telecommunications Licensing Regulations 2012, where licences were issued on a technology-neutral and competitive basis, ending exclusive rights and opening the market to multiple operators.
- Deployment and expansion of 3G, 4G/LTE and wireless broadband networks, accelerating mobile data capability and coverage, particularly following Fiji's first 4G spectrum auction in 2013.
- Strong growth in mobile broadband usage and a shift to data-centric consumer behaviour, reflected in TAF's published indicators by late 2023 (e.g., active mobile-broadband subscriptions and international internet bandwidth).
- Mainstream adoption of Over-the-Top (OTT) platforms for messaging and calling (e.g., WhatsApp and Viber), reshaping communication patterns and increasing demand for reliable data services.
- Expansion of cloud-enabled services and digital business tools, including cloud adoption initiatives supporting private sector digital transformation and remote work capabilities.
- Growth in digital government service delivery, including the digitalFIJI programme and online public service platforms (e-services), supports improved access to government transactions and information.
- Strengthening universal service and digital inclusion mechanisms, supported by the legal framework for universal service obligations and the Universal Service Fund under the Telecommunications Act 2008 (sections on universal service obligations/benefits/levies/fund) and TAF's universal service obligations work.
- Emergence of new connectivity pathways and resilience measures in 2023, including the onset of 5G trials, work toward a second submarine cable landing station, and broader efforts to strengthen connectivity resilience, international bandwidth security, and future-ready digital infrastructure.
- Growth in digital financial and transport-related services, including mobile money and e-ticketing platforms, reflecting the increasing role of telecommunications in everyday transactions and service delivery.

By 2023, telecommunications services had become a backbone of Fiji's digital economy—enabling digital government services, online learning, mobile-based communication, and increasingly digital forms of commerce and payments—while also raising the importance of resilience, cybersecurity, and trusted service delivery as the sector evolves.

TAF Management

Year	CEO	Board members
2010	None	Meresini Vuniwaqa (Chairperson); Elizabeth Powell; Pita Wise
2011	Mr. Ronald Box (14/03/2011–	Meresini Vuniwaqa (Chairperson); Elizabeth Powell; Pita Wise
2012	None	Meresini Vuniwaqa (Chairperson); Elizabeth Powell; Pita Wise
2013	None	Shivnesh Prasad (Acting Chairperson)
2014	None	Shivnesh Prasad (Acting Chairperson); Pita Wise
2015	None	Shivnesh Prasad (Acting Chairperson)
2016	None	Shivnesh Prasad (Acting Chairperson)
2017	None	Shivnesh Prasad (Acting Chairperson)
2018	None	Shivnesh Prasad (Acting Chairperson)
2019	None	Shivnesh Prasad (Acting Chairperson)
2020	None	None [i]
2021	None	Vijendra Singh (Acting Chairperson)
2022	None	Vijendra Singh (Acting Chairperson)
2023	None	Vijendra Singh (Acting Chairperson)

This table summarises management and governance information captured in TAF's records for 2010–2023. The dataset shows Meresini Vuniwaqa serving as Chairperson for 2010–2012 alongside Elizabeth Powell and Pita Wise, and Ronald Box recorded as CEO for part of 2011. From 2013 onward, the chair role is recorded as acting appointments, including Shivnesh Prasad (2013–2019) and Vijendra Singh (2021–2023), with appointment basis noted as by the Office of the Auditor-General in the dataset.

[i] In 2020, no Board or CEO appointments were in place. TAF continued to operate under staff management during this period, with the governance situation subsequently addressed with the appointment of Vijendra Singh as Acting Chairperson in 2021.

Mandate of the Telecommunications Act 2008

The Telecommunications Act 2008 serves as the principal legal instrument governing the telecommunications sector in Fiji. It establishes the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji (TAF) as the independent regulatory body responsible for overseeing and developing the nation's telecommunications, broadcasting, and information and communications technology (ICT) industries.

The Act modernised Fiji's regulatory framework, replacing outdated provisions with a forward-looking approach designed to encourage competition, investment, innovation, and universal access to communications services.

Purpose of the Act

The Act was enacted to:

- Promote fair competition in the telecommunications market while protecting consumer interests.
- Encourage private sector investment in network infrastructure and services.
- Ensure efficient management and equitable allocation of the national radio frequency spectrum and numbering resources.
- Establish transparent and predictable regulatory processes to provide confidence to investors, operators, and consumers.
- Support the Government's policy objectives for universal service and access to telecommunications throughout Fiji.
- Align Fiji's regulatory environment with international standards and best practices under the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Functions of TAF under the Act

Under Section 15 of the Telecommunications Act 2008, TAF is mandated to perform the following key functions:

Licensing and Regulation

- Recommend the issuance, renewal, suspension, or revocation of telecommunications licences.
- Regulate licence compliance with conditions, quality standards, and service obligations.
- Facilitate dispute resolution between operators and between operators and consumers.

Spectrum and Numbering Oversight

- Oversee the use of radio frequencies and numbering resources as national assets.
- Prevent harmful interference and promote efficient use of limited spectrum resources.

Standards and Type Approval

- Approve telecommunications equipment, ensuring safety, interoperability, and compliance with technical standards.

Consumer Protection and Access

- Promote universal access to telecommunications and ICT services, particularly in rural and maritime areas.
- Safeguard users from unfair practices, poor quality of service, and unauthorised activities.

Policy Implementation and Advisory Role

- Advise the Ministry of Communications on telecommunications and ICT policy matters.
- Implement national telecommunications policies and strategies adopted by the Government.

International and Regional Cooperation

- Represent Fiji in regional and international telecommunications forums, including the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT).
- Facilitate cooperation with foreign regulators and development partners.

Supporting Regulations and Policy Frameworks

The Telecommunications Act 2008 is supported by complementary instruments that strengthen TAF's operational and regulatory authority:

- Regulation of National Spectrum Act 2009 — governs the allocation and management of radio frequencies.
- Telecommunications Licensing Regulations 2012 — details procedures for licence applications, renewals, and compliance.
- Telecommunications (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2013 — outlines fee structures for licensing, numbering, and spectrum use.
- Universal Access Policy Framework (2014) — supports connectivity expansion to underserved areas through infrastructure sharing and targeted funding.

Guiding Principles

In exercising its powers and performing its duties, the Authority is guided by the following principles:

- Transparency and Accountability in all regulatory decisions.
- Technology Neutrality to accommodate innovation across all platforms.
- Public Interest Priority ensuring that regulation benefits the people of Fiji.
- Sustainability through efficient resource management and resilience planning.

Section 26 Requirement	Reporting page
(a) Outline of performance of functions & powers, incl. progress against Section 3 objectives	4-35
(b) Review of licences issued/modified/suspended/revoked	18-27
(c) Review of matters referred to the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission	None [i]
(d) Review of frequency spectrum usage, incl. spectrum licences issued	4,14-15,18-26
(e) Review of numbers allocated and assigned	4, 27
(f) Review of activities and progress in respect of universal services	4, 12, 15-16, 28
(g) Review of material determinations made under Section 18	None [ii]
(h) Review of investigation and enforcement action taken	None [iii]
(i) Review of major agreements entered into with the Authority	None [iv]
(j) Other relevant matters	28-35
Section 26(3) Incorporation of audited accounts (+ Tribunal annual report if applicable)	36-312

[i] No matters referred.

[ii] No material determinations were made under Section 18 during the reporting period. TAF's compliance approach prioritised voluntary resolution and operator engagement.

[iii] No substantial investigation and enforcement action was taken. TAF's compliance approach prioritised voluntary resolution and operator engagement.

[iv] No major agreement entered into.

Management & Licence Services

Over the period of 2010–2023, TAF supported a stable and competitive communications environment by administering licences and authorisations, setting licence conditions, monitoring compliance, supporting consumer protection, and coordinating technical approvals. This work extended across a broader telecommunications ecosystem that included fixed-line, mobile, broadband, enterprise connectivity, broadcasting, international connectivity infrastructure, and digital service platforms.

Telecommunications Operators

Fiji International Telecommunications Limited (FINTEL)



International and wholesale connectivity provider supporting Fiji's global links and carrier services. Over 2010–2023, FINTEL engaged with TAF through telecommunications licensing/authorisation requirements, technical oversight expectations, and compliance obligations that support secure and reliable international connectivity.

Telecom Fiji Limited (TFL)



National provider of fixed and broadband services supporting homes, businesses, and Government connectivity. Over 2010–2023, TFL's relationship with TAF includes licence administration, standards and technical compliance, numbering administration processes, and service-quality and consumer protection obligations across the reporting period.

Vodafone Fiji Limited (Vodafone)



Fiji's leading quad-play provider, Vodafone delivers comprehensive voice, data and digital services in Fiji. Vodafone maintains a strategic partnership with the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji (TAF), ensuring rigorous adherence to licensing standards, proactive regulatory compliance and robust consumer protection. Vodafone and TAF maintain close coordination to bolster Fiji's technical infrastructure, with a dedicated focus on equipment standardization, interference mitigation and the upkeep of secure and lawful network operations.

Digicel Fiji Limited (Digicel)



Mobile network operator expanding competitive choice and coverage, particularly as mobile broadband demand accelerated. Across 2010–2023, Digicel’s connection to TAF includes licensing/authorisation administration, compliance and reporting requirements, consumer safeguards, and coordination on service standards and network resilience.

Other Service Providers and Market Participants

Fiji’s telecommunications environment during the reporting period also included other operators and service providers such as Unwired, Xceed, Transtel, and Connect, which contributed to the broader availability of connectivity, enterprise communications, and network-related services within the market.

International Connectivity and Subsea Cable Infrastructure

International connectivity providers and subsea cable infrastructure have played a critical role in supporting Fiji’s access to global bandwidth, international communications links, and overall network resilience. These systems underpin broadband growth, digital services, and Fiji’s strategic position as a regional connectivity hub.

Mobile Money and Digital Service Platforms

The growth of mobile money services reflected the increasing convergence of telecommunications and digital financial services in Fiji. These services supported digital payments, financial inclusion, and wider participation in the digital economy through mobile-based transactions and service delivery.

Broadcasters

Fiji Broadcasting Corporation (FBC)



National broadcaster delivering radio and television services. Over the period of 2010–2023, TAF’s engagement with national broadcasting stakeholders included authorisation and technical coordination activities within its remit, supporting lawful operation and service continuity—particularly where technical compliance and transmission-related matters intersect with telecommunications regulation.

Communications Fiji Limited (CFL)



Commercial broadcaster providing radio, digital and community engagement services throughout Fiji. Between 2010 and 2023, TAF's engagement included support for broadcast licensing and regulatory authorisations, as well as oversight of relevant technical compliance requirements, helping to ensure lawful operations and uninterrupted service delivery.

Walesi Pte Limited (Walesi)



Walesi plays an important role in Fiji's broadcasting and digital access landscape as a national digital television platform that supports the delivery of television content through modern transmission infrastructure. Its presence reflects the broader transition in Fiji from analogue broadcasting systems toward digital broadcasting and improved access to content across the country.

Electrical Operator Energy Fiji Limited (EFL)

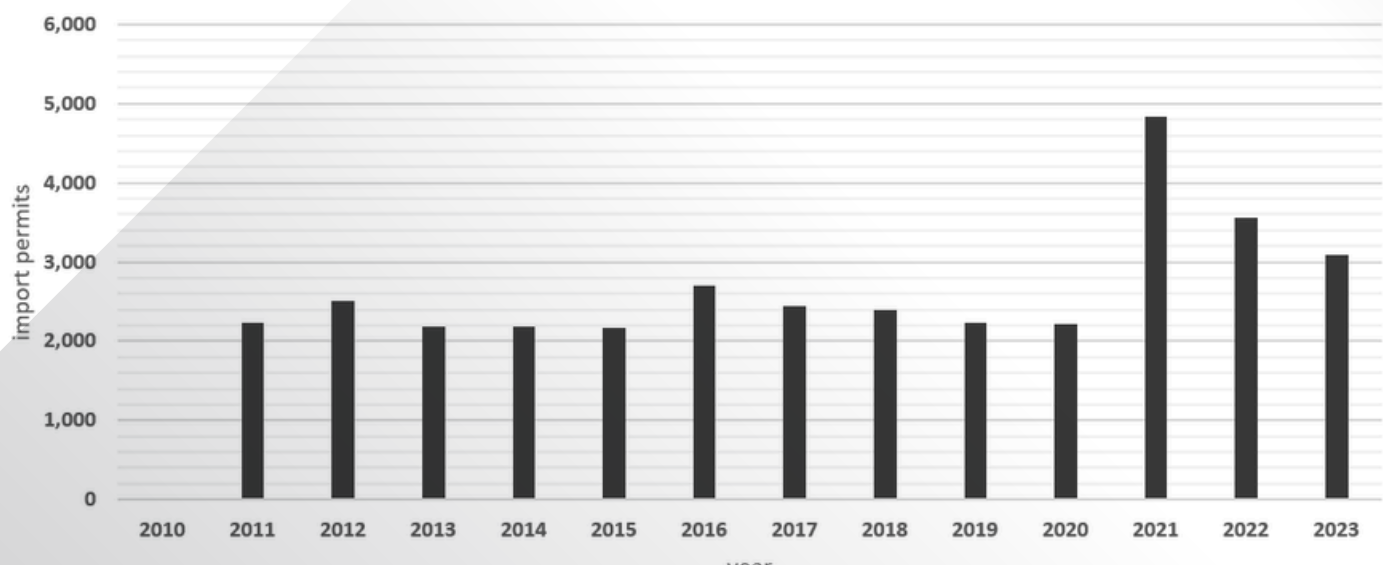


Energy Fiji Limited (EFL) is Fiji's national electricity utility, responsible for generating, transmitting, and distributing power. From 2010–2023, EFL supported the broader operating environment that enables telecommunications services by coordinating on infrastructure access (including utility corridors), safety requirements, and maintaining essential services during disruptions and recovery.

In 2015, EFL (formerly known as Fiji Electricity Authority) was issued a 15-year Telecommunications Operator Licence to establish and operate an optical fibre network, and to sell/lease digital transmission capacity via its optic fibre network—supporting wider connectivity backhaul and transmission capacity needs.

Import Permit

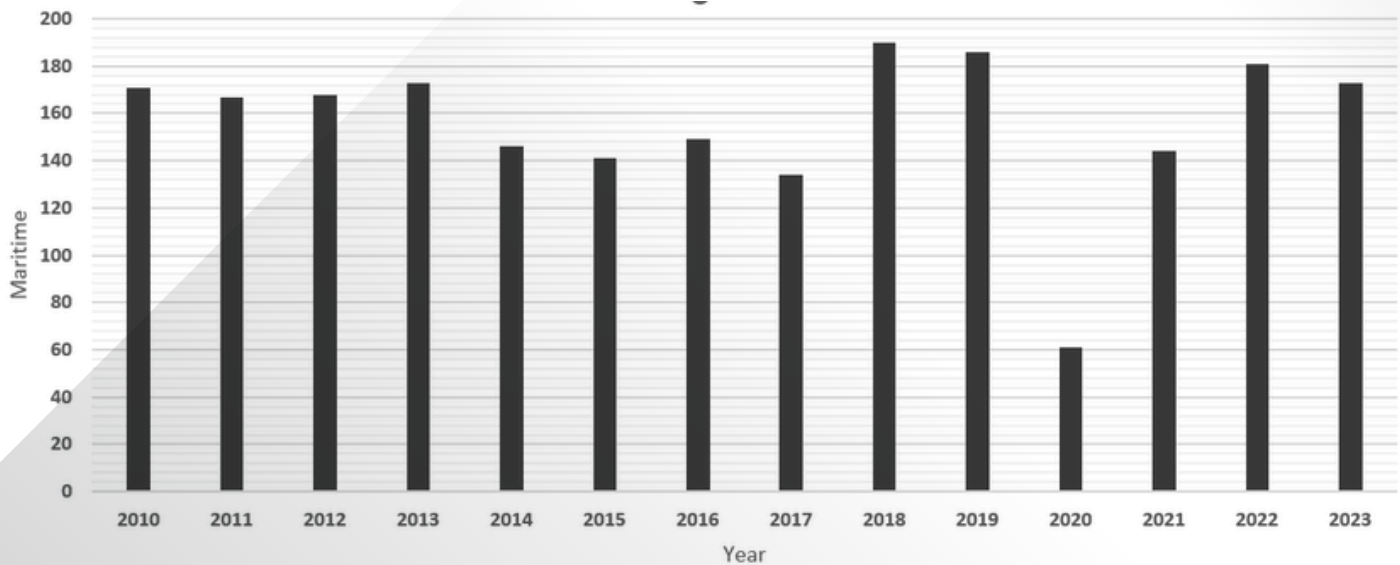
Before telecommunications or radiocommunications equipment can be imported into Fiji, it must first be assessed and approved by the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji. This process helps ensure that the equipment complies with applicable technical and regulatory requirements and will not cause harmful interference to other services, including mobile networks, Wi-Fi, television, and emergency communications. Once approved, an import permit is issued to authorise the lawful importation and sale of that equipment in Fiji.



- What it means: This shows the number of import permits issued for telecommunications and radiocommunications equipment approved for importation into Fiji.
- Example: Import permits are generally issued on a per model basis, not according to the number of individual units imported. For example, if 1,000 permits were issued, this means 1,000 equipment models or product types were approved for importation.
- Why it matters: The import permit process helps ensure that equipment entering the Fijian market meets required technical standards and can operate safely without causing interference to existing communications services.

Maritime Station Licence

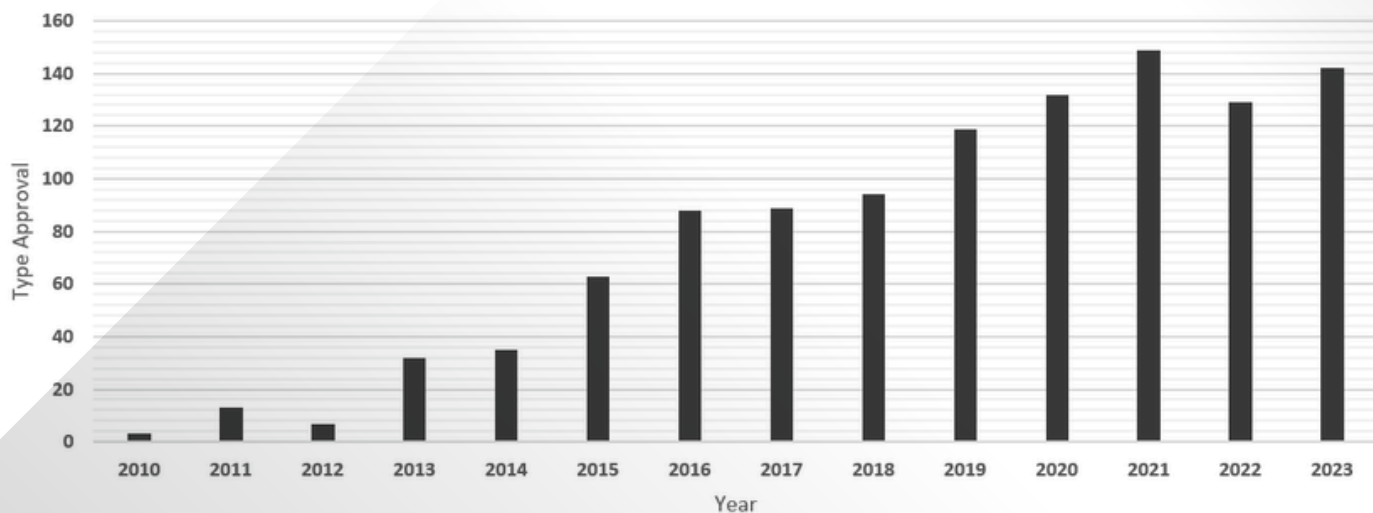
To help safeguard life at sea, the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji issues Maritime Station Licences for vessels equipped with radio communication systems. These licences authorise the use of marine radio equipment for ship-to-ship, ship-to-shore, distress, and emergency communications. The licensing framework supports compliance with applicable safety and communication requirements for maritime operations.



- What it means: This shows how many Maritime Station Licences were issued to vessels using marine radio communications.
- Example: In addition to issuing licences, TAF conducts annual inspections to ensure licensed vessels continue to comply with technical and operational requirements for maritime radio communications.
- Why it matters: Maritime radio communications are essential for navigation safety, emergency response, and maintaining reliable communication between vessels, ports, and rescue services.

Type Approval

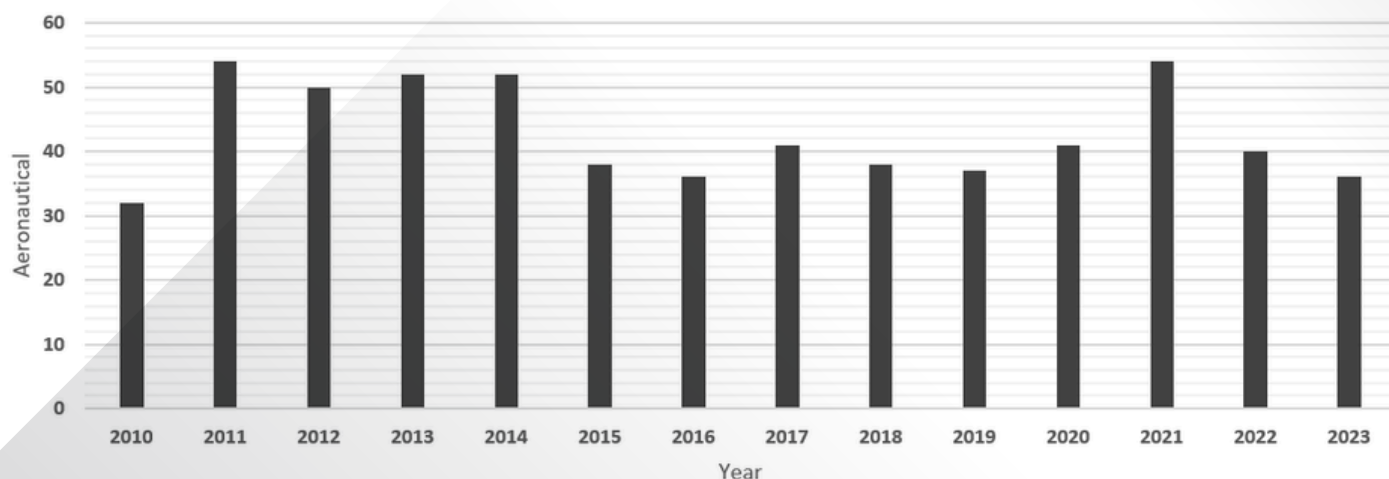
A Type Approval Certificate is issued by the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji to confirm that a telecommunications or radiocommunications equipment model has been assessed and found compliant with the relevant technical and regulatory requirements for use in Fiji. This process helps ensure that equipment entering the market is safe, fit for purpose, and will not cause harmful interference to other communications services.



- What it means: This shows the number of equipment models that received type approval for use in Fiji.
- Example: When a new model or brand of telecommunications equipment is introduced and intended for importation into Fiji, it must first undergo a one-time type approval process. Once the model is approved, an import permit is then required for subsequent importation of that approved equipment into the country.
- Why it matters: Type approval helps ensure that only compliant equipment enters the Fijian market, protecting network integrity, consumer safety, and the reliable operation of communications services.

Aeronautical Services Licence

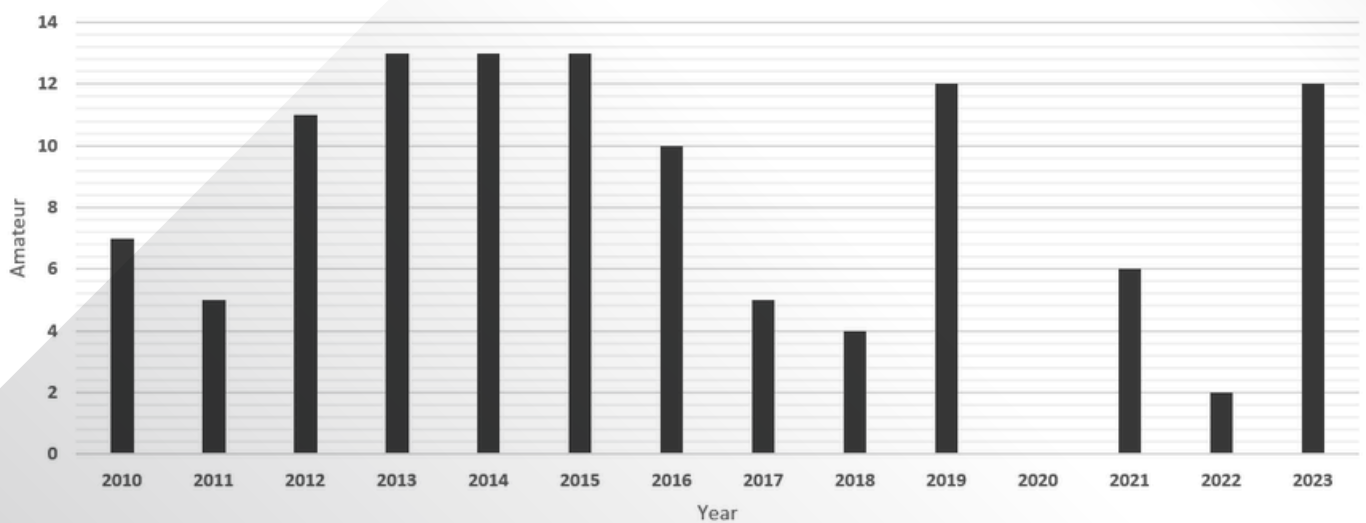
An Aeronautical Services Licence is issued by the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji to authorise the use of aeronautical radio communication equipment by aircraft operators and aviation organisations in Fiji. These licences support the safe and reliable use of radio communications for air-to-ground and ground-to-ground coordination, helping maintain effective communication within the aviation sector.



- What it means: This shows the number of Aeronautical Services Licences issued for the use of aviation radio communication equipment in Fiji.
- Example: In addition to issuing licences, TAF carries out annual inspections to ensure continued compliance with the technical and operational requirements for aeronautical radio communications.
- Why it matters: Reliable aeronautical communications are essential for aviation safety, operational coordination, and effective communication during routine operations and emergencies.

Amateur Radio Licence

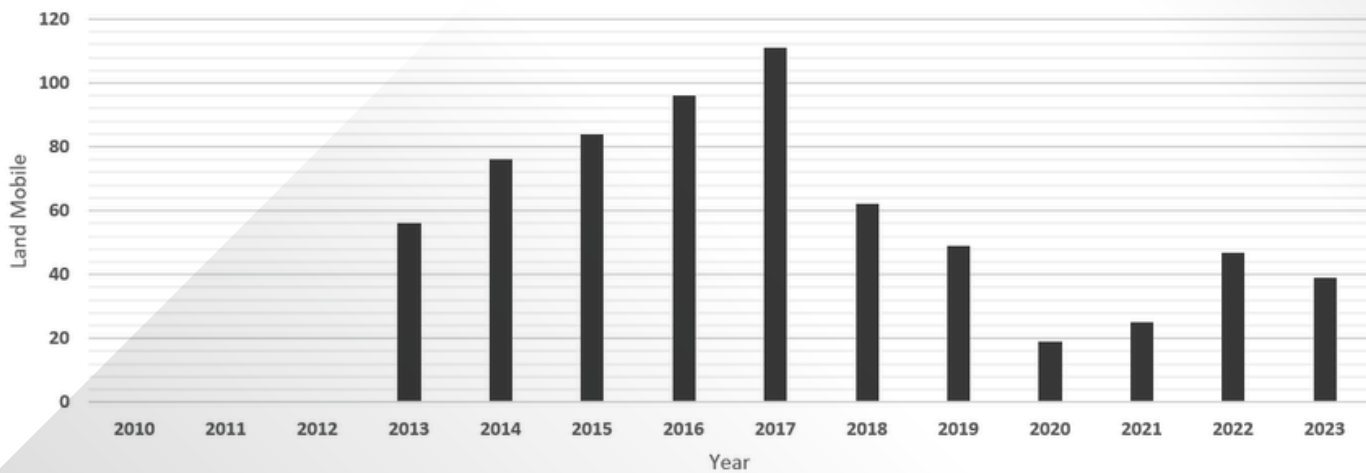
Amateur radio enables individuals to develop radio communication skills, connect with other operators, and support communications during emergencies and community response situations. The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji issues Amateur Radio Licences to authorise individuals to operate amateur radio equipment in accordance with the applicable licence conditions and technical requirements, including the use of assigned call signs.



- What it means: This shows the number of Amateur Radio Licences issued to individuals authorised to operate amateur radio equipment in Fiji.
- Why it matters: Amateur radio supports skills development, responsible spectrum use, and can provide valuable communication support during emergencies and disaster situations.

Land Mobile Licence

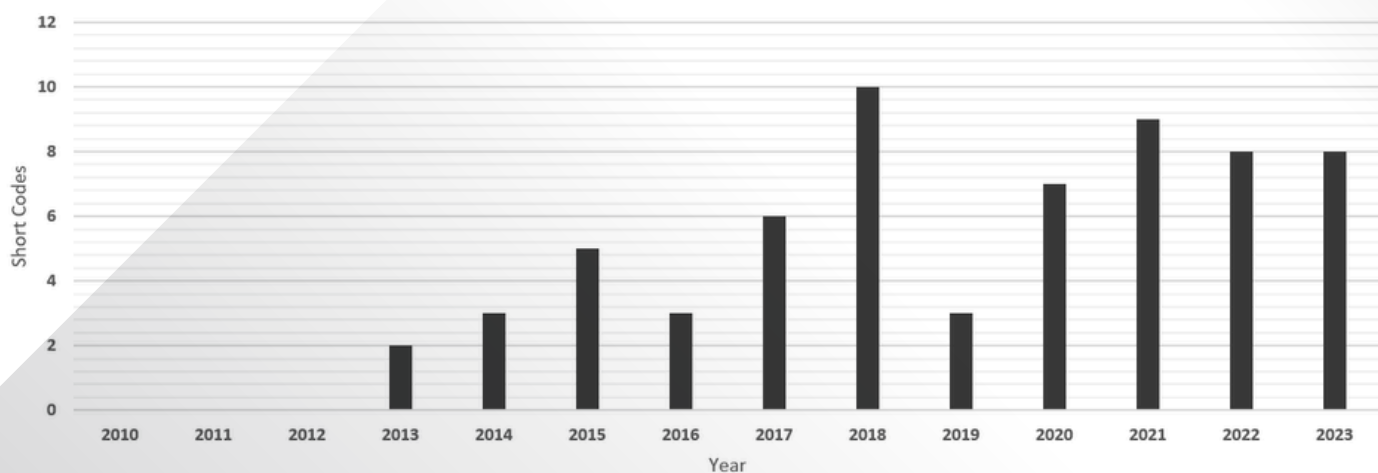
A Land Mobile Licence is issued by the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji to authorise the use of land mobile radio communication systems by organisations and businesses in Fiji. These licences support reliable two-way radio communications for operational coordination, field activities, and emergency response across a range of sectors.



- What it means: This shows the number of Land Mobile Licences issued for the use of land mobile radio communications in Fiji.
- Why it matters: Land mobile radio services support operational efficiency, authorised spectrum use, and reliable communication for organisations working in the field or in emergency situations.

Short Codes

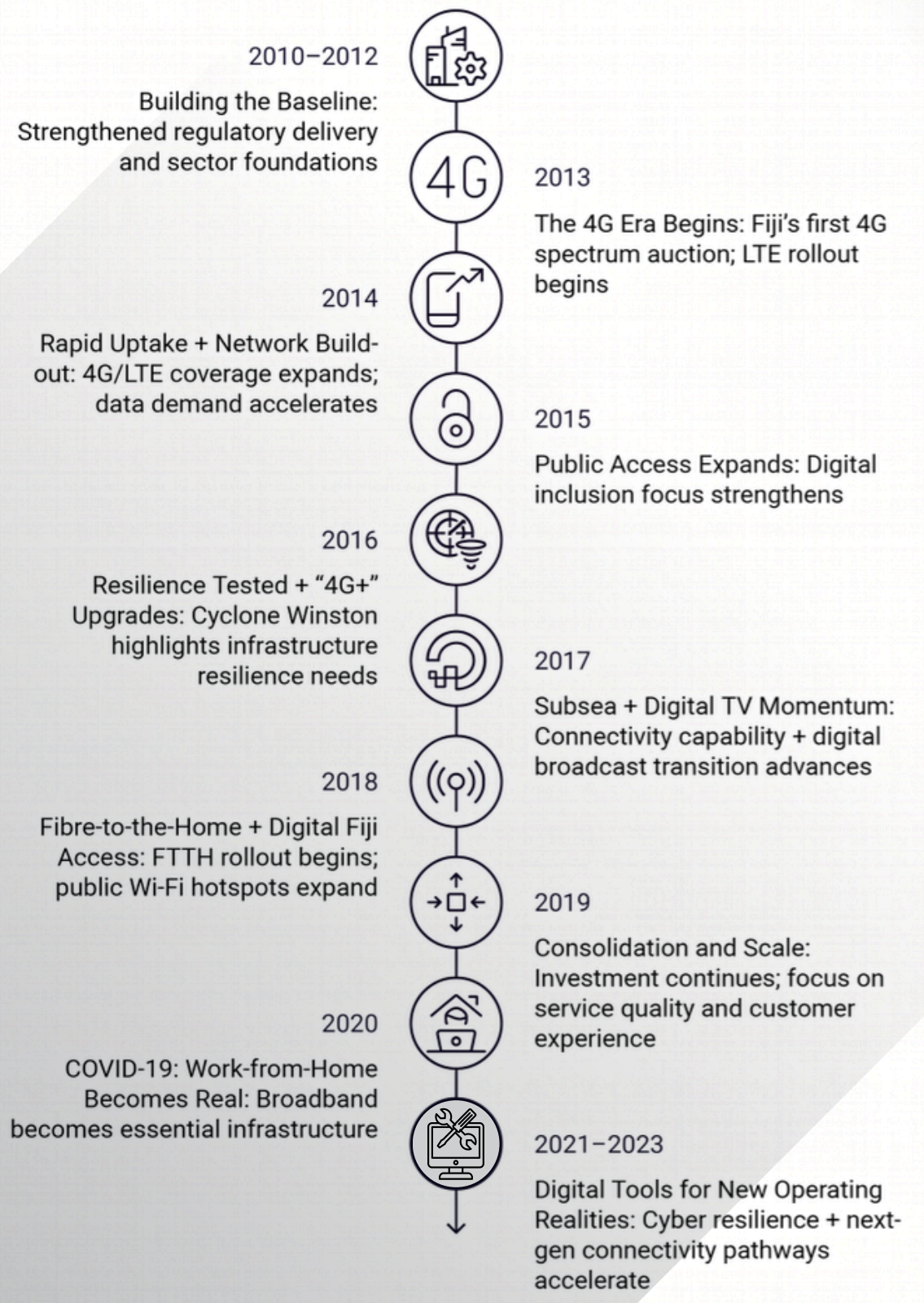
Short codes are special, shortened phone numbers, usually three to five digits, that organisations use to provide simple mobile-based services to the public. These services may include public information alerts, customer feedback and complaints channels, donation drives, voting campaigns, promotions, and other forms of public interaction. The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji issues short codes to ensure these numbers are assigned and used appropriately, and that they do not mislead or confuse consumers.



- What it means: This shows the number of short codes assigned for use by organisations to deliver mobile-based public services and engagements.
- Why it matters: Short codes provide a simple and accessible way for the public to connect with services, receive information, and participate in campaigns or feedback processes.

Activities (2010-2023)

This decade captures the main sector milestones that shaped Fiji's shift from "basic connectivity" to a broadband-enabled digital economy and the key regulatory work that TAF delivered alongside that change.



Impact of Cyclone

Between 2010 and 2023, Fiji experienced multiple severe tropical cyclones (TC), including TC Evan (2012), TC Winston (2016), TC Gita (2018), TC Harold (2020), TC Yasa (2020), and TC Mal (2023), which placed repeated pressure on national telecommunications networks. Across these events, the communications infrastructure was affected by tower and equipment damage, service outages, and delays in restoration, particularly in rural and maritime areas.

A major vulnerability during cyclone events is the sector's heavy reliance on the availability of grid electricity supply. Damage to power infrastructure can disrupt telecommunications services directly, while prolonged outages place additional strain on backup systems such as generators and batteries. This not only affects service continuity, but can also slow restoration efforts, especially in remote or hard-to-access locations.

Official post-disaster assessments following major cyclones also recorded substantial recovery and resilience needs for the communications sector. Following TC Evan, telecommunications damage was estimated at approximately F\$1.14 million. Following TC Winston, the communications sector's total recovery, reconstruction, and resilience needs were estimated at approximately F\$48.8 million, reflecting the scale of restoration required and the importance of strengthening network resilience.

From a regulatory perspective, TAF supports sector preparedness and recovery through licensing and compliance oversight and through the management of critical state assets such as spectrum and numbering resources, which are essential for emergency communications and service coordination during and after disasters.

Effect of COVID-19

Within the 2010–2023 review period, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 had a significant impact on Fiji's telecommunications sector. Lockdowns, movement restrictions, and the shift to remote work and online learning increased reliance on connectivity as essential infrastructure. Government work-from-home arrangements and the growing use of digital platforms further reinforced demand for reliable broadband and mobile data services.

Sector challenges

- **Increased Demand and Changing Usage Patterns** - The pandemic drove sharp growth in data usage and changed where and how networks were being used, placing additional pressure on capacity and service performance.
- **Maintaining Service Continuity** - Operators had to keep networks running, support customers, and manage restoration activities while operating under movement restrictions and workplace disruptions.
- **Affordability Pressures** - Many households and businesses faced financial strain during the pandemic, highlighting the importance of practical measures to help people remain connected.

Industry continuity measures

Telecommunications operators introduced customer support measures during the pandemic to help maintain access to essential communications services. These included additional data allowances, broadband support measures, and other relief initiatives aimed at assisting households, businesses, and remote users during the period of disruption.

TAF's regulatory response

TAF continued to carry out core regulatory functions to support service continuity and public protection during the pandemic, including:

- **Regulatory Continuity** - Ongoing licensing, compliance oversight, dispute support, and coordination on sector obligations under the Act.
- **Emergency Communications Readiness** - Oversight of national emergency numbers and emergency communications services, including dedicated COVID-19 helpline numbers within the national emergency numbering framework.
- **Facilitating Essential Equipment Movement** - Continued processing of import permits and related approvals to support the availability of ICT and network equipment needed for continuity and expansion.

Long-term implications

COVID-19 accelerated the need for digital service delivery and reinforced the importance of resilient, high-capacity communications networks. It also strengthened the case for continued investment in broadband access, service reliability, and regulatory readiness. The experience of the pandemic highlighted that connectivity is now essential to public service delivery, business continuity, education, and social resilience. It also reinforced an important lesson for the sector: telecommunications regulation, consumer protection, and network resilience must continue to evolve alongside changing technology and national needs.

ITU Ranking

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) publishes global benchmarking tools that track ICT development across countries. One of the best-known tools is the ICT Development Index (IDI), a composite index designed to compare progress in ICT access, use and related enabling conditions across economies.

Fiji's performance in the ITU IDI (Original IDI – published up to 2017) **Original IDI (0–10 scale):**

Year	IDI result for Fiji
2010	Rank 93 – IDI 3.08 (ITU)
2011	Rank 88 – IDI 3.50 (ITU)
2017	Rank 107 (out of 176 economies) – IDI 4.49

This trajectory reflects steady improvement in Fiji's overall ICT development over the decade, alongside expanding broadband access and increasing mobile-broadband uptake.

Explanation: The apparent drop in Fiji's ranking from 88th in 2011 to 107th in 2017 does not reflect a deterioration in performance. Rather, it reflects the significant increase in the total number of countries included in the ITU's assessment over that period, making direct rank comparisons across years misleading.

Discontinuation of the original IDI (2018–2022)

After the 2017 edition, ITU discontinued the IDI in 2018 due to data availability/quality issues and challenges in updating the methodology. As a result, there were no official annual IDI rankings published during 2018–2022 under the original series.

IDI returns with a new methodology (IDI 2023 – reference year 2021)

ITU resumed the IDI in 2023 after a six-year hiatus, using a new methodology focused on Universal and Meaningful Connectivity (UMC). The IDI 2023 is scored on a 0–100 scale, and the reference year is 2021.

Fiji (IDI 2023 results):

- IDI score: 73.2
- Universal connectivity pillar: 72.5
- Meaningful connectivity pillar: 73.9

Important note: Because the IDI 2023 methodology is different from the original IDI (2009–2017), the 2023 scores are not directly comparable to the 2010–2017 IDI values/ranks.

Source: <https://www.trade.gov/country-commercial-guides/fiji-information-and-communication-technology>

Mobile Towers in Fiji

Fiji has 993 mobile tower sites nationwide. The highest concentration is in the Central region (457), followed by the West (382), North (117), East (25), and South (12).

What services do they provide?

Mobile towers support essential communications services across Fiji, including voice, text, and mobile broadband connectivity. These sites enable the delivery of mobile network services such as 2G, 3G, and 4G/LTE, helping connect communities, businesses, and public services.

Who owns them?

Fiji's tower infrastructure includes both operator-owned sites and shared infrastructure arrangements. This helps improve network coverage, supports more efficient use of infrastructure, and can reduce duplication of tower deployment in some areas.

How resilient are they to cyclones?

Tower sites are built to different structural and engineering standards depending on their location, exposure, and operational requirements. In a cyclone-prone environment such as Fiji, resilience measures are important to help reduce service disruption and support faster restoration after severe weather events.

How are they powered?

Mobile towers are powered through a mix of grid electricity, generator backup, and solar systems, depending on site conditions and location. This is especially important in remote areas and during disasters, when commercial power outages can directly affect service availability and restoration efforts.

Audited Grants Received 2010-2023

Year	Audited grant received (FJD)
2010	\$468,861.00
2011	\$1,130,961.00
2012	\$639,115.00
2013	\$334,474.00
2014	\$469,651.00
2015	\$732,566.00
2016	\$131,519.00
2017	\$96,846.00
2018	\$448,284.00
2019	\$219,405.00
2020	\$541,607.00
2021	\$564,643.00
2022	\$513,982.00
2023	\$596,330.00

This table presents the audited grant funding received by TAF from 2010 to 2023 (FJD), based on the figures provided. Total audited grants over the period equalled \$6,888,244.00, averaging approximately \$492,017.43 per year. The highest grant recorded was in 2011 (\$1,130,961.00) and the lowest was in 2017 (\$96,846.00).

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08 October 2012

Mereseini R. Vuniwaqa
The Chairperson
Telecommunications Authority of Fiji
Gordon Street
SUVA

Dear Ms. Vuniwaqa

AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

The financial statements for Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the five months ended 31 December 2010 together with the audit report on them are enclosed.

Particulars of errors and omissions arising from the audit have been forwarded to the management of the Authority for their action.

Yours sincerely

Tevita Bolanavanua
AUDITOR GENERAL

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
AUTHORITY'S REPORT
FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

The Board Members presented their reports together with the financial statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the five months ended 31 December 2010.

Board Members

The Board Members in office at the date of this report were:

Ms. Mereseini R. Vuniwaqa
Ms. Elizabeth A Powell
Mr. Pita Wise

State of Affairs

In the opinion of the Board Members, the accompanying statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 December 2010 and the accompanying statement of receipts and payments, statement of changes in accumulated funds, statement of financial position and statement of cash flows give a true and fair view of the results and cash flows for the Authority for the period then ended.

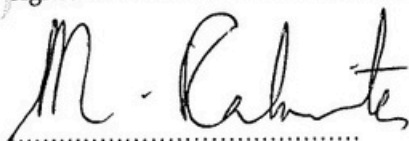
Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Operating Results

The net surplus of the Authority for the five months ended 31 December 2010 was \$190,857.

Signed in accordance with the resolution of the Board Members.



Chairperson



Board Secretary

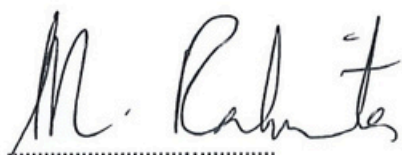
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT BY AUTHORITY MEMBERS
FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

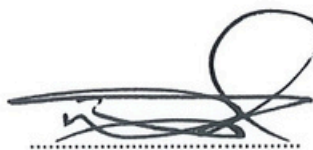
In accordance with a resolution of the members of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji we state that:

- (a) the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Payments is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the five months ended 31 December 2010;
- (b) the accompanying Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 December 2010;
- (c) the accompanying Statement of Cashflows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flow of the Authority for the five months ended 31 December 2010; and
- (d) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board Members.



Chairperson



Board Secretary

Dated at Suva this 28th

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Scope

I have audited the financial statements, which have been prepared under the cash basis of accounting, and notes thereon of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the five months ended 31 December 2010, as set out on pages 5 to 11. The financial statements consist of the Statement of Receipts and Payments, Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and the accompanying notes.

The Authority is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements.

My audit was conducted in accordance with the Fiji Standards on Auditing to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. My audit procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and evaluation of accounting policies. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with the accounting policies in Note 2, and the relevant regulations, so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the financial position of the Authority for the five months ended 31 December 2010.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies stated in Note 2 and statutory provisions, the financial position of the Authority as at 31 December 2010 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended.

I have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of my knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of my audit.

Tevita Bolanavanua
AUDITOR GENERAL

Suva, Fiji
08 October 2012



TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

	Notes	5 Months (31 Dec 2010) \$
Receipts		
Government Grant		468,861
Miscellaneous	3	956
Total Receipts		<u>469,817</u>
Payments		
Administration Expenses	4	25,507
Operating Expenses	5	129,029
Capital Expense	6	96,007
Value Added Tax		28,417
Total Payments		<u>278,960</u>
Net Surplus		<u>190,857</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of receipts and payments.

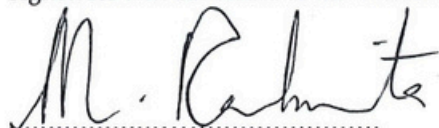
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS
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	5 Months 31-Dec-10 \$
Balance at the beginning of the year	-
Net Surplus for the period	190,857
Balance as at the end of the period	<u>190,857</u>
Total accumulated funds and reserves	<u><u>190,857</u></u>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

	Notes	5 Months 31-Dec-10 \$
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	2	190,857
Total Current Assets		<u>190,857</u>
Net Assets		<u>190,857</u>
Total Accumulated Funds and Reserves		<u>190,857</u>

Signed for and on behalf of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji.



Chairperson



Board Secretary

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of financial position.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

	Notes	5 Months 31-Dec-10 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts from government and customers		469,817
Payments to suppliers and employees		(278,960)
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	7 a	<u>190,857</u>
Net decrease in Cash		190,857
Cash at the beginning of the year		-
Cash Balance at the end of the period	7 b	<u>190,857</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of cash flow.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Authority are stated to assist in a general understanding of these accounts. The Authority, except where otherwise indicated has consistently applied these policies.

All figures are reported in Fijian currency and are rounded off to the nearest dollar.

a) Basis of accounting

The cash basis of accounting is adopted for all transactions.

b) Income tax and Value Added Tax (VAT)

The Authority is not subject to Income Tax. However, it is subject to VAT under the second schedule of the VAT Decree 1991.

c) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grant from the Department of Communications.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank.

e) Comparative figures

Comparative figures have not been included as the Authority commenced operation in August 2010. Figures for current financial are stated for five months ended 31 December 2010.

2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the cashflow statement is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	5 Months 31 Dec 2010 \$
Cash at bank	190,857
	<u>190,857</u>

3 MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Refund Advance	589
Opening of TAF Account	250
Refund Fuel	70
Refund Water Bill FWRM	47
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>956</u>

4 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE

Bank Charges	73
Board Expense	29
Salaries, Wages and Related Payments	25,405
	<u>25,507</u>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
 NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

	5 Months 31 Dec 2010 \$
5 OPERATING EXPENSE	
Advance	250
Advertising	5,174
Cleaning	244
Electricity	4,477
Fuel & Oil	150
ITU Membership fees	33,337
Miscellaneous	1,003
Mobile usage	1,114
Motor Vehicle Expense	325
Office Expense	100
Printing & Stationery	635
Rent	24,100
Telephone	1,210
Travel (Local & Overseas)	55,590
Internet	1,320
	<u>129,029</u>
6 CAPITAL EXPENSE	
Installation of PABX Server Equipment	28,695
Network and server Installation	8,742
Purchase of Motor Vehicle	58,570
	<u>96,007</u>
7 NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	
a Reconciliation of operating profit to cash provided by operating activities:	
Net Surplus	190,857
b Reconciliation of cash	
For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:	
Cash at bank	190,857
8 CAPITAL COMMITMENT	
The Authority is not aware of any capital commitment as at 31 December 2010.	

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

9 RELATED PARTIES

- (i) The names of Board Members during the financial period are as follows:

Ms. Mereseini R Vuniwaqa
Ms. Elizabeth A Powell
Mr. Pita Wise

- (ii) Amounts due to and receivable from related parties

Appropriate disclosure of these amounts are contained in the respective notes to the Financial Statements. All transactions with related parties are made on normal commercial terms and conditions.

10 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

Statutory organisation that provides rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

11 SEGMENT INFORMATION

Geographical segment:

The Authority operates in Fiji only.

12 AGENCY TRANSACTION ADMINISTERED FOR THE FIJI GOVERNMENT

Under the Telecommunication Promulgation 1 of 2008 the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund.

Below are the revenue collected and deposited directly into Government's Consolidated Fund for 2010:

	5 Months 31-Dec-10
Revenue	\$
Radio License Fees	2,633,225
Import Permit Fees	9,099
Radio Telephone License Fees	1,524
Other Revenue	2,948
Total	<u>2,646,796</u>

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Yours sincerely

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AUTHORITY'S REPORT
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Board Members

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State of Affairs

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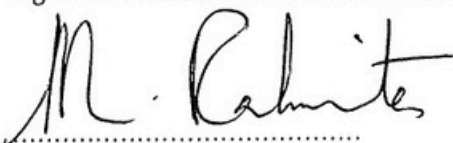
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Operating Results

The net surplus of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2011 was \$212,135.

Signed in accordance with the resolution of the Board Members.



Chairperson



Board Secretary

Dated at Suva this 28th day of SEPTEMBER 2012

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT BY AUTHORITY MEMBERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

In accordance with a resolution of the Board Members of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji we state that:

- (a) the accompanying Income Statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2011;
- (b) the accompanying Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 December 2011;
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- (d) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies stated in Note 2 and statutory provisions, the financial position of the Authority as at 31 December 2011 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended.

I have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of my knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of my audit.

Tevita Bolanavanua

Tevita Bolanavanua
AUDITOR GENERAL

Suva, Fiji
08 October 2012



TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Notes	2011 31 December \$	5 Months 31-Dec-10 \$
Receipts			
Government Grant		1,130,961	468,861
Miscellaneous	3	38,525	956
Total Receipts		<u>1,169,487</u>	<u>469,817</u>
Payments			
Administration Expenses	4	343,231	25,507
Operating Expenses	5	353,752	129,029
Capital Expense	6	157,763	96,007
Value Added Tax		102,605	28,417
Total Payments		<u>957,352</u>	<u>278,960</u>
Net Surplus		<u>212,135</u>	<u>190,857</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of income statement.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	2011 31 December \$	5 Months 31-Dec-10 \$
Balance at the beginning of the year	190,857	-
Net Surplus for the period	212,135	190,857
Balance as at the end of the period	<u>402,992</u>	<u>190,857</u>
Total accumulated funds and reserves	<u><u>402,992</u></u>	<u><u>190,857</u></u>

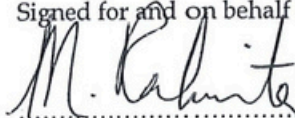
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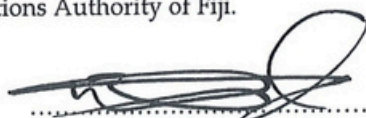
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Notes	2011 31 December \$	5 Months 31-Dec-10 \$
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	2	402,992	190,857
Total Current Assets		<u>402,992</u>	<u>190,857</u>
Net Assets		<u>402,992</u>	<u>190,857</u>
Total Accumulated Funds		<u>402,992</u>	<u>190,857</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of financial position.

Signed for and on behalf of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji.


Chairperson


Board Secretary

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Notes	2011 31 December \$	5 Months 31-Dec-10
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from government and customers		1,169,486	469,817
Payments to suppliers and employees		(957,351)	(278,960)
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	7a	<u>212,135</u>	<u>190,857</u>
Net decrease in Cash		212,135	190,857
Cash at the beginning of the year		190,857	-
Cash Balance at the end of the period	7b	<u><u>402,992</u></u>	<u><u>190,857</u></u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of cash flow.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Authority are stated to assist in a general understanding of these accounts. The Authority, except where otherwise indicated has consistently applied these policies.

All figures are reported in Fijian currency and are rounded off to the nearest dollar.

a) Basis of accounting

The cash basis of accounting is adopted for all transactions.

b) Income tax and Value Added Tax (VAT)

The Authority is not subject to Income Tax. However, it is subject to VAT under the second schedule of the VAT Decree 1991.

c) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grant from the Department of Communications.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank.

e) Comparative figures

Where necessary, amounts relating to prior years have been reclassified to conform with the presentation in the current year. The comparative figures are stated for five months ended 31 December 2010 whereas the figures for current financial are stated for the financial year ended 31 December 2011.

2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the cashflow statement is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	2011 31 December \$	5 Months 31 Dec 2010 \$
Cash at bank	402,992	190,857
	<u>402,992</u>	<u>190,857</u>

3 MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

CFA Revenue	32,629	-
Opening TAF Account	-	250
Other Income	150	-
Refund Fuel	-	70
Refund Advance	5,746	589
Refund Water Bill FWRM	-	47
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>38,525</u>	<u>956</u>

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	2011 31 December \$	5 Months 31 Dec 2010 \$
4 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE		
Bank Charges	230	73
Board Expense	-	29
Salaries, Wages and Related Payments	343,001	25,405
	<u>343,231</u>	<u>25,507</u>
5 OPERATING EXPENSE		
Advance	10,339	250
Advertising	18,381	5,174
Cleaning	6,919	244
CFA Revenue	31,833	-
Computer Expense	7,032	-
Consultancy and Workshop	6,523	-
Deposits	3,042	-
Electricity	14,112	4,477
Fuel & Oil	4,494	150
Hospitality CEO	1,819	-
Internet	7,720	1,320
Membership Fees	7,493	33,337
Miscellaneous	7,230	1,003
Mobile Usage	10,053	1,114
Motor Vehicle Expense	6,875	325
Office Expense	1,773	100
Postage, Printing & Stationery	6,777	635
Public Relations	1,275	-
Rent	59,125	24,100
Relocation Cost	8,789	-
Repair & Maintenance - Office & Equipment	47,240	-
Security	3,204	-
Staff Medical	855	-
Technical Expense	1,091	-
Telephone	5,217	1,210
Travel (Local & Overseas)	74,541	55,590
	<u>353,752</u>	<u>129,029</u>
6 CAPITAL EXPENSE		
Installation of PABX	-	28,695
Network and Server Installation	-	8,742
Purchase of Motor Vehicle	66,832	58,570
Purchase of Accounting Software	13,920	-
Plant & Equipment	68,417	-
Furniture & Fittings	8,594	-
	<u>157,763</u>	<u>96,007</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7 NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

- a) Reconciliation of operating profit to cash provided by operating activities:

	2011 31 December \$	5 Months 31 Dec 2010 \$
Net Surplus	212,135	190,857
Reconciliation of cash		

- b) For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash at bank. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

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8 CAPITAL COMMITMENT

The Authority is not aware of any capital commitment as at 31 December 2011 (31 December 2010: Nil).

9 RELATED PARTIES

- (i) The names of Board Members during the financial period are as follows:

Ms. Mereseini R Vuniwaqa
Ms. Elizabeth A Powell
Mr. Pita Wise

- (ii) Amounts due to and receivable from related parties

Appropriate disclosure of these amounts are contained in the respective notes to the Financial Statements. All transactions with related parties are made on normal commercial terms and conditions.

10 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

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11 SEGMENT INFORMATION

Geographical segment:

The Authority operates in Fiji only.

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12 AGENCY TRANSACTION ADMINISTERED FOR THE FIJI GOVERNMENT

Under the Telecommunication Promulgation 1 of 2008 the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund.

Below are the revenue collected and deposited directly into Government's Consolidated Fund for 2011:

<u>Revenue Type</u>	2011 31 December \$	5 Months 31-Dec-10 \$
Import Permit Fees	30,240	9,099
Radio Telephone License Fees	-	1,524
Radio License Fees	357,182	2,633,225
Radio License & Inspection	40,026	-
Telecom Annual License fees	5,642,000	-
Broadcast Fees	43,090	-
Overseas Inspection Fees	9,890	-
Other Revenue	11,810	2,948
Total	<u>6,134,238</u>	<u>2,646,796</u>

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4 July 2013

The Acting Chairperson of the Board
Telecommunications Authority of Fiji
P O Box 13413
SUVA

Dear Sir

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

Audited financial statements for the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the period ended 31 December 2012 together with my audit report on them are enclosed.

Particulars of the errors and omissions arising from the audit have been forwarded to the management of the Authority for their actions.

Yours sincerely

Tevita Bolanavanua
AUDITOR GENERAL

Encl.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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AUTHORITY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

The Board Members presented their reports together with the financial statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the year ended 31 December 2012.

Board Members

The Board Members in office at the date of this report were:

Ms. Merescini R Vuniwaqa

Ms. Elizabeth A Powell

Mr. Pita Wise

State of Affairs

In the opinion of the Board Members, the accompanying statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 December 2012 and the accompanying statement of receipts and payments and statement of accumulated funds give a true and fair view of the results for the Authority for the period then ended.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Operating Results

The net deficit of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2012 was \$177,058.

Signed in accordance with the resolution of the Board Members.



Acting Chairperson



Board Secretary

Dated at Suva this

2nd

day of

JULY

2013.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

**STATEMENT BY AUTHORITY MEMBERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

In accordance with a resolution of the Members of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji, we state that:

- (a) the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Payments is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2012;
- (b) the accompanying Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 December 2012; and
- (c) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board Members.



Acting Chairperson



Board Secretary

Dated at Suva this 2nd day of JULY 2013.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Scope

I have audited the financial statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the year ended 31 December 2012, as set out on pages 6 to 12. The financial statements comprise of the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Accumulated Fund, Statement of Receipts and Payments, and the accompanying notes.

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and the information contained therein.

My audit was conducted in accordance with the Fiji Standards on Auditing to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. My audit procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are fairly stated and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the financial performance of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2012.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and statutory provisions, the financial performance of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2012 and the results of its operation for the year then ended.

Tevita Bolanavanua
AUDITOR GENERAL



4 July 2013
Suva, Fiji

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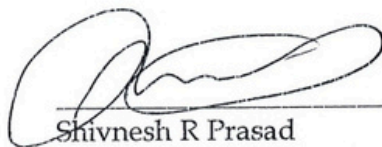
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		225,934	402,992
Total Assets		<u>225,934</u>	<u>402,992</u>
Accumulated Fund		<u>225,934</u>	<u>402,992</u>

(The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements)

Authority's Statement

In our opinion, the financial statements have been properly drawn up to give a true and fair view of the operation of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the year ended 31 December 2012 and its state of affairs for the year then ended.



Shivnesh R Prasad
Acting Chairperson



Tevita Navila
Board Secretary

Date: 02/07/13.

Date: 21/7/13

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Accumulated Fund			
Accumulated Surplus at the beginning of the year		402,992	190,857
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		<u>(177,058)</u>	<u>212,135</u>
Accumulated Fund at the End of the Year		<u>225,934</u>	<u>402,992</u>

(The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Receipts			
Government Grant		639,115	1,130,961
Miscellaneous	2	104,891	38,525
Total Receipts		<u>744,006</u>	<u>1,169,486</u>
Payments			
Administration Expenses	3	225,139	343,231
Operating Expenses	4	272,183	353,752
Capital Expense	5	345,806	157,763
Value Added Tax & Withholding Tax		77,936	102,605
Total Payments		<u>921,064</u>	<u>957,351</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year		<u>(177,058)</u>	<u>212,135</u>

(The Statement of Receipts and Payments are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Authority are stated to assist in a general understanding of these accounts. The Authority, except where otherwise indicated has consistently applied these policies.

All figures are reported in Fijian currency and are rounded off to the nearest dollar.

a) Basis of Accounting

The cash basis of accounting is adopted for all transactions.

b) Income Tax and Value Added Tax (VAT)

The Authority is not subject to Income Tax. However, it is subject to VAT under the second schedule of the VAT Decree 1991.

c) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grant from the Department of Communications.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank.

e) Comparative figures

Where necessary, amounts relating to prior years have been reclassified to conform to the presentation in the current year. The comparative figures are stated for financial year ended 31 December 2011 where as the figures for the current financial are stated for the financial year ended 31 December 2012.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

Note 2	Miscellaneous Receipts	2012 \$	2011 \$
	CFA Revenue	2,562	32,629
	Refund Vodafone bill	4,225	-
	Refund of airfare	6,421	-
	Deposit for work permit fees	667	-
	VAT Refund	48,666	-
	Refund for Spectrum collaboration	1,924	-
	Cheques cancelled	38,016	-
	Other Income	-	150
	Refund Immigration Bond	2,410	-
	Refund Advance	-	5,746
		<u>104,891</u>	<u>38,525</u>
Note 3	Administration Expense		
	Bank Charges	568	230
	Salaries, Wages and Related Payments	217,609	343,001
	Insurance	3,080	-
	Audit fees	3,882	-
		<u>225,139</u>	<u>343,231</u>
Note 4	Operating Expense		
	Advance	5,856	10,339
	Advertising	8,251	18,381
	Cleaning	6,815	6,919
	CFA Revenue	3,223	31,833
	Computer Expense	1,247	7,032
	Consultancy & Workshop	84,915	6,523
	Deposits	1,686	3,042
	Electricity	14,988	14,112
	Fuel & Oil	4,406	4,494
	Hospitality CEO	-	1,819
	Internet	9,437	7,720
	Membership fees	881	7,493
	Miscellaneous	2,157	7,230
	Mobile usage	11,777	10,053

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

Note 4	Operating Expense (continued)	2012 \$	2011 \$
	Motor Vehicle Expense	7,068	6,875
	Office Expense	943	1,773
	Postage, Printing & Stationery	4,214	6,777
	Public Relations	-	1,275
	Rent	59,328	59,125
	Relocation Cost	7,549	8,789
	Repair & Maintenance - Office & Equipment	152	47,240
	Security	1,670	3,204
	Staff Medical	-	855
	Technical Expense	4,057	1,091
	Water	1,273	-
	Telephone	4,574	5,217
	Travel (Local & Overseas)	24,332	74,541
	Work permit fees	1,334	-
		<u>272,183</u>	<u>353,752</u>

Note 5	Capital Expense		
	Purchase of Motor Vehicle	-	66,832
	Purchase of Accounting Software	-	13,920
	Plant & Equipment	145,681	68,417
	Furniture & Fittings	470	8,594
	IT Upgrade	199,655	-
		<u>345,806</u>	<u>157,763</u>

Note 6 Capital Commitment

The Authority is not aware of any capital commitment as at 31 December 2012 (31 December 2011: Nil).

Note 7 Related Parties

(a) The names of Board Members during the financial period are as follows:

- (i) Ms. Mereseini. R. Vuniwaqa
- (ii) Ms. Elizabeth. A. Powell
- (iii) Mr. Pita Wise

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

Note 7 Related Parties (continued)

(b) Amounts due to and receivable from related parties.

Appropriate disclosures of these amounts are contained in the respective notes to the Financial Statements. All transactions with related parties are made on normal commercial terms and conditions.

Note 8 Principal Activity

Statutory organization that provides rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Note 9 Segment Information

(a) Geographical Segment:

The Authority operates in Fiji only.

Note 10 Agency Transaction Administered for the Fiji Government

Under the Telecommunication Promulgation 1 of 2008 the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund. Below are the revenue collected directly into Government's Consolidated Fund.

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Import Permit Fees	50,554	30,240
Radio Telephone License Fees	-	-
Radio License Fees	-	357,182
Radio License & Inspection	63,173	40,026
Telecom Annual License Fees	3,327,552	5,642,000
Broadcast Fees	11,500	43,090
Overseas Inspection Fees	3,076	9,890
Other Revenue	9,106	11,810
Total	3,464,961	6,134,238

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19 June 2014

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Dear Sir

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

Audited financial statements for the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the period ended 31 December 2013 together with my audit report on them are enclosed.

Particulars of the errors and omissions arising from the audit have been forwarded to the management of the Authority for their actions.

Yours sincerely

Tevita Bolanavanua
AUDITOR GENERAL

Encl.

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Board Members

Mr. Pita Wise

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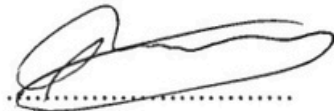
STATEMENT BY AUTHORITY MEMBERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

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- (b) the accompanying Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 December 2013; and
- (c) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Dated at Suva this 17 day of JUNE 2014.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board Members.



Acting Chairperson



Board Secretary



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("Authority"), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2013, Statement of Receipts and Payments, Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information as set out on pages 7 to 14.

Director's and Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The directors and management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium sized Entities and the requirements of the Telecommunication Promulgation 2008. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, I was not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

The financial statements of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2013 was not presented and prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium Entities ("IFRS for SMEs") as required for its general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, I am unable to determine the impact on the financial statements, if any, of adjustment which may be necessary if the financial statements were prepared in accordance with IFRS for SMEs.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the basis for disclaimer of opinion paragraph, I am unable to and do not express an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities the financial position of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji as at 31 December 2013 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.



Tevita Bolanavanua
AUDITOR GENERAL

19 June 2014
Suva, Fiji



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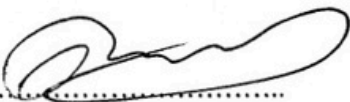
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		141,990	225,934
Total Assets		<u>141,990</u>	<u>225,934</u>
Accumulated Fund		<u>141,990</u>	<u>225,934</u>

(The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements)

Authority's Statement

In our opinion, the financial statements have been properly drawn up to give a true and fair view of the operation of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the year ended 31 December 2013 and its state of affairs for the year then ended.


.....
Acting Chairperson

Date:


.....
Board Secretary

Date:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Accumulated Fund			
Accumulated Surplus at the beginning of the year		225,934	402,992
Less: Deficit for the year		(83,944)	(177,058)
Accumulated Fund at the End of the Year		<u>141,990</u>	<u>225,934</u>

(The Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Receipts			
Government Grant		384,646	639,115
Miscellaneous	2	52,081	104,891
Total Receipts		<u>436,727</u>	<u>744,006</u>
Payments			
Administration Expenses	3	237,443	225,139
Operating Expenses	4	197,578	272,183
Capital Expense	5	19,290	345,806
Value Added Tax & Withholding Tax		66,360	77,936
Total Payments		<u>520,671</u>	<u>921,064</u>
Deficit for the Year		<u>(83,944)</u>	<u>(177,058)</u>

(The Statement of Receipts and Payments are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Authority are stated to assist in a general understanding of these accounts. The Authority, except where otherwise indicated has consistently applied these policies.

All figures are reported in Fijian currency and are rounded off to the nearest dollar.

a) Basis of Accounting

The cash basis of accounting is adopted for all transactions.

b) Income Tax and Value Added Tax (VAT)

The Authority is not subject to Income Tax. However, it is subject to VAT under the second schedule of the VAT Decree 1991.

c) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grant from the Department of Communications.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank.

e) Comparative figures

Where necessary, amounts relating to prior years have been reclassified to conform to the presentation in the current year. The comparative figures are stated for financial year ended 31 December 2012 where as the figures for the current financial are stated for the financial year ended 31 December 2013.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

Note 2	Miscellaneous Receipts	2013 \$	2012 \$
	CFA Revenue	11,450	2,562
	Refund Vodafone bill	615	4,225
	Refund airfare	-	6,421
	Deposit Ana's work permit fees	-	667
	VAT Refund	25,966	48,666
	Refund for Spectrum collaboration	-	1,924
	Cheques cancelled	-	38,016
	Other Income	-	2,410
	Refund Others	14,050	-
		<u>52,081</u>	<u>104,891</u>
Note 3	Administration Expense		
	Bank Charges	314	568
	Salaries, Wages and Related Payments	224,694	217,609
	Insurance	9,435	3,080
	Audit fees	3,000	3,882
		<u>237,443</u>	<u>225,139</u>
Note 4	Operating Expense		
	Advance	3,952	5,856
	Advertising	7,509	8,251
	Advisory Committee	276	-
	Annual fees	900	-
	Cleaning	6,318	6,815
	CFA Revenue	11,585	3,223
	Computer Expense	2,496	1,247
	Consultancy & Workshop	-	84,915
	Deposits	-	1,686
	Electricity	19,265	14,988
	Equipment & Tool	41	-
	Fuel & Oil	6,285	4,406
	Hospitality CEO	-	-
	Internet	9,859	9,437
	Membership fees	7,698	881
	Miscellaneous	1,769	2,157
	Mobile Usage	3,599	11,777

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

Note 4	Operating Expense (continued)	2013 \$	2012 \$
	Motor Vehicle Expense	4,169	7,068
	Meal Allowance	1,233	-
	Office Expense	75	943
	Postage, Printing & Stationery	3,095	4,214
	Rent	76,851	59,328
	Relocation Cost	-	7,549
	Repair & Maintenance - Office & Equipment	-	152
	Security	-	1,670
	Staff Medical	8,161	-
	Technical Expense	-	4,057
	Water	2,076	1,273
	Telephone	4,594	4,574
	Travel (Local & Overseas)	11,772	24,382
	Website Hosting	4,000	-
	Work permit fees	-	1,334
		<u>197,578</u>	<u>272,183</u>
Note 5	Capital Expense		
	Plant & Equipment	-	145,681
	Furniture & Fittings	-	470
	IT Upgrade	19,290	199,655
		<u>19,290</u>	<u>345,806</u>
Note 6	Capital Commitment		
	The Authority is not aware of any capital commitment as at 31 December 2013. (31 December 2012: Nil)		

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

Note 7 Related Parties

(a) The names of Board Members during the financial period are as follows:

- (i) Ms. Mereseini R. Vuniwaqa
- (ii) Ms. Elizabeth A. Powell
- (iii) Mr. Pita Wise
- (iv) Mr. Shivnesh R. Prasad

(b) Amounts due to and receivable from related parties:

Appropriate disclosures of these amounts are contained in the respective notes to the Financial Statements. All transactions with related parties are made on normal commercial terms and conditions.

Note 8 Principal Activity

A Statutory organization that provides rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Note 9 Segment Information

Geographical Segment:

The Authority operates in Fiji only.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

Note 10 Agency Transaction Administered for the Fiji Government

- (a) Under the Telecommunication Promulgation 1 of 2008 the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund.

Below are the revenue collected directly into Government's Consolidated Fund.

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Amateur License Fees	1,108	-
Base Station Fees	6,411	-
Broadcast Fees	-	11,500
Import Permit Fees	49,728	50,554
Radio License & Inspection	49,818	63,173
Spectrum Fees	1,929,866	-
Telecom Annual License Fees	6,218,528	3,327,552
Type Approval Fees	4,778	-
Overseas Inspection Fees	1,984	3,076
Other Revenue	1,414	9,106
Total	8,263,635	3,464,961

- (b) The Universal Service Fund Account, established under Section 53 of the Telecommunications Promulgation of 2008, comprised of levy charged for universal services to be used on the installation of networks, provision of services and operating costs in the eligible universal service area.

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Universal Service Levy - Bank Balance	478,431	-

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19 August 2015

The Acting Chairperson of the Board
Telecommunication Authority of Fiji
P O Box 13413
Suva

Dear Sir,

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY OF FIJI
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

Audited financial statements of Telecommunication Authority of Fiji for the period ended 31 December 2014 together with my audit report on them are enclosed.

Particulars of the errors and omissions arising from the audit have been forwarded to the Management of the Authority for its action.

Yours sincerely

Atunaisa Nakuitavuki
for AUDITOR-GENERAL

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
AUTHORITY'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

In accordance with a resolution of the Board Members, the members herewith submit the statement of financial position of the authority as at 31 December 2014, the related statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings and statement of cash flows for the period then ended on that date and report as follows:

Board Members

The names of members in office at the date of this report were:

Mr. Shivnesh R Prasad
Mr. Pita Wise

State of Affairs

In the opinion of the members, the accompanying statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 December 2014 and the accompanying statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings and statement of cash flow of the Authority for the period then ended.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Operating Results

The operating deficit for the year was \$37,005 (2013: deficit of \$165,466).

Non-current Assets

Prior to the completion of the financial statements of the authority, the members took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any non-current assets were unlikely to be realized in the ordinary course of business compared to their values as shown in the accounting records of the authority. Where necessary these assets have been written down or adequate provision has been made to bring the values of such assets to an amount that they might be expected to realized.

As at the date of this report, the members are not aware of any circumstances, which would render the values attributed to non-current assets in the authority's financial statements misleading.

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial period and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the members, to affect significantly the operations of the authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the authority in the subsequent financial year.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
AUTHORITY'S REPORT (continued)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

Unusual Transactions

In the opinion of the members, the results of the operations of the authority during the financial period were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature, nor has there arisen between the end of the financial period and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the members, to affect substantially the results of the operations of the authority in the current financial period, other than those reflected in the financial statements.

Other Circumstances

As at the date of this report:

- (a) no charge on the assets of the authority has been given since the end of the financial period to secure the liabilities of any other person;
- (b) no contingent liabilities have arisen since the end of the financial year for which the authority could become liable; and
- (c) no contingent liabilities or other liabilities of the authority have become or is likely to become enforceable within the period of twelve months after the end of the financial period which, in the opinion of the members, will or may substantially affect the ability of the authority to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

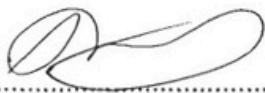
As at the date of this report, the members are not aware of any circumstances that have arisen, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the authority's financial statements, which would make adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the authority misleading or inappropriate.

Members' Benefits

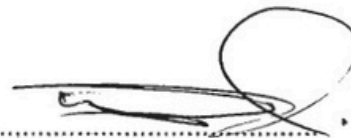
Since the end of the previous financial year, no member has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than those included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by members shown in the financial statements or received as the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the authority or of a related entity) by reason of a contract made by the authority or by a related entity with the member or with a firm of which he is a member, or with an entity in which he has a substantial financial interest.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board Members.

Dated at Suva this 14 day of August 2015



Acting Chairperson



Board Secretary

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT BY AUTHORITY MEMBERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

In accordance with a resolution of the Board Members of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji we state that in the opinion of the members:

- (a) the accompanying statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2014;
- (b) the accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 December 2014;
- (c) the accompanying statement of cash flows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Authority for the period ended 31 December 2014; and
- (d) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- (e) all related party transactions have been adequately recorded in the books of the Authority.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board Members.

Dated at Suva this 14 day of August 2015.



Acting Chairperson



Board Secretary

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY OF FIJI

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014, and the statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information set out as notes 1 to 21.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium Sized Entities and the requirement of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji Promulgation 2008. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on my judgments, including assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, I consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion:

- (a) proper books have been kept by the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji, so far as it appears from my examination of those books; and
- (b) the accompanying financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium Sized Entities:
 - (i) are in agreement with the books of account; and
 - (ii) to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me:
 - give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji as at 31 December 2014 and its financial performance, change in equity and its cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
 - give the information required by the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji Promulgation 2008.



Atunaisa Nadakuitavuki
for AUDITOR GENERAL



Suva, Fiji
19 August 2015

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014 (\$)	2013 Re-stated (\$)
Revenue	4	469,651	334,474
Administration expenses	5	(17,320)	(11,239)
Operating expenses	7	(288,110)	(261,541)
Personnel expenses	6	(201,226)	(227,160)
		(37,005)	(165,466)
Income tax expense	3 (a)	-	-
Deficit for the year		(37,005)	(165,466)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		(37,005)	(165,466)
Retained earnings at start of year		420,924	586,390
Retained earnings at end of year		383,919	420,924

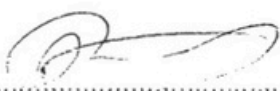
The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Comprehensive Income and Retained Earnings.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	44,299	142,488
Other assets	9	26,084	10,083
		<u>70,383</u>	<u>152,571</u>
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	10	146,189	230,093
Intangible Assets	11	187,511	57,834
		<u>333,700</u>	<u>287,927</u>
Total assets		<u>404,083</u>	<u>440,498</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	5,720	5,293
Employee entitlements	13	14,444	14,281
		<u>20,164</u>	<u>19,574</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings		383,919	420,924
		<u>383,919</u>	<u>420,924</u>
Total liabilities and equity		<u>404,083</u>	<u>440,498</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Position.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board Members.


.....
Acting Chairperson


.....
Board Secretary

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Note	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Government grant received	4	469,651	334,474
Payments to suppliers and employees		(413,261)	(407,077)
Receipts on behalf of Consolidated Fund Account	18	14,129	11,450
Reimbursements to Consolidated Fund Account	18	(14,129)	(11,583)
Net Cash used in Operating Activities		<u>56,390</u>	<u>(72,736)</u>
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Acquisition of plant and equipment		(4,745)	(3,826)
Acquisition of intangible asset		(149,834)	(7,383)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		<u>(154,579)</u>	<u>(11,209)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(98,189)	(83,945)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		142,488	226,433
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	8	<u><u>44,299</u></u>	<u><u>142,488</u></u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

1. General information

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("TAF") was established in 2008 under the ambit of the Telecommunications Promulgation of 2008. It was formed to provide for the regulatory aspect of reform aimed at strengthening the telecom sector, from a monopoly to an open environment. As a result of that Government intention, the Department of Communications - DOC was reformed accordingly whereby its regulatory component was shifted to TAF.

2. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by Telecommunications Authority of Fiji are stated to assist in the general understanding of these financial statements. These policies have been consistently applied except as otherwise indicated.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities ("IFRS for SMEs") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. This complete set of financial statements (for the year ended 31 December 2014) is the Authority's first financial statements that conform to IFRS for SMEs. In prior years, the financial statements were prepared on cash basis. The financial statements are presented in Fiji dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Change in accounting policy and disclosure

For all periods up to and including the year ended 31 December 2013, the Authority prepared its financial statements on cash basis. These financial statements, for the period ended 31 December 2014 are the first the Authority has prepared in accordance with IFRS for SMEs.

Accordingly, the Authority has prepared financial statements which comply with IFRS for SMEs applicable for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013 as described in the accounting policies. In preparing these financial statements, the Authority's opening statement of financial position was prepared as at 1 January 2013, the authority's date of transition to IFRS for SMEs. This note explains the principal adjustments made by the authority in restating its cash basis statement of financial position at 1 January 2013 and its previously published financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013.

Adoption of IFRS for SMEs did have certain effects on the performance and financial position of the Authority. It also gave rise to additional disclosures, including in some cases, revisions to accounting policies.

Changes to accounting policies as a result of the adoption of IFRS for SMEs were as follows:

Section 2 Concepts and Pervasive Principles - this section requires the Authority to prepare its financial statements, except for cash flow information, using the accrual basis of accounting. On the accrual basis, items are recognised as assets, liabilities, equity, income or expenses when they satisfy the definitions and recognition criteria for those items.

Section 11 Basic Financial Instruments - this section requires an amortised cost model for all basic financial instruments such as cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable.

Section 17 Property, Plant and Equipment - this section requires the Authority to measure all items of property, plant and equipment after initial recognition at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Section 18 Intangible Assets other than Goodwill - this section requires the Authority to measure intangible assets at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

2. Basis of preparation and accounting policies (continued)

Change in accounting policy and disclosure - (continued)

Section 28 *Employee Benefits* - when an employee has rendered service to the Authority during the reporting period, this section requires the Authority to measure short-term employee benefits eg. paid annual leave as a liability at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The impact of the change in accounting policy on previously reported results are reconciled to the comparatives presented in these Financial Statements in Note 21.

Judgments, estimates and assumptions

In the application of IFRS for SMEs, the Authority is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. Judgments made by the authority in the application of IFRS for SMEs that have significant effects on the financial statements and estimated with a significant risk of material adjustments in the next year are disclosed, where applicable, in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

a) Income tax

The Authority is exempt from income tax under Division 4 of the Telecommunications Promulgation 2008 and Section 17(4) of the Fiji Income Tax Act.

b) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grants from the Government.

A grant that does not impose specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are receivable.

A grant that imposes specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income only when the performance conditions are met.

Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank and on hand.

d) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are purchased computer software that is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. It is amortised over estimated life of two to five years using the straight-line method. If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

e) Plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The following annual rates are used for the depreciation of plant and equipment:

Furniture and fittings	10%
Motor vehicles	20%
Plant and equipment	10 - 25%

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the results for the period.

f) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, plant and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

g) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the Authority. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rights to assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Authority at the fair value of the leased property (or, if lower, the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are deducted in measuring profit or loss. Assets held under finance leases are included in property, plant and equipment, and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

h) Employee benefits

Employee entitlements relating to wages, salaries and annual leave represents the amount which the authority has a present obligation to pay resulting from the employees' services provided up to balance date.

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognized and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

i) Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Trade payables denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Fiji dollars using the exchange rate at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

j) Value Added Tax ("VAT")

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT, except where the amount of VAT incurred is not recoverable from the Fiji Revenue & Customs Authority ("FRCA"). In these circumstances, the VAT is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of VAT included.

The net amount of VAT recoverable from or payable to FRCA is included as other asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

k) Other assets

Other assets consist of refundable deposits, prepayments and other receivables. Other assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Other assets are initially recognised at original invoice amount (exclusive of VAT where applicable). Prepayments are amortised on a straight line basis over the expected period of benefit.

l) Comparative figures

Where necessary, amounts relating to prior years have been reclassified to conform with the presentation in the current year. Specific changes in comparatives arising due to the change in financial reporting framework is reconciled in Note 21.

	2014	2013
		Re-stated
	(\$)	(\$)
4. REVENUE		
Grant income	469,651	334,474
	<u>469,651</u>	<u>334,474</u>
There are no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government grants that have not been recognised in income.		
5. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Accounting fees	5,250	-
Audit fees	2,609	2,609
Bank charges	1,147	324
Insurance	8,314	8,306
	<u>17,320</u>	<u>11,239</u>
6. PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
Wages and salaries	163,711	191,613
FNPF contribution	14,387	16,532
FNU levy	1,799	2,089
Meal allowances	5,013	1,692
Other staff cost	16,316	15,234
	<u>201,226</u>	<u>227,160</u>

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	2014	2013
		Re-stated
7. OPERATING EXPENSES	(\$)	(\$)
Advertising	4,056	4,408
Advisory committee	-	240
Annual fees	800	783
Cleaning	6,319	5,513
Computer expense	3,560	8,397
Consultancy and workshop	2,278	3,526
Depreciation and amortisation expense	108,806	103,148
Electricity	15,143	16,825
Fuel and oil	10,824	5,465
Internet	8,635	8,510
Membership fees	3,849	3,849
Miscellaneous	-	39
Mobile usage	1,906	2,332
Motor vehicle expense	4,293	3,691
Office expense	1,237	225
Postage, printing and stationery	1,971	2,444
Rent	55,648	66,715
Repair and maintenance - office and equipment	391	80
Subscription and membership fees	272	253
Technical expense	2,345	-
Water	2,575	2,146
Telephone	3,534	3,858
Travel (local and overseas)	48,272	11,365
Training expenses	-	5,555
Website hosting	1,396	2,174
	<u>288,110</u>	<u>261,541</u>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2014	2013
	(\$)	(\$)
8. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	43,799	141,988
Cash on hand	500	500
	<u>44,299</u>	<u>142,488</u>
9. OTHER ASSETS		
Refundable deposits	1,515	2,317
Prepayments	3,071	6,630
VAT receivable	21,498	-
Other assets	-	1,136
	<u>26,084</u>	<u>10,083</u>
10. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
<u>Plant and equipment</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 January	301,752	297,926
Additions	4,745	3,826
At 30 June/31 December	<u>306,497</u>	<u>301,752</u>
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 January	128,004	64,429
Depreciation charge for the period/year	65,015	63,575
At 30 June/31 December	<u>193,019</u>	<u>128,004</u>
Net book value	<u>113,478</u>	<u>173,748</u>
<u>Motor vehicle</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 January	110,177	110,177
At 30 June/31 December	<u>110,177</u>	<u>110,177</u>
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 January	65,864	43,829
Depreciation charge for the period/year	22,035	22,035
At 30 June/31 December	<u>87,899</u>	<u>65,864</u>
Net book value	<u>22,278</u>	<u>44,313</u>
<u>Furniture and fittings</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 January	15,995	15,995
At 30 June/31 December	<u>15,995</u>	<u>15,995</u>
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 January	3,963	2,364
Depreciation charge for the period/year	1,599	1,599
At 30 June/31 December	<u>5,562</u>	<u>3,963</u>
Net book value	<u>10,433</u>	<u>12,032</u>
Net written down value	<u>146,189</u>	<u>230,093</u>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2014	2013
	(\$)	(\$)
11. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
Cost:		
At 1 January	85,706	78,323
Additions	149,834	7,383
At 30 June/31 December	235,540	85,706
Amortisation and impairment:		
At 1 January	27,872	11,933
Amortisation charge for the period/year	20,157	15,939
At 30 June/31 December	48,029	27,872
	187,511	57,834
12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Suspense	1,188	-
Other payables	4,532	2,093
VAT payable	-	3,200
	5,720	5,293
13. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS		
Annual leave	14,444	14,281
14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		

(a) Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at period end (2013: \$Nil).

(b) Operating lease commitments

The Authority has operating lease agreement for office space. The lease is for an average period of three years, with fixed rentals over the same period.

	\$	\$
Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense during the ear	55,500	66,715

At year end, the Authority has outstanding commitments under non-cancellable operating leases that fall due as follows:

Within one year	55,500	-
Later then one year but within five year	119,325	-
Later than five years	-	-
	174,825	-

(c) Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at period end (2013: \$Nil).

15. RELATED PARTIES

(a) The names of Board Members during the financial year are as follows:

Mr. Shivnesh R Prasad
Mr. Pita Wise

(b) Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

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16. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the members, to affect significantly the operations of the authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the authority in the subsequent financial year.

17. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

18. AGENCY TRANSACTION ADMINISTERED FOR THE FIJI GOVERNMENT

Under the 2008 Telecommunication Promulgation, the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund. From 2013, the Authority has started collecting Universal Service Levies which is deposited in Universal Service Fund Account.

Below are the revenue collected and deposited directly into Government's Consolidated Fund for the period/year:

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Amatuer license fees	621	1,108
Base station fees	144	6,411
Import permit fees	48,174	49,728
Other revenue	1,662	1,414
Overseas inspection fees	2,415	1,984
Radio license and inspection	50,083	49,818
Spectrum fees	1,759,478	1,929,866
Telecom annual license fees	3,758,758	6,218,528
Type approval fees	5,791	4,778
Total	5,627,126	8,263,635
Universal Service Levy	514,268	478,431

During the period, \$14,129 was deposited into the Authority's account on behalf of the Government and later transferred to the Consolidated Fund Account.

19. AUTHORITY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the Authority is:
76 Gordon Street
Suva
Fiji

The Authority is a statutory body established by the Telecommunications Promulgation 2008.

At balance date, the Authority had a total of 8 employees (2013: 9 employees).

20. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements were approved by the Board Members and authorised for issue on _____.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

21. RESTATEMENT OF SURPLUS OR DEFICIT FROM CASH BASIS ACCOUNTING TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTITIES ("IFRS FOR SMEs")

RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS OR DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Cash Accounting \$	Adjustments \$	IFRS for SMEs \$
Government grant	384,646	(50,172)	334,474
Miscellaneous	52,081	(52,081)	-
Administration expenses	(237,443)	(956)	(238,399)
Operating expenses	(197,578)	(63,963)	(261,541)
Capital expenses	(19,290)	19,290	-
Value Added Tax and withholding tax	(66,360)	66,360	-
Deficit for the year	(83,944)	(81,522)	(165,466)

The above is a reconciliation of the previously reported Statement of Receipts and Payments to the Statement of Comprehensive Income presented in accordance with IFRS for SMEs.

The above reconciliation shows the changes in the comparative amounts from reported amounts prepared on cash basis for the year ended 31 December 2013.

The main change as a result of the transition from cash accounting to IFRS for SMEs is the adoption of the accrual basis of accounting. On accrual basis of accounting, items are recognised as assets, liabilities, equity, income or expenses when they satisfy the definitions and recognition criteria for those items.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

21. RESTATEMENT OF EQUITY FROM CASH BASIS ACCOUNTING TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTITIES ("IFRS FOR SMEs") (continued)

RECONCILIATION OF EQUITY AS AT 1 JANUARY 2013

	Cash Accounting \$	Adjustments \$	IFRS for SMEs \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	225,934	499	226,433
Other assets	-	11,939	11,939
	<u>225,934</u>	<u>12,438</u>	<u>238,372</u>
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	-	313,476	313,476
Intangible assets	-	66,390	66,390
	<u>-</u>	<u>379,866</u>	<u>379,866</u>
Total assets	<u>225,934</u>	<u>392,304</u>	<u>618,238</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	-	17,642	17,642
Employee entitlements	-	14,206	14,206
	<u>-</u>	<u>31,848</u>	<u>31,848</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings	225,934	360,456	586,390
	<u>225,934</u>	<u>360,456</u>	<u>586,390</u>
Total liabilities and equity	<u>225,934</u>	<u>392,304</u>	<u>618,238</u>

The above reconciliation shows the changes in the comparative amounts from reported amounts prepared on cash basis for the year ended 31 December 2012.

The main change as a result of the transition from cash accounting to IFRS for SMEs is the adoption of the accrual basis of accounting. The main changes are as follows:

- (a) The measurement of all items of plant and equipment and intangible assets at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Under the cash basis of accounting, assets were reported as capital expenses. Depreciation rates assigned based on the estimated useful lives of assets and depreciation charge for each period have been recognised in surplus or deficit.
- (b) The following assets and liabilities have been recognised in preparing the financial statements using accrual basis of accounting in accordance with IFRS for SMEs:
 - other assets;
 - trade and other payables; and
 - employee entitlements

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

21. RESTATEMENT OF EQUITY FROM CASH BASIS ACCOUNTING TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTITIES ("IFRS FOR SMEs") (continued)

RECONCILIATION OF EQUITY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Cash Accounting \$	Adjustments \$	IFRS for SMEs \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	141,990	498	142,488
Other assets	-	10,083	10,083
	<u>141,990</u>	<u>10,581</u>	<u>152,571</u>
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	-	230,093	230,093
Intangible assets	-	57,834	57,834
	<u>-</u>	<u>287,927</u>	<u>287,927</u>
Total assets	<u>141,990</u>	<u>298,508</u>	<u>440,498</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	-	5,293	5,293
Employee entitlements	-	14,281	14,281
	<u>-</u>	<u>19,574</u>	<u>19,574</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings	141,990	278,934	420,924
	<u>141,990</u>	<u>278,934</u>	<u>420,924</u>
Total liabilities and equity	<u>141,990</u>	<u>298,508</u>	<u>440,498</u>

The above reconciliation shows the changes in the comparative amounts from reported amounts prepared on cash basis for the year ended 31 December 2013.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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21. RESTATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FROM CASH BASIS ACCOUNTING TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTITIES ("IFRS FOR SMEs") (continued)

RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Cash Accounting \$	Adjustments \$	IFRS for SMEs \$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Government grant received	-	334,474	334,474
Payments to suppliers and employees	-	(407,078)	(407,078)
Receipts on behalf of Consolidated Fund	-	11,450	11,450
Reimbursements to Consolidated Fund	-	(11,582)	(11,582)
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	-	(72,736)	(72,736)
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Acquisition of plant and equipment	-	(3,826)	(3,826)
Acquisition of intangible asset	-	(7,383)	(7,383)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities	-	(11,209)	(11,209)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	-	(83,945)	(83,945)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	-	226,433	226,433
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	-	142,488	142,488

The above reconciliation shows the changes in the comparative amounts from reported amounts for the year ended 31 December 2013. Statement of Cash Flows was not reported in the Authority's previous financial statements.

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17 October 2022

Vijendra Singh
The Acting Chairperson
Telecommunications Authority of Fiji
76 Gordon Street
SUVA

Dear Mr. Singh

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2015 AND 31 DECEMBER 2016

The audited financial statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2016 together with my audit reports on them are enclosed.

Particulars of the errors and omission arising from the audit have been forwarded to you for necessary actions.

Yours sincerely

Sairusi Dukuno
ACTING AUDITOR-GENERAL

Encl.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors herewith submit the statement of financial position of Telecommunication Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") as at 31 December 2015, the related statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings and statement of cash flows for the year then ended on that date and report as follows:

Board Members

The names of members in office at the date of this report are:

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr Shivnesh. R. Prasad (15th March 2013 - 20th June 2019)

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - to-date)

State of Affairs

In the opinion of the members, the accompanying statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 December 2015 and the accompanying statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings and statement of cash flows gives a true and fair view of the results and cash flows of the Authority for the year then ended.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Operating Results

The operating surplus for the year was \$227,006 (2014 deficit: \$37,005).

Non-current Assets

Prior to the completion of the financial statements of the Authority, the directors took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any non-current assets were unlikely to be realized in the ordinary course of business compared to their values as shown in the accounting records of the Authority. Where necessary these assets have been written down or adequate provision has been made to bring the values of such assets to an amount that they might be expected to realize.

As at the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances, which would render the values attributed to non-current assets in the Authority's financial statements misleading.

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the authority in the subsequent financial year.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
DIRECTOR'S REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

Unusual Transactions

In the opinion of the directors, the results of the operations of the Authority during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature, nor has there arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Authority in the current financial year, other than those reflected in the financial statements.

Other Circumstances

As at the date of this report:

- (a) no charge on the assets of the Authority has been given since the end of the financial period to secure the liabilities of any other person;
- (b) no contingent liabilities have arisen since the end of the financial period for which the Authority could become liable; and
- (c) no contingent liabilities or other liabilities of the Authority have become or is likely to become enforceable within the period of twelve months after the end of the financial period which, in the opinion of the directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Authority to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

As at the date of this report, the members are not aware of any circumstances that have arisen, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the Authority's financial statements, which would make adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Authority misleading or inappropriate.

Members' Benefits

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than those included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the financial statements or received as the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Authority or of a related entity) by reason of a contract made by the Authority or by a related entity with the director or with a firm of which he is a director, or with a entity in which he has a substantial financial interest.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors,

Dated at Suva this 28 day of September 2022.


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Acting Chairman

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji we state that in the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the accompanying statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2015;
- (b) the accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 December 2015;
- (c) the accompanying statement of cash flows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2015; and
- (d) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- (e) all related party transactions have been adequately recorded in the books of the Authority.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Suva this 28 day of September 2022.


.....
Acting Chairman

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2015, and the statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji as at 31 December 2015, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

Basis for Opinion

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). 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 Telecommunications Authority of Fiji in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Fiji and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other Information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Annual Report but does not include the financial statements and the 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 identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based upon 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 the Management and Those Charged with Governance for Financial Statements

The Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS for SMEs, and for such internal control as the Management determine 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, the Management is responsible for assessing Telecommunications Authority of Fiji'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 intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing Telecommunications Authority of Fiji'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 ISA 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 the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism 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 Telecommunications Authority of Fiji'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 the Management's and Directors' 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 Telecommunications Authority of Fiji's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that 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 Entity 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Cont'd)

I 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 I identify during my audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In my opinion, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Telecommunications Act of 2008 in all material respects, and;

- a) I have been given all information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit; and
- b) Telecommunications Authority of Fiji has kept financial records sufficient to enable the financial statements to be prepared and audited.



Sairusi Dukuno
ACTING AUDITOR-GENERAL



Suva, Fiji
17 October 2022

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue	3	732,566	469,651
Administration expenses	4	(5,158)	(17,320)
Operating expenses	6	(317,200)	(288,110)
Personnel expenses	5	(183,202)	(201,226)
		<u>227,006</u>	<u>(37,005)</u>
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year		<u>227,006</u>	<u>(37,005)</u>
Total comprehensive income/ (expense) for the year		<u>227,006</u>	<u>(37,005)</u>
Opening Retained Earnings at 1 January		383,919	420,924
Closing Retained Earnings at 31 December		<u>610,925</u>	<u>383,919</u>

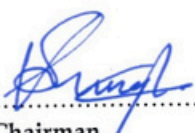
The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Comprehensive Income and Retained Earnings.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	2015	2014
		\$	\$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	365,496	44,299
Other assets	8	40,908	26,084
		<u>406,404</u>	<u>70,383</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	68,917	146,189
Intangible assets	10	159,486	187,511
		<u>228,403</u>	<u>333,700</u>
Total assets		<u>634,807</u>	<u>404,083</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	12,038	5,720
Employee entitlements	12	11,844	14,444
		<u>23,882</u>	<u>20,164</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings		610,925	383,919
		<u>610,925</u>	<u>383,919</u>
Total liabilities and equity		<u>634,807</u>	<u>404,083</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Position.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board Members.



 Acting Chairman

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	2015	2014
		\$	\$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Government grant received		732,566	469,651
Payments to suppliers and employees		(409,749)	(413,261)
Receipts on behalf of Consolidated Fund Account		-	14,129
Reimbursements to the Consolidated Fund Account		-	(14,129)
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities		<u>322,817</u>	<u>56,390</u>
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Acquisition of plant and equipment		-	(4,745)
Acquisition of intangible asset		(1,620)	(149,834)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		<u>(1,620)</u>	<u>(154,579)</u>
Net increase /(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		321,197	(98,189)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		44,299	142,488
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	7	<u><u>365,496</u></u>	<u><u>44,299</u></u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

1. General information

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("TAF" or "the Authority") was established in 2008 under the ambit of the Telecommunications Act of 2008. It was formed to provide for the regulatory aspect of reform aimed at strengthening the telecommunications sector, from a monopoly to an open environment. As a result of that Government intention, the Department of Communications – DoC was reformed accordingly whereby its regulatory component was shifted to TAF.

Summary of significant accounting policies

2. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention using the accounting policies described below and except where stated do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

a) Statement of compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities ("IFRS for SMEs") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. All amounts are in Fijian dollars.

b) Income tax

The Authority is exempt from income tax under Division 4 of the Telecommunications Act 2008 and the Fiji Income Tax Act.

c) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grants from the Government.

A grant that does not impose specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are receivable.

A grant that imposes specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income only when the performance conditions are met.

Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flow, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank and on hand.

e) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are purchased computer software that is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. It is amortised over estimated life of two to five years using the straight-line method. If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

f) Property, plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The following annual rates are used for the depreciation of plant and equipment:

Furniture and fittings	10%
Motor vehicles	20%
Plant and equipment	10 - 25%

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the results for the year.

g) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, plant and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

h) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the Authority. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rights to assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Authority at the fair value of the leased property (or, if lower, the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are deducted in measuring profit or loss. Assets held under finance leases are included in property, plant and equipment, and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

i) Employee benefits

Employee entitlements relating to wages, salaries and annual leave represents the amount which the authority has a present obligation to pay resulting from the employees' services provided up to balance date.

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognized and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

j) Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Trade payables denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Fiji dollars using the exchange rate at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

k) Value Added Tax (VAT)

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT, except where the amount of VAT incurred is not recoverable from the Fiji Revenue & Customs Service ("FRCS"). In these circumstances, the VAT is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of VAT included.

The net amount of VAT recoverable from or payable to FRCS is included as other asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

l) Other assets

Other assets consist of refundable deposits, prepayments and other receivables. Other assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Other assets are initially recognised at original invoice amount (exclusive of VAT where applicable). Prepayments are amortised on a straight line basis over the expected period of benefit.

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
3. REVENUE		
Grant income	<u>732,566</u>	<u>469,651</u>

There are no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government grants that have not been recognised in income.

4. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Accounting fees	-	5,250
Audit fees	3,391	2,609
Bank charges	493	1,147
Insurance	1,274	8,314
	<u>5,158</u>	<u>17,320</u>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
5. PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
Wages and salaries	156,809	163,711
FNPF contribution	4,505	14,387
FNU levy	1,636	1,799
Meal allowances	4,374	5,013
Other staff costs	15,878	16,316
	<u>183,202</u>	<u>201,226</u>
6. OPERATING EXPENSES		
Advertising	1,517	4,056
Annual fees	67	800
Cleaning	4,926	6,319
Computer expense	4,165	3,560
Consultancy and workshop	389	2,278
Depreciation and amortisation expense	106,917	108,806
Electricity	14,050	15,143
Fuel and oil	7,698	10,824
Internet	9,033	8,635
Membership fees	-	3,849
Mobile usage	2,281	1,906
Motor vehicle expense	12,048	4,293
Office expense	385	1,237
Postage, printing and stationery	1,400	1,971
Rent	55,500	55,648
Repair and maintenance - office and equipment	104	391
Subscription	363	272
Consultancy	44,355	2,345
Water	2,006	2,575
Telephone and fax	4,067	3,534
Travel (local and overseas)	45,275	48,272
Training expenses	292	-
Website hosting and domain registration	362	1,396
	<u>317,200</u>	<u>288,110</u>
7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	364,996	43,799
Cash on hand	500	500
	<u>365,496</u>	<u>44,299</u>
8. OTHER ASSETS		
Refundable deposits	1,905	1,515
Prepayments	9,905	3,071
VAT receivable	24,461	21,498
Other assets	4,637	-
	<u>40,908</u>	<u>26,084</u>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
<u>Plant and equipment</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 January	306,497	301,752
Additions	-	4,745
At 31 December	306,497	306,497
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 January	193,019	128,004
Depreciation charge for the year	53,637	65,015
At 31 December	246,656	193,019
Net book value	59,841	113,478
<u>Motor vehicle</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 January	110,177	110,177
At 31 December	110,177	110,177
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 January	87,899	65,864
Depreciation charge for the year	22,035	22,035
At 31 December	109,934	87,899
Net book value	243	22,278
<u>Furniture and fittings</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 January	15,995	15,995
At 31 December	15,995	15,995
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 January	5,562	3,963
Depreciation charge for the year	1,600	1,599
At 31 December	7,162	5,562
Net book value	8,833	10,433
Net written down value	68,917	146,189
10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 January	235,540	85,706
Additions	1,620	149,834
At 31 December	237,160	235,540
<i>Amortisation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 January	48,029	27,872
Amortisation charge for the year	29,645	20,157
At 31 December	77,674	48,029
	159,486	187,511

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Suspense	-	1,188
Trade payables	-	4,532
Accruals	2,807	-
CFA Payable	9,231	-
	<u>12,038</u>	<u>5,720</u>
12. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS		
As at 1 January	14,444	14,281
Additional entitlements during the year	4,950	4,677
Benefit payments made during the year	(7,550)	(4,514)
As at 31 December	<u>11,844</u>	<u>14,444</u>

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

(a) Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at year end (2014: \$Nil).

(b) Operating lease commitments

The Authority has operating lease agreement for office space. The lease is for an average period of three years, with fixed rentals over the same period.

Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense during the year	55,500	55,500
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At year end, the Authority has outstanding commitments under non-cancellable operating leases that fall due as follows:

Within one year	55,500	55,500
Later than one year but within five year	63,825	119,325
Later than five years	-	-
	<u>119,325</u>	<u>174,825</u>

(c) Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at year end (2014: \$Nil).

14. RELATED PARTIES

(a) The names of Board Members during the financial year are as follows:

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Shivnesh.R. Prasad (15th March 2013 - 20th June 2019)
Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - to-date)

(b) Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

15. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

Subsequent to year end, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) a "Public Health Emergency of International concern". The impact of COVID-19 outbreak on public health and the economy in Fiji and globally is expected to affect the overall operation of Telecommunication Authority of Fiji including liquidity and cash flows for subsequent years. Whilst measures and policies have been taken by the national government and nearby trading countries to prevent the spread of the virus, the impact of the virus on the amounts and estimates reported or used in the preparation of 2015 financial statements is not expected to be material.

Other than this, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the members, to affect significantly the operations of the authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the authority in the subsequent financial year.

16. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

17. AGENCY TRANSACTION ADMINISTERED FOR THE FIJI GOVERNMENT

Under the 2008 Telecommunications Act, the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund. The Authority collects Universal Service Levies which is deposited in Universal Service Fund Account.

Below are the revenue collected and deposited directly into Government's Consolidated Fund for the year:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Amateur license fees	1,113	621
Base station fees	-	144
Import permit fees	44,236	48,174
Other revenue	1,311	1,662
Overseas inspection fees	-	2,415
Radio license and inspection	48,910	50,083
Spectrum fees	1,212,489	1,759,478
Telecom annual license fees	4,808,471	3,758,758
Type approval fees	15,443	5,791
Total	6,131,973	5,627,126
Universal Service Levy	633,851	514,268

During the year, \$26,185.95 was deposited into the Authority's account on behalf of the Government and later transferred to the Consolidated Fund Account.

18. AUTHORITY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the Authority is:

76 Gordon Street
Suva
Fiji

The Authority is a statutory body established by the Telecommunications Act 2008.

At balance date, the Authority had a total of 8 employees (2014: 8 employees).

19. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 28/09/2022.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors herewith submit the statement of financial position of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") as at 31 December 2016, the related statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings and statement of cash flows for the year then ended on that date and report as follows:

Board of Directors

The names of directors in office at the date of this report are:

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Shivnesh R Prasad (15th March 2013 - 20th June 2019)

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - to-date)

State of Affairs

In the opinion of the members, the accompanying statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 December 2016 and the accompanying statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings and statement of cash flows gives a true and fair view of the results and cash flows of the Authority for the year then ended.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Operating Results

The operating deficit for the year was \$316,881 (2015 surplus: \$227,006).

Non-current Assets

Prior to the completion of the financial statements of the Authority, the directors took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any non-current assets were unlikely to be realized in the ordinary course of business compared to their values as shown in the accounting records of the Authority. Where necessary these assets have been written down or adequate provision has been made to bring the values of such assets to an amount that they might be expected to realize.

As at the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances, which would render the values attributed to non-current assets in the authority's financial statements misleading.

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Authority in the subsequent financial year.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
DIRECTORS'S REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Unusual Transactions

In the opinion of the directors, the results of the operations of the Authority during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature, nor has there arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Authority in the current financial year, other than those reflected in the financial statements.

Other Circumstances

As at the date of this report:

- (a) no charge on the assets of the Authority has been given since the end of the financial year to secure the liabilities of any other person;
- (b) no contingent liabilities have arisen since the end of the financial year for which the Authority could become liable; and
- (c) no contingent liabilities or other liabilities of the Authority have become or is likely to become enforceable within the period of twelve months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Authority to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

As at the date of this report, the members are not aware of any circumstances that have arisen, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the Authority's financial statements, which would make adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Authority misleading or inappropriate.

Members' Benefits

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than those included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the financial statements or received as the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Authority or of a related entity) by reason of a contract made by the Authority or by a related entity with the director or with a firm of which he is a director, or with an entity in which he has a substantial financial interest.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors

Dated at Suva this 28 day of September 2022.


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Acting Chairman

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") we state that in the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the accompanying statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2016;
- (b) the accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 December 2016;
- (c) the accompanying statement of cash flows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2016; and
- (d) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- (e) all related party transactions have been adequately recorded in the books of the Authority.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Suva this 28 day of September 2022.


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Acting Chairman

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016, and the statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji as at 31 December 2016, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

Basis for Opinion

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). 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 Telecommunications Authority of Fiji 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 my audit of the financial statements in Fiji and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other Information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Annual Report but does not include the financial statements and the 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 identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based upon 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 the Management and Those Charged with Governance for Financial Statements

The Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS for SMEs, and for such internal control as the Management determine 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, the Management is responsible for assessing Telecommunications Authority of Fiji'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 intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing Telecommunications Authority of Fiji'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 ISA 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 the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism 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 Telecommunications Authority of Fiji'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 the Management's and Directors' 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 Telecommunications Authority of Fiji's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that 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 Entity 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Cont'd)

I 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 I identify during my audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In my opinion, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Telecommunications Act of 2008 in all material respects, and;

- a) I have been given all information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit; and
- b) Telecommunications Authority of Fiji has kept financial records sufficient to enable the financial statements to be prepared and audited.



Sairusi Dukuno
ACTING AUDITOR-GENERAL



Suva, Fiji
17 October 2022

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue	3	131,519	732,566
Administration expenses	4	(3,811)	(5,158)
Operating expenses	6	(280,693)	(317,200)
Personnel expenses	5	(163,896)	(183,202)
		<u>(316,881)</u>	<u>227,006</u>
(Deficit)/ Surplus for the year		<u>(316,881)</u>	<u>227,006</u>
Total comprehensive (expense)/ income for the year		<u>(316,881)</u>	<u>227,006</u>
Opening Retained Earnings at 1 January		<u>610,925</u>	<u>383,919</u>
Closing Retained Earnings at 31 December	-	<u>294,044</u>	<u>610,925</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Comprehensive Income and Retained Earnings.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	149,197	365,496
Other assets	8	48,427	40,908
		<u>197,624</u>	<u>406,404</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	13,437	68,917
Intangible assets	10	129,841	159,486
		<u>143,278</u>	<u>228,403</u>
Total assets		<u>340,902</u>	<u>634,807</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	37,328	12,038
Employee entitlements	12	9,530	11,844
		<u>46,858</u>	<u>23,882</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings		294,044	610,925
		<u>294,044</u>	<u>610,925</u>
Total liabilities and equity		<u>340,902</u>	<u>634,807</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Position.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.


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Acting Chairman

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Government grant received		131,519	732,566
Payments to suppliers and employees		(347,818)	(409,749)
Net Cash (used in)/provided by Operating Activities		<u>(216,299)</u>	<u>322,817</u>
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Acquisition of Intangible Assets .		-	(1,620)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,620)</u>
Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents		(216,299)	321,197
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		365,496	44,299
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7	<u><u>149,197</u></u>	<u><u>365,496</u></u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

1. General information

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("TAF" or "the Authority") was established in 2008 under the ambit of the Telecommunications Act of 2008. It was formed to provide for the regulatory aspect of reform aimed at strengthening the telecom sector, from a monopoly to an open environment. As a result of that Government intention, the Department of Communications – DoC was reformed accordingly whereby its regulatory component was shifted to TAF.

Summary of significant accounting policies

2. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention using the accounting policies described below and except where stated do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

a) Statement of compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities ("IFRS for SMEs") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. All amounts are in Fijian dollars.

b) Income tax

The Authority is exempt from income tax under Division 4 of the Telecommunications Act 2008 and the Fiji Income Tax Act.

c) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grants from the Government.

A grant that does not impose specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are receivable.

A grant that imposes specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income only when the performance conditions are met.

Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of The Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank and on hand.

e) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are purchased computer software that is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. It is amortised over estimated life of two to five years using the straight-line method. If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

f) Plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The following annual rates are used for the depreciation of plant and equipment:

Furniture and fittings	10%
Motor vehicles	20%
Plant and equipment	10 - 25%

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the results for the year.

g) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, plant and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

h) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the Authority. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rights to assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Authority at the fair value of the leased property (or, if lower, the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are deducted in measuring profit or loss. Assets held under finance leases are included in property, plant and equipment, and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

i) Employee benefits

Employee entitlements relating to wages, salaries and annual leave represents the amount which the authority has a present obligation to pay resulting from the employees' services provided up to balance date.

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognized and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

j) Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Trade payables denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Fiji dollars using the exchange rate at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

k) Value Added Tax ("VAT")

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT, except where the amount of VAT incurred is not recoverable from the Fiji Revenue & Customs Service ("FRCS"). In these circumstances, the VAT is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of VAT included.

The net amount of VAT recoverable from or payable to FRCS is included as other asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

l) Other assets

Other assets consist of refundable deposits, prepayments and other receivables. Other assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Other assets are initially recognised at original invoice amount (exclusive of VAT where applicable). Prepayments are amortised on a straight line basis over the expected year of benefit.

	2016 \$	2015 \$
3. REVENUE		
Grant income	<u>131,519</u>	<u>732,566</u>

There are no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government grants that have not been recognised in income.

4. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

Intangible Asset	3,500	-
Audit fees	-	3,391
Bank charges	311	493
Insurance	-	1,274
	<u>3,811</u>	<u>5,158</u>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
5. PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
Wages and salaries	134,379	156,809
FNPF contribution	11,685	4,505
FNU levy	1,442	1,636
Meal allowances	6,219	4,374
Other staff cost	10,171	15,878
	<u>163,896</u>	<u>183,202</u>
6. OPERATING EXPENSES		
Advertising	2,661	1,517
Annual fees	-	67
Cleaning	5,685	4,926
Computer expense	13,687	4,165
Consultancy and workshop	9,174	389
Depreciation and amortisation expense	85,125	106,917
Electricity	13,746	14,050
Fuel and oil	7,084	7,698
Internet	10,339	9,033
Miscellaneous	43	-
Mobile usage	2,242	2,281
Motor vehicle expense	8,203	12,048
Office expense	560	385
Postage, printing and stationery	946	1,400
Rent	55,500	55,500
Repair and maintenance - office and equipment	293	104
Subscription	327	363
Technical expense	9,930	44,355
Water	2,118	2,006
Telephone and fax	3,468	4,067
Travel (local and overseas)	43,777	45,275
Training expenses	2,115	292
Website hosting and domain registration	3,670	362
	<u>280,693</u>	<u>317,200</u>
7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	148,697	364,996
Cash on hand	500	500
	<u>149,197</u>	<u>365,496</u>
8. OTHER ASSETS		
Advance	10,203	-
Refundable deposits	1,905	1,905
Prepayments	15,958	9,905
VAT receivable	17,373	24,461
Other assets	2,988	4,637
	<u>48,427</u>	<u>40,908</u>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
<u>Plant and equipment</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 January	306,497	306,497
Additions	-	-
At 31 December	306,497	306,497
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 January	246,656	193,019
Depreciation charge for the year	53,637	53,637
At 31 December	300,293	246,656
Net book value	6,204	59,841
<u>Motor vehicle</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 January	110,177	110,177
At 31 December	110,177	110,177
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 January	109,934	87,899
Depreciation charge for the year	243	22,035
At 31 December	110,177	109,934
Net book value	-	243
<u>Furniture and fittings</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 January	15,995	15,995
At 31 December	15,995	15,995
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 January	7,162	5,562
Depreciation charge for the year	1,600	1,600
At 31 December	8,762	7,162
Net book value	7,233	8,833
Net written down value	13,437	68,917
10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 January	237,160	235,540
Additions	-	1,620
At 31 December	237,160	237,160
<i>Amortisation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 January	77,674	48,029
Amortisation charge for the year	29,645	29,645
At 31 December	107,319	77,674
	129,841	159,486

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Suspense	-	-
Trade payables	3,702	-
Accruals	535	2,807
CFA Payable	33,091	9,231
	<u>37,328</u>	<u>12,038</u>
12. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS		
As at 1 January	11,844	14,444
Additional entitlements during the year	4,424	4,950
Benefit payments made during the year	(6,738)	(7,550)
As at 31 December	<u>9,530</u>	<u>11,844</u>

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

(a) Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at year end (2015: \$Nil).

(b) Operating lease commitments

The Authority has operating lease agreement for office space. The lease is for an average period of three years, with fixed rentals over the same period.

Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense during the year	55,500	55,500
At year end, the		
Within one year	55,500	55,500
Later then one year but within five year	8,325	63,825
Later than five years	-	-
	<u>63,825</u>	<u>119,325</u>

(c) Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at year end (2015: \$Nil).

14. RELATED PARTIES

(a) The names of Board Members during the financial year are as follows:

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Shivnesh R Prasad (15th March 2013 - 20th June 2019)
Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - to-date)

(b) Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

15. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

Subsequent to year end, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) a "Public Health Emergency of International concern". The impact of COVID-19 outbreak on public health and the economy in Fiji and globally is expected to affect the overall operation of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji including liquidity and cash flows for subsequent years. Whilst measures and policies have been taken by the national government and nearby trading countries to prevent the spread of the virus, the impact of the virus on the amounts and estimates reported or used in the preparation of 2016 financial statements is not expected to be material. Other than this, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the members, to affect significantly the operations of the authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the authority in the subsequent financial year.

16. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

17. AGENCY TRANSACTION ADMINISTERED FOR THE FIJI GOVERNMENT

Under the 2008 Telecommunications Act, the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund. The Authority collects Universal Service Levies which are deposited in Universal Service Fund Account.

Below are the revenue collected and deposited directly into Government's Consolidated Fund for the year:

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Amateur license fees	785	1,113
Import permit fees	46,330	44,236
Other revenue	1,439	1,311
Radio license and inspection	54,645	48,910
Spectrum fees	2,211,163	1,212,489
Telecom annual license fees	3,538,982	4,808,471
Type approval fees	-	15,443
Total	5,853,344	6,131,973
Universal Service Levy	79,964	633,851

During the year, \$23,859.59 was deposited into the Authority's account on behalf of the Government and later transferred to the Consolidated Fund Account.

18. AUTHORITY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the Authority is:
76 Gordon Street
Suva
Fiji

The Authority is a statutory body established by the Telecommunications Act 2008.
At balance date, the Authority had a total of 7 employees (2015: 8 employees).

19. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 28/09/2022.

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03 October 2024

David Eyre
The Chairperson
Telecommunications Authority of Fiji
76 Gordon Street
SUVA

Dear Mr. Eyre

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 JULY 2017

The audited financial statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the year ended 31 July 2017 together with my audit report on them are enclosed.

Particulars of errors and omissions arising from the audit were forwarded to the Management for necessary actions.

Yours sincerely

Finau Seru Nagera
AUDITOR-GENERAL

cc. Chief Executive Officer – Telecommunications Authority of Fiji

Encl.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors herewith submit the statement of financial position of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") as at 31 July 2017 the related statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings and statement of cash flows for the year then ended on that date and report as follows:

Board of Directors

The names of directors in office at the date of this report are:

Chairperson - Mr. David Eyre (21 August 2023 to current)
Vice Chair - Mr. Tomasi Vakatora (21 August 2023 to current)
Members - Ms. Annie Rogers (21 August 2023 to current)
Members - Mr. Tiko Domonakibau (15 April 2024 to current)
Members - Ms. Tupou'tuah Baravilala (21 August 2023 to current)

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Shivnesh R Prasad (15th March 2013 - 20th June 2019)
Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2 June 2023)

State of Affairs

In the opinion of the members, the accompanying statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2017 and the accompanying statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings and statement of cash flows gives a true and fair view of the results and cash flows of the Authority for the year then ended.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are

Operating Results

The operating deficit for the year was \$104,458 (2016 deficit: \$316,881).

Non-current Assets

Prior to the completion of the financial statements of the Authority, the directors took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any non-current assets were unlikely to be realized in the ordinary course of business compared to their values as shown in the accounting records of the Authority. Where necessary these assets have been written down or adequate provision has been made to bring the values of such assets to an amount that they might be expected to realize.

As at the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances, which would render the values attributed to non-current assets in the authority's financial statements misleading.

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Authority in the subsequent financial year except for the appointment of a new Board on the 21st of August 2023.

Unusual Transactions

In the opinion of the directors, the results of the operations of the Authority during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature, nor has there arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
DIRECTORS'S REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017**

Unusual Transactions (continued)

unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Authority in the current financial year, other than those reflected in the financial statements.

Other Circumstances

As at the date of this report:

- (a) no charge on the assets of the Authority has been given since the end of the financial year to secure the liabilities of any other person;
- (b) no contingent liabilities have arisen since the end of the financial year for which the Authority could become liable; and
- (c) no contingent liabilities or other liabilities of the Authority have become or is likely to become enforceable within the period of seven months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Authority to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

As at the date of this report, the members are not aware of any circumstances that have arisen, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the Authority's financial statements, which would make adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Authority misleading or inappropriate.

Members' Benefits

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than those included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the financial statements or received as the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Authority or of a related entity) by reason of a contract made by the Authority or by a related entity with the director or with a firm of which he is a director, or with an entity in which he has a substantial financial interest.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors

Dated at Suva this 25th day of September 2024.


Chairman

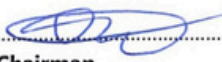
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017**

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") we state that in the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the accompanying statement of comprehensive income and retained earnings is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2017;
- (b) the accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2017;
- (c) the accompanying statement of cash flows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2017;
- (d) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- (e) all related party transactions have been adequately recorded in the books of the Authority.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Suva this ^{25th}..... day of September 2024.


.....
Chairman

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Telecommunications Authority of Fiji

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Telecommunication Authority of Fiji ("the Authority"), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2017, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Retained Earnings and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraphs, I have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the financial statements.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

1. The Authority recorded Cash and Cash Equivalents of \$55,792 in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2017. Included in the balance were cash at bank of \$55,292 and petty cash of \$500. There was an unreconciled variance totalling \$112,060 between the bank reconciliation statement and the general ledger. In addition, the Authority was unable to provide me with documentation which included the confirmation to support the petty cash and adjustments made to the general ledger. As a result, I was unable to determine whether any adjustment might have been necessary in respect of the Authority's cash and cash equivalents balance at year end and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position.
2. The Authority was unable to provide adequate and appropriate documentation to support balances reported in the Statement of Cash Flows. As a result, I was unable to satisfy myself whether the Statement of Cash Flows has been fairly reported in the financial statements.
3. The Authority recorded Property, Plant and Equipment of \$33,389 and intangible assets of \$108,149 in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2017. The financial transactions pertaining to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets were not recorded in the general ledger. As a result, I was unable to verify the completeness and accuracy of the balances and also unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of other assets balances at the end of the financial year and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position.

4. The Authority recorded other assets of \$53,891 in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2017. Included in the balances were advance of \$10,203, refundable deposits of \$1,905, VAT receivable of \$16,457 and other assets of \$3,252. The financial transactions for the advances, refundable deposits and other assets were not recorded in the general ledger. In addition, there is an unreconciled variance totalling \$44,003 between VAT receivable balance in the general ledger and the financial statements. As a result, I was unable to verify the completeness and accuracy of the balances and also unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of other assets balances at the end of the financial year and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position.
5. The Authority recorded Trade and other payables of \$52,437 in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2017. Included in the balances were accruals of \$2,807 and CFA Payable of \$46,414. The financial transactions pertaining to accruals and CFA payable were not recorded in the general ledger. As a result, I was unable to verify the completeness and accuracy of the balances and also unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of other assets balances at the end of the financial year and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position.
6. The Authority recorded employee entitlement of \$9,198 in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2017. The Authority was unable to provide appropriate documentation such as leave schedules and relevant supporting documents to adjustments made to the general ledger to support the above balances. In addition, there is an unreconciled variance of \$8,372 between the general ledger and the financial statement. As a result, I was unable to verify the completeness and accuracy of the balances and also unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of employee entitlement balances at the end of the financial year and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Retained Earnings and Statement of Financial Position.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). 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 Authority in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Fiji and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

Emphasis of Matter

I draw attention to the following:

- Note 2(g) of the financial statement which requires the review of the plant and equipment to indicate those assets that have suffered an impairment loss. The Authority has not undertaken a full review on impairment of assets included in property, plant and equipment (Note 9).

Other Matter

The Authority did not have documented policies and plans for risk management and disaster recovery.

Other Information

The Management and Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directors' Report but does not include the financial statements and the 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 identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or my knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based upon the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. Accordingly, I am unable to conclude whether or not the other information is materially misstated with respect to matters described in the Basis of Disclaimer of Opinion.

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

The Management and Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS for SMEs, and for such internal control as the Management and Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

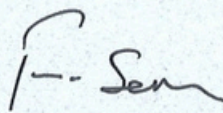
In preparing the financial statements, the Management and Directors are responsible for assessing the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Management and Directors either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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority'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. However, because of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of my report, I was unable to provide a basis for an audit opinion of these financial statements.

I 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 I identify during my audit.


Finau Seru Nagera
AUDITOR-GENERAL



Suva, Fiji
03 October 2024

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue	3	96,846	131,519
<u>Expenses</u>			
Administration expenses	4	(148)	(3,811)
Operating expenses	6	(118,815)	(280,693)
Personnel expenses	5	<u>(82,341)</u>	<u>(163,896)</u>
Total expenses		(201,304)	(448,400)
Deficit for the year		(104,458)	(316,881)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year		<u>(104,458)</u>	<u>(316,881)</u>
Opening Retained Earnings at 1 August		294,044	610,925
Closing Retained Earnings at 31 July		<u><u>189,586</u></u>	<u><u>294,044</u></u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Comprehensive Income and Retained Earnings.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 JULY 2017

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	55,792	149,197
Other assets	8	53,891	48,427
Total current assets		<u>109,683</u>	<u>197,624</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	33,389	13,437
Intangible assets	10	108,149	129,841
Total non-current assets		<u>141,538</u>	<u>143,278</u>
Total assets		<u>251,221</u>	<u>340,902</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	52,437	37,328
Employee entitlements	12	9,198	9,530
Total current liabilities		<u>61,635</u>	<u>46,858</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings		189,586	294,044
Total equity		<u>189,586</u>	<u>294,044</u>
Total liabilities and equity		<u>251,221</u>	<u>340,902</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Position.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.


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Chairman

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Government grant received		96,846	131,519
Payments to suppliers and employees		(181,060)	(347,818)
Net Cash used in Operating Activities		(84,214)	(216,299)
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Acquisition of plant and equipment		(9,191)	-
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		(9,191)	-
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(93,405)	(216,299)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		149,197	365,496
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7	55,792	149,197

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017

1. General information

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("TAF" or "the Authority") was established in 2008 under the ambit of the Telecommunications Act of 2008. It was formed to provide for the regulatory aspect of reform aimed at strengthening the telecom sector, from a monopoly to an open environment. As a result of that Government intention, the Department of Communications – DoC was reformed accordingly whereby its regulatory component was shifted to TAF.

Summary of significant accounting policies

2. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention using the accounting policies described below and except where stated do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

a) Statement of compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities ("IFRS for SMEs") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. All amounts are in Fijian dollars.

b) Income tax

The Authority is exempt from income tax under Division 4 of the Telecommunications Act of 2008 and the Fiji Income Tax Act.

c) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grants from the Government.

A grant that does not impose specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are receivable.

A grant that imposes specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income only when the performance conditions are met.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank and on hand.

e) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are purchased computer software that is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. It is amortised over estimated life of two to five years using the straight-line method. If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

f) Plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The following annual rates are used for the depreciation of plant and equipment:

Furniture and fittings	- 10%
Motor vehicles	- 20%
Plant and equipment	- 10 - 25%

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

f) Plant and equipment (continued)

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the results for the year.

g) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, plant and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

h) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the Authority. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rights to assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Authority at the fair value of the leased property (or, if lower, the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are deducted in measuring profit or loss. Assets held under finance leases are included in property, plant and equipment, and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

i) Employee benefits

Employee entitlements relating to wages, salaries and annual leave represents the amount which the authority has a present obligation to pay resulting from the employees' services provided up to balance date.

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognized and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

j) Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Trade payables denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Fiji dollars using the exchange rate at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

k) Value Added Tax ("VAT")

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT, except where the amount of VAT incurred is not recoverable from the Fiji Revenue & Customs Service ("FRCS"). In these circumstances, the VAT is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of VAT included.

The net amount of VAT recoverable from or payable to FRCS is included as other asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

l) Other assets

Other assets consist of refundable deposits, prepayments and other receivables. Other assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Other assets are initially recognised at original invoice amount (exclusive of VAT where applicable). Prepayments are amortised on a straight line basis over the expected year of benefit.

	2017 \$	2016 \$
3. REVENUE		
Grant income	<u>96,846</u>	<u>131,519</u>
There are no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government grants that have not been recognised in income.		
4. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Intangible Asset	-	3,500
Audit fees	-	-
Bank charges	148	311
Insurance	-	-
	<u>148</u>	<u>3,811</u>
5. PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
Wages and salaries	67,764	134,379
FNPF contribution	5,893	11,685
FNU levy	716	1,442
Meal allowances	576	6,219
Other staff cost	7,392	10,171
	<u>82,341</u>	<u>163,896</u>
6. OPERATING EXPENSES		
Advertising	1,545	2,661
Annual fees	-	-
Cleaning	2,575	5,685
Computer expense	4,150	13,687
Consultancy and workshop	8,311	9,174
Depreciation and amortisation expense	10,931	85,125
Electricity	8,655	13,746
Fuel and oil	2,351	7,084
Internet	6,474	10,339
Miscellaneous	291	43
Mobile usage	1,277	2,242

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
6. OPERATING EXPENSES (continued)		
Motor vehicle expense	7,774	8,203
Office expense	607	560
Postage, printing and stationery	689	946
Rent	32,375	55,500
Repair and maintenance - office and equipment	-	293
Subscription	-	327
Technical expense	550	9,930
Water	1,770	2,118
Telephone and fax	1,986	3,468
Travel (local and overseas)	23,476	43,777
Training expenses	3,028	2,115
Website hosting and domain registration	-	3,670
	118,815	280,693
7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	55,292	148,697
Cash on hand	500	500
	55,792	149,197
8. OTHER ASSETS		
Advance	10,203	10,203
Refundable deposits	1,905	1,905
Prepayments	22,074	15,958
VAT receivable	16,457	17,373
Other assets	3,252	2,988
	53,891	48,427
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
<u>Plant and equipment</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	306,497	306,497
Additions	9,191	-
At 31 July	315,688	306,497
 <i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	300,293	246,656
Depreciation charge for the year	(11,694)	53,637
At 31 July	288,599	300,293
 Net book value	27,089	6,204
 <u>Motor vehicle</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
At 31 July	110,177	110,177

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)		
<i>Motor vehicle (continued)</i>		
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	109,934
Depreciation charge for the year	-	243
At 31 July	<u>110,177</u>	<u>110,177</u>
Net book value	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Furniture and fittings</i>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	15,995	15,995
At 31 July	<u>15,995</u>	<u>15,995</u>
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	8,762	7,162
Depreciation charge for the year	933	1,600
At 31 July	<u>9,695</u>	<u>8,762</u>
Net book value	<u>6,300</u>	<u>7,233</u>
Net written down value	<u>33,389</u>	<u>13,437</u>
10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	237,159	237,160
<i>Additions</i>	-	-
At 31 July	<u>237,159</u>	<u>237,160</u>
<i>Amortisation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	107,319	77,674
Amortisation charge for the year	21,691	29,645
At 31 July	<u>129,010</u>	<u>107,319</u>
	<u>108,149</u>	<u>129,841</u>
11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Suspense	-	-
Trade payables	3,216	3,702
Accruals	2,807	535
CFA Payable	46,414	33,091
	<u>52,437</u>	<u>37,328</u>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
12. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS		
As at 1 August	9,530	11,844
Additional entitlements during the year	3,205	4,424
Benefit payments made during the year	(3,537)	(6,738)
As at 31 July	9,198	9,530

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

(a) Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at year end (2017: \$Nil).

(b) Operating lease commitments

The Authority has operating lease agreement for office space renewed on a monthly basis.

Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense during the year

32,375	55,500
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(c) Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at year end (2017: \$Nil).

14. RELATED PARTIES

(a) The names of Board Members during the financial year are as follows:

- Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Shivnesh R Prasad (15th March 2013 - 20th June 2019)
- Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Viindra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2nd June 2023)

(b) Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

15. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

Subsequent to year end, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) a "Public Health Emergency of International concern". The impact of COVID-19 outbreak on public health and the economy in Fiji and globally is expected to affect the overall operation of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji including liquidity and cash flows for subsequent years. Whilst measures and policies have been taken by the national government and nearby trading countries to prevent the spread of the virus, the impact of the virus on the amounts and estimates reported or used in the preparation of 2017 financial statements is not expected to be material. Furthermore, a new Board was appointed on the 21st of August 2023.

Other than these, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the members, to affect significantly the operations of the authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the authority in the subsequent financial year.

16. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
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17. AGENCY TRANSACTION ADMINISTERED FOR THE FIJI GOVERNMENT

Under the 2008 Telecommunication Promulgation, the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund. The Authority collects Universal Service Levies which are deposited in Universal Service Fund Account.

Below are the revenue collected and deposited directly into Government's Consolidated Fund for the year:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Amateur license fees	229	785
Import permit fees	24,795	46,330
Other revenue	639	1,439
Radio license and inspection	16,064	54,645
Spectrum fees	2,565,809	2,211,163
Telecom annual license fees	4,421,181	3,538,982
Type approval fees	545	-
Total	<u>7,029,262</u>	<u>5,853,344</u>
Universal Service Levy	<u>352,014</u>	<u>79,964</u>

During the year, \$13,323.72 was deposited into the Authority's account on behalf of the Government and later transferred to the Consolidated Fund Account.

18. AUTHORITY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the Authority is:

76 Gordon Street
 Suva
 Fiji

The Authority is a statutory body established by the Telecommunications Act of 2008.

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24 July 2025

Prit Chand
Chief Executive Officer
Telecommunications Authority of Fiji
76 Gordon Street
SUVA

Dear Mr. Chand

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 JULY 2018 – 31 JULY 2020

The financial statements audit of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the years ended 31 July 2018 to 31 July 2020 have been completed.

The audited financial statements together with the management representation letter are forwarded for signing. Please return the signed accounts and the management representation letter at your earliest to facilitate the issue of the independent audit report on them.

The Final Management Letter is also attached for your necessary action.

Should you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Asele Saunivalu
for **AUDITOR-GENERAL**

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018**

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors herewith submit the statement of financial position of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") as at 31 July 2018 the related statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in accumulated fund and statement of cash flows for the year then ended on that date and report as follows:

Board of Directors

The names of directors in office at the date of this report are:

Chairperson - Mr. David Eyre (21 August 2023 to current)

Vice Chair - Mr. Tomasi Vakatora (21 August 2023 to current)

Members - Ms. Annie Rogers (21 August 2023 to current)

Members - Mr. Tiko Domonakibau (15 April 2024 to current)

Members - Ms. Tupou'tuah Baravilala (21 August 2023 to current)

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Shivnesh R Prasad (15th March 2013 - 20th June 2019)

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2 June 2023)

State of Affairs

In the opinion of the directors, the accompanying statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2018 and the accompanying statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in accumulated funds and statement of cash flows gives a true and fair view of the results and cash flows of the Authority for the year then ended.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Operating Results

The operating deficit for the year was \$38,175 (2017 : \$104,458).

Non-current Assets

Prior to the completion of the financial statements of the Authority, the directors took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any non-current assets were unlikely to be realized in the ordinary course of business compared to their values as shown in the accounting records of the Authority. Where necessary these assets have been written down or adequate provision has been made to bring the values of such assets to an amount that they might be expected to realize.

As at the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances, which would render the values attributed to non-current assets in the authority's financial statements misleading.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
DIRECTORS'S REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018**

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Authority in the subsequent financial year.

Unusual Transactions

In the opinion of the directors, the results of the operations of the Authority during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature, nor has there arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Authority in the current financial year, other than those reflected in the financial statements.

Other Circumstances

As at the date of this report:

- (a) no charge on the assets of the Authority has been given since the end of the financial year to secure the liabilities of any other person;
- (b) no contingent liabilities have arisen since the end of the financial year for which the Authority could become liable; and
- (c) no contingent liabilities or other liabilities of the Authority have become or is likely to become enforceable within the period of seven months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Authority to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

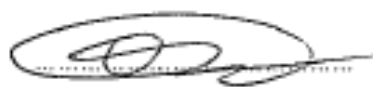
As at the date of this report, the members are not aware of any circumstances that have arisen, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the Authority's financial statements, which would make adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Authority misleading or inappropriate.

Director's Benefits

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than those included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the financial statements or received as the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Authority or of a related entity) by reason of a contract made by the Authority or by a related entity with the director or with a firm of which he is a director, or with a entity in which he has a substantial financial interest.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Suva this ^{24th} day of September 2025.


Chairman

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") we state that in the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the accompanying statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2018;
- (b) the accompanying statement of changes in accumulated funds of the authority for the year ended 31 July 2018 is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the changes in accumulated funds;
- (c) the accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2018;
- (d) the accompanying statement of cash flows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2018;
- (e) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- (f) all related party transactions have been adequately recorded in the books of the Authority.
- (g) the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors,

Dated at Suva this ^{24th} day of September 2025.


Chairman

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Telecommunications Authority of Fiji

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Telecommunication Authority of Fiji (the Authority), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2018, and the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraphs, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as at 31 July 2018, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

1. Included in Trade and Other Payables of \$107,215 is Consolidated Funds Accounts (CFA) payables of \$93,569. There was lack of documentation and procedures to ensure timely and accurate reconciliation of the CFA payable account. The CFA payable account, intended as a temporary holding account, should reflect a zero balance once funds are transferred to the CFA bank account. However, there was no evidence of monthly reconciliations performed or proper procedures to verify that funds were transferred as required. As a result, I was not able to determine whether the balance of \$93,569 is fairly stated.
2. There was an unreconciled variance of \$11,108 between the Employee Entitlement reflected in the Statement of Financial Position of \$12,192 and the reconciliation statement provided by the Authority. As a result, I was unable to verify the completeness and accuracy of the balance and also unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of employee entitlement balance at the end of the financial year and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Statement of Profit or loss and Other Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). 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 Authority in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Fiji and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

Emphasis of Matter

I draw attention to Note 2(g) of the financial statements which requires an assessment for impairment of plant and equipment. The Authority has not undertaken a full assessment for impairment of assets included in property, plant and equipment (Note 9).

Other Matter

The Authority did not have documented policies and plans for risk management and disaster recovery.

Other Information

The Management and Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directors' Report and the Statement by the Directors but does not include the financial statements and the 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 identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based upon the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

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

The Directors and Management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS for SMEs, and for such internal control as the Directors and Management determine 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, the Directors and Management are responsible for assessing the Authority'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 Directors and Management either intend to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority'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 ISA 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 the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

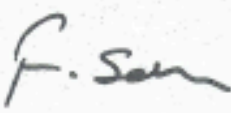
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting 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 Authority'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 the Directors' and 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 Authority's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that 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 Authority's 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.

I 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 I identify during my audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In my opinion, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act 2008 in all material respects, and;

- a) I have been given all information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit; and
- b) the Authority has kept financial records sufficient to enable the financial statements to be prepared and audited.


 Finau Seru Nagera
AUDITOR-GENERAL



Suva, Fiji
 01 October 2025

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
 STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue	3	433,601	96,846
<u>Expenses</u>			
Administration expenses	4	(28,649)	(148)
Operating expenses	6	(289,222)	(118,815)
Personnel expenses	5	(151,905)	(82,341)
Total expenses		(469,776)	(201,304)
Deficit for the year		(36,175)	(104,458)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive deficit for the year		<u>(36,175)</u>	<u>(104,458)</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

	Accumulated Funds	Total Accumulated Funds
	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 August 2016	294,044	294,044
Net Deficit for the year	(104,458)	(104,458)
Balance as at 31 July 2017	<u>189,586</u>	<u>189,586</u>
Net Deficit for the year	(36,175)	(36,175)
Balance as at 31 July 2018	<u>153,411</u>	<u>153,411</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 JULY 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7 (b)	133,900	55,782
Other assets	8	39,209	53,891
Total current assets		173,109	109,683
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	23,466	33,389
Intangible assets	10	76,243	108,149
Total non-current assets		99,709	141,538
Total assets		272,818	251,221
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	107,215	52,437
Employee entitlements	12	12,192	9,198
Total current liabilities		119,407	61,635
Equity			
Retained Earnings		153,411	189,586
Total equity		153,411	189,586
Total liabilities and equity		272,818	251,221

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Suva this 24th day of September 2025.


Chairman

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Position.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Government grant received		448,284	96,846
Payments to suppliers and employees		(370,176)	(181,060)
Net Cash used in Operating Activities	7(a)	<u>78,108</u>	<u>(84,214)</u>
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Acquisition of plant and equipment		-	(9,190)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(9,191)</u>
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		78,108	(93,405)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		55,792	149,197
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7(b)	<u><u>133,900</u></u>	<u><u>55,792</u></u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

1. General information

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("TAF" or "the Authority") was established in 2008 under the ambit of the Telecommunications Act of 2008. It was formed to provide for the regulatory aspect of reform aimed at strengthening the telecom sector, from a monopoly to an open environment. As a result of that Government intention, the Department of Communications – DoC was reformed accordingly whereby its regulatory component was shifted to TAF.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention using the accounting policies described below and except where stated do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

a) Statement of compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities ("IFRS for SMEs") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. All amounts are in Fijian dollars.

b) Income tax

The Authority is exempt from income tax under Division 4 of the Telecommunications Act of 2008 and the Fiji Income Tax Act.

c) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grants from the Government. A grant that does not impose specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are receivable. A grant that imposes specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income only when the performance conditions are met. Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank and on hand.

e) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are purchased computer software that is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. It is amortised over estimated life of two to five years using the straight-line method. If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

f) Plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The following annual rates are used for the depreciation of plant and equipment:

Plant and equipment	- 10 - 25%
Motor vehicles	- 20%
Furniture and fittings	- 10%

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the results for the year.

g) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, plant and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

h) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the Authority. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rights to assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Authority at the fair value of the leased property (or, if lower, the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are deducted in measuring profit or loss. Assets held under finance leases are included in property, plant and equipment, and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

i) Employee benefits

Employee entitlements relating to wages, salaries and annual leave represents the amount which the authority has a present obligation to pay resulting from the employees' services provided up to balance date.

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognized and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

j) Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Trade payables denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Fiji dollars using the exchange rate at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

k) Value Added Tax ("VAT")

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT, except where the amount of VAT incurred is not recoverable from the Fiji Revenue & Customs Service ("FRCS"). In these circumstances, the VAT is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of VAT included.

The net amount of VAT recoverable from or payable to FRCS is included as other asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

l) Other assets

Other assets consist of refundable deposits, prepayments and other receivables. Other assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Other assets are initially recognised at original invoice amount (exclusive of VAT where applicable). Prepayments are amortised on a straight line basis over the expected year of benefit.

	2018 \$	2017 \$
3. REVENUE		
Grant income	433,601	96,846
There are no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government grants that have not been recognised in income.		
4. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Audit fees	28,360	-
Bank charges	289	148
	28,649	148

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

	2018	2017
5. PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
Wages and salaries	123,184	67,764
FNPF contribution	10,311	5,893
FNU levy	1,289	716
Meal allowances	5,845	576
Other staff cost	11,276	7,392
	<u>151,905</u>	<u>82,341</u>
6. OPERATING EXPENSES	\$	\$
Advertising	2,575	1,545
Cleaning	6,797	2,575
Computer expense	19,262	4,150
Consultancy and workshop	293	8,311
Depreciation and amortisation expense	41,830	10,931
Electricity	13,993	8,655
Fuel and oil	7,189	2,351
Internet	10,917	6,474
Insurance - motor vehicle	10,506	-
Miscellaneous	680	291
Mobile usage	2,448	1,277
Motor vehicle expense	7,144	7,774
Office expense	68	607
Postage, printing and stationery	1,047	689
Rent	57,467	32,375
Repair and maintenance - office and equipment	80	-
Subscription	327	-
Technical expense	226	550
Water	2,832	1,770
Telephone and fax	2,931	1,986
Travel (local and overseas)	90,369	23,476
Training expenses	8,406	3,028
Website hosting and domain registration	1,835	-
	<u>289,222</u>	<u>118,815</u>
7. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
(a) Reconciliation of Net Deficit to Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net Deficit	(36,175)	(104,458)
Add/(Less) Non-Cash Items:		
Depreciation	41,830	10,931
Add/(Less) Movements in Working Capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in other current assets	14,683	(5,464)
Increase/(Decrease) in accounts payable	54,777	15,109
Increase/(Decrease) in provision	2,993	(332)
Cash Flow from Operation	<u>78,108</u>	<u>(84,214)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

	2018	2017
(b) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	133,400	55,292
Cash on hand	500	500
	<u>133,900</u>	<u>55,792</u>
8. OTHER ASSETS		
Advance	-	10,203
Refundable deposits	1,905	1,905
Prepayments	16,023	22,074
VAT receivable	16,221	16,457
Other assets	3,252	3,252
Withholding tax	690	-
Suspense	1,118	-
	<u>39,209</u>	<u>53,891</u>
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
<u>Plant and equipment</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	315,688	306,497
Additions	-	9,191
At 31 July	<u>315,688</u>	<u>315,688</u>
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	288,599	300,293
Depreciation charge for the year	9,268	(11,694)
At 31 July	<u>297,867</u>	<u>288,599</u>
Net book value	<u>17,821</u>	<u>27,089</u>
<u>Motor vehicle</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
At 31 July	<u>110,177</u>	<u>110,177</u>
<u>Motor vehicle (continued)</u>		
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
Depreciation charge for the year	-	-
At 31 July	<u>110,177</u>	<u>110,177</u>
Net book value	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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	2018	2017
<u>Furniture and fittings</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	15,995	15,995
At 31 July	15,995	15,995
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	9,695	8,762
Depreciation charge for the year	655	933
At 31 July	10,350	9,695
Net book value	5,645	6,300
Net written down value	23,466	33,389
10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	237,159	237,159
<i>Additions</i>	-	-
At 31 July	237,159	237,159
<i>Amortisation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	129,010	107,319
Amortisation charge for the year	31,906	21,691
At 31 July	160,916	129,010
	76,243	108,149
11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Trade payables	1,611	3,216
Accruals	12,035	2,807
CFA Payable	93,569	46,414
	107,215	52,437
12. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS		
As at 1 August	9,198	9,530
Additional entitlements during the year	7,437	3,205
Benefit payments made during the year	(4,443)	(3,537)
As at 31 July	12,192	9,198

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

(a) Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at year end (2017: \$Nil).

(b) Operating lease commitments

The Authority has operating lease agreement for office space renewed on a monthly basis.

	2018	2017
Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense during the year	57,467	32,375

(c) Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at year end (2017: \$Nil).

14. RELATED PARTIES

(a) The names of Board Members during the financial year are as follows:

- Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Shivnesh R Prasad (15th March 2013 - 20th June 2019)
- Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2nd June 2023)

(b) Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

15. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

Subsequent to year end, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) a "Public Health Emergency of International concern". The impact of COVID-19 outbreak on public health and the economy in Fiji and globally is expected to affect the overall operation of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji including liquidity and cash flows for subsequent years. Whilst measures and policies have been taken by the national government and nearby trading countries to prevent the spread of the virus, the impact of the virus on the amounts and estimates reported or used in the preparation of 2018 financial statements is not expected to be material. Furthermore, a new Board was appointed on the 21st of August 2023.

Other than this, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the members, to affect significantly the operations of the authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the authority in the subsequent financial year.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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16. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

17. AGENCY TRANSACTION ADMINISTERED FOR THE FIJI GOVERNMENT

Under the 2008 Telecommunication Promulgation, the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund. The Authority collects Universal Service Levies which are deposited in Universal Service Fund Account.

Below are the revenue collected and deposited directly into Government's Consolidated Fund for the year:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Amateur license fees	937	229
Import permit fees	42,810	24,795
Other revenue	1,788	639
Radio license and inspection	41,257	16,064
Spectrum fees	3,458,531	2,565,809
Telecom annual license fees	4,558,062	4,421,181
Type approval fees	218	545
Total	8,103,603	7,029,262
Universal Service Levy	276,250	352,014

During the year, \$33,090.42 was deposited into the Authority's account on behalf of the Government and later transferred to the Consolidated Fund Account.

18. AUTHORITY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the Authority is:

76 Gordon Street
 Suva
 Fiji

The Authority is a statutory body established by the Telecommunications Act of 2008.

19. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on the 24th day of September 2018

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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019**

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors herewith submit the statement of financial position of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") as at 31 July 2019 the related statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in accumulated fund and statement of cash flows for the year then ended on that date and report as follows:

Board of Directors

The names of directors in office at the date of this report are:

Chairperson - Mr. David Eyre (21 August 2023 to current)
Vice Chair - Mr. Tomasi Vakatora (21 August 2023 to current)
Members - Ms. Annie Rogers (21 August 2023 to current)
Members - Mr. Tiko Domonakibau (15 April 2024 to current)
Members - Ms. Tupou'tuah Baravilala (21 August 2023 to current)

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Shivnesh R Prasad (15th March 2013 - 20th June 2019)
Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2 June 2023)

State of Affairs

In the opinion of the directors, the accompanying statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2019 and the accompanying statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in accumulated funds and statement of cash flows gives a true and fair view of the results and cash flows of the Authority for the year then ended.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Operating Results

The operating deficit for the year was \$198,333 (2018: \$36,175).

Non-current Assets

Prior to the completion of the financial statements of the Authority, the directors took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any non-current assets were unlikely to be realized in the ordinary course of business compared to their values as shown in the accounting records of the Authority. Where necessary these assets have been written down or adequate provision has been made to bring the values of such assets to an amount that they might be expected to realize.

As at the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances, which would render the values attributed to non-current assets in the Authority's financial statements misleading.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
DIRECTORS'S REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Authority in the subsequent financial year.

Unusual Transactions

In the opinion of the directors, the results of the operations of the Authority during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature, nor has there arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Authority in the current financial year, other than those reflected in the financial statements.

Other Circumstances

As at the date of this report:

- (a) no charge on the assets of the Authority has been given since the end of the financial year to secure the liabilities of any other person;
- (b) no contingent liabilities have arisen since the end of the financial year for which the Authority could become liable; and
- (c) no contingent liabilities or other liabilities of the Authority have become or is likely to become enforceable within the period of seven months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Authority to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

As at the date of this report, the members are not aware of any circumstances that have arisen, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the Authority's financial statements, which would make adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Authority misleading or inappropriate.

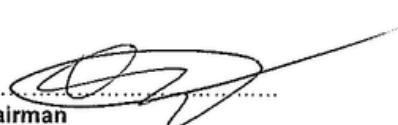
Director's Benefits

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than those included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the financial statements or received as the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Authority or of a related entity) by reason of a contract made by the Authority or by a related entity with the director or with a firm of which he is a director, or with a entity in which he has a substantial financial interest.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors

Dated at Suva this ^{24th} day of September 2025.

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Chairman



**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019**

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") we state that in the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the accompanying statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2019;
- (b) the accompanying statement of changes in accumulated funds of the authority for the year ended 31 July 2019 is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the changes in accumulated funds;
- (c) the accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2019;
- (d) the accompanying statement of cash flows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2019;
- (e) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- (f) all related party transactions have been adequately recorded in the books of the Authority.
- (g) the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Suva this 24th day of September 2025.


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Chairman

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Telecommunications Authority of Fiji

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Telecommunication Authority of Fiji (the Authority), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2019, and the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraphs, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as at 31 July 2019, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

1. Included in Trade and Other Payables of \$165,004 is Consolidated Funds Accounts (CFA) payables of \$137,045. There was lack of documentation to ensure timely and accurate reconciliation of the CFA payable account. The CFA payable account, intended as a temporary holding account, should reflect a zero balance once funds are transferred to the CFA bank account. However, there was no evidence of monthly reconciliations performed or proper procedures to verify that funds were transferred as required. As a result, I was not able to determine whether the balance of \$137,045 is fairly stated.
2. There was an unreconciled variance of \$12,199 between the Employee Entitlement reflected in the Statement of Financial Position of \$13,600 and the reconciliation statement provided by the Authority. As a result, I was unable to verify the completeness and accuracy of the balance and was also unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of employee entitlement balances at the end of the financial year and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Statement of Profit and loss and Other Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position.
3. Reflected in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income is Personal Expenses of \$146,958. An unreconciled variance of \$4,662 existed between the gross pay reported of \$124,469 in the payroll report and the balance recorded in the trial balance. In addition, the gross pay report did not include the employer's FCPF contribution of \$12,469, while the trial balance recorded \$141,823. As a result, I was not able to confirm the accuracy of the Personal Expenses reflected in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). 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 Authority in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's *Code of Ethics*

for *Professional Accountants* (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Fiji and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

Emphasis of Matter

I draw attention to Note 2(g) of the financial statements which requires an assessment for impairment of plant and equipment. The Authority has not undertaken a full assessment for impairment of assets included in property, plant and equipment (Note 9).

Other Matter

The Authority did not have documented policies and plans for risk management and disaster recovery.

Other Information

The Management and Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directors' Report and the Statement by the Directors but does not include the financial statements and the 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 identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based upon the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

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

The Directors and Management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS for SMEs, and for such internal control as the Management and Directors determine 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, the Directors and Management are responsible for assessing the Authority'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 Directors and Management either intend to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority'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 ISA 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 the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism 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 Authority'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 the Directors' and 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 Authority's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that 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 Authority's 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.

I 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 I identify during my audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In my opinion, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act 2008 in all material respects, and;

- a) I have been given all information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit; and
- b) the Authority has kept financial records sufficient to enable the financial statements to be prepared and audited.

F. Seru

Finau Seru Nagera
AUDITOR-GENERAL



Suva, Fiji
01 October 2025

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
 STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Revenue	3	219,012	433,601
<u>Expenses</u>			
Administration expenses	4	(8,287)	(28,649)
Operating expenses	6	(262,100)	(289,222)
Personnel expenses	5	(146,958)	(151,905)
Total expenses		(417,345)	(469,776)
Deficit for the year		(198,333)	(36,175)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive deficit for the year		(198,333)	(36,175)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

	Accumulated Funds \$	Total Accumulated Funds \$
Balance as at 1 August 2017	189,586	189,586
Net Deficit for the year	(36,175)	(36,175)
Balance as at 31 July 2018	<u>153,411</u>	<u>153,411</u>
Net Deficit for the year	(198,333)	(198,333)
Balance as at 31 July 2019	<u>(44,922)</u>	<u>(44,922)</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 JULY 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7(b)	33,661	133,900
Other assets	8	38,815	39,209
Total current assets		<u>72,476</u>	<u>173,109</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	16,017	23,466
Intangible assets	10	45,189	76,243
Total non-current assets		<u>61,206</u>	<u>99,709</u>
Total assets		<u>133,682</u>	<u>272,818</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	165,004	107,215
Employee entitlements	12	13,600	12,192
Total current liabilities		<u>178,604</u>	<u>119,407</u>
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated (losses)/surplus		(44,922)	153,411
Total Accumulated Funds		<u>(44,922)</u>	<u>153,411</u>
Total liabilities and equity		<u>133,682</u>	<u>272,818</u>

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Suva this ^{24th} day of September 2025.



Chairman

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Position.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Government grant received		219,405	448,284
Payments to suppliers and employees		(318,497)	(370,176)
Net Cash (used in)/ provided by Operating Activities	7(a)	<u>(99,092)</u>	<u>78,108</u>
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Acquisition of plant and equipment		(1,147)	-
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		<u>(1,147)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(100,239)	78,108
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		133,900	55,792
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7(b)	<u><u>33,661</u></u>	<u><u>133,900</u></u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

1. General information

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("TAF" or "the Authority") was established in 2008 under the ambit of the Telecommunications Act of 2008. It was formed to provide for the regulatory aspect of reform aimed at strengthening the telecom sector, from a monopoly to an open environment. As a result of that Government intention, the Department of Communications – DoC was reformed accordingly whereby its regulatory component was shifted to TAF.

Summary of significant accounting policies

2. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention using the accounting policies described below and except where stated do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

a) Statement of compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities ("IFRS for SMEs") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. All amounts are in Fijian dollars.

b) Income tax

The Authority is exempt from income tax under Division 4 of the Telecommunications Act of 2008 and the Fiji Income Tax Act.

c) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grants from the Government. A grant that does not impose specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are receivable. A grant that imposes specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income only when the performance conditions are met.

Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank and on hand.

e) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are purchased computer software that is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. It is amortised over estimated life of two to five years using the straight-line method. If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

f) Plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The following annual rates are used for the depreciation of plant and equipment:

Plant and equipment - 10 - 25%

Motor vehicles - 20%

Furniture and fittings - 10%

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations. Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the results for the year.

g) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, plant and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

h) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the Authority. All other leases are classified as operating leases. Rights to assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Authority at the fair value of the leased property (or, if lower, the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are deducted in measuring profit or loss. Assets held under finance leases are included in property, plant and equipment, and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

i) Employee benefits

Employee entitlements relating to wages, salaries and annual leave represents the amount which the authority has a present obligation to pay resulting from the employees' services provided up to balance date. Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognized and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

j) Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Trade payables denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Fiji dollars using the exchange rate at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

k) Value Added Tax ("VAT")

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT, except where the amount of VAT incurred is not recoverable from the Fiji Revenue & Customs Service ("FRCS"). In these circumstances, the VAT is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of VAT included.

The net amount of VAT recoverable from or payable to FRCS is included as other asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

l) Other assets

Other assets consist of refundable deposits, prepayments and other receivables. Other assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Other assets are initially recognised at original invoice amount (exclusive of VAT where applicable). Prepayments are amortised on a straight line basis over the expected year of benefit.

m) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been re-classified to achieve consistency in disclosure with current financial year amounts.

	2019 \$	2018 \$
3. REVENUE		
Grant income	219,012	433,601
There are no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government grants that have not been recognised in income.		
4. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Audit fees	7,943	28,360
Bank charges	344	289
	8,287	28,649
5. PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
Wages and salaries	122,500	123,184
FNPF contribution	10,918	10,311
FNU levy	1,376	1,289
Meal allowances	3,759	5,845
Other staff cost	8,405	11,276
	146,958	151,905

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
6. OPERATING EXPENSES		
Advertising	6,313	2,575
Cleaning	6,064	6,797
Computer expense	7,234	19,262
Consultancy and workshop	550	293
Depreciation and amortisation expense	39,650	41,830
Electricity	12,927	13,993
Fuel and oil	4,384	7,189
Internet	10,726	10,917
Insurance - Motor vehicle	5,253	10,506
Miscellaneous	199	680
Mobile usage	1,807	2,448
Motor vehicle expense	7,041	7,144
Office expense	328	68
Postage, printing and stationery	1,114	1,047
Professional Fees	3,000	-
Rent	60,453	57,467
Repair and maintenance - office and equipment	365	80
Subscription	327	327
Technical expense	830	226
Water	2,886	2,832
Telephone and fax	2,692	2,931
Travel (local and overseas)	81,920	90,369
Training expenses	2,905	8,406
Website hosting and domain registration	3,132	1,835
	262,100	289,222

7. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of Net Deficit to Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Net Deficit	(198,333)	(36,175)
Add/(Less) Non-Cash Items:		
Depreciation	39,650	41,830
Add/(Less) Movements in Working Capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in other current assets	392	14,683
Increase/(Decrease) in accounts payable	57,790	54,777
Increase/(Decrease) in provision	1,409	2,993
Cash Flow from Operation	(99,092)	78,108

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
(b) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	33,161	133,400
Cash on hand	500	500
	<u>33,661</u>	<u>133,900</u>
8. OTHER ASSETS		
Refundable deposits	1,905	1,905
Prepayments	16,023	16,023
VAT receivable	20,887	16,221
Other assets	-	3,252
Withholding tax	-	690
Suspense	-	1,118
	<u>38,815</u>	<u>39,209</u>
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
<u>Plant and equipment</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	315,688	315,688
Additions	1,147	-
At 31 July	<u>316,835</u>	<u>315,688</u>
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	297,867	288,599
Depreciation charge for the year	7,987	9,268
At 31 July	<u>305,854</u>	<u>297,867</u>
Net book value	<u>10,981</u>	<u>17,821</u>
<u>Motor vehicle</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
At 31 July	<u>110,177</u>	<u>110,177</u>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)		
<u>Motor vehicle (continued)</u>		
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
Depreciation charge for the year	-	-
At 31 July	110,177	110,177
Net book value	-	-
<u>Furniture and fittings</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	15,995	15,995
At 31 July	15,995	15,995
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	10,350	9,695
Depreciation charge for the year	609	655
At 31 July	10,959	10,350
Net book value	5,036	5,645
Net written down value	16,017	23,466
10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	237,159	237,159
<i>Additions</i>	-	-
At 31 July	237,159	237,159
<i>Amortisation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	160,916	129,010
Amortisation charge for the year	31,054	31,906
At 31 July	191,970	160,916
	45,189	76,243
11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Suspense	235	-
Trade payables	9,871	1,611
Accruals	17,853	12,035
CFA Payable	137,045	93,569
	165,004	107,215

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
12. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS		
As at 1 August	12,192	9,198
Additional entitlements during the year	5,734	7,437
Benefit payments made during the year	(4,326)	(4,443)
As at 31 July	<u>13,600</u>	<u>12,192</u>

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

(a) Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at year end (2018: \$Nil).

(b) Operating lease commitments

The Authority has operating lease agreement for office space renewed on a monthly basis.

Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense during the year	60,453	57,467
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(c) Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at year end (2018: \$Nil).

14. RELATED PARTIES

(a) The names of Board Members during the financial year are as follows:

- Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Shivnesh R Prasad (15th March 2013 - 20th June 2019)
- Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2nd June 2023)

(b) Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

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15. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

Subsequent to year end, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) a "Public Health Emergency of International concern". The impact of COVID-19 outbreak on public health and the economy in Fiji and globally is expected to affect the overall operation of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji including liquidity and cash flows for subsequent years. Whilst measures and policies have been taken by the national government and nearby trading countries to prevent the spread of the virus, the impact of the virus on the amounts and estimates reported or used in the preparation of 2019 financial statements is not expected to be material. Furthermore a new Board of Directors was appointed on the 21st of August 2023.

Other than this, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the members, to affect significantly the operations of the authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the authority in the subsequent financial year.

16. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

17. AGENCY TRANSACTION ADMINISTERED FOR THE FIJI GOVERNMENT

Under the 2008 Telecommunication Promulgation, the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund. The Authority collects Universal Service Levies which are deposited in Universal Service Fund Account.

Below are the revenue collected and deposited directly into Government's Consolidated Fund for the year based on the amounts invoiced.

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Amateur license fees	218	937
Import permit fees	40,565	42,810
Other revenue	30,968	1,788
Radio license and inspection	31,419	41,257
Spectrum fees	69,369	3,458,531
Telecom annual license fees	5,580,784	4,558,062
Type approval fees	55	218
Total	5,753,378	8,103,603
Universal Service Levy	837,510	276,250

During the year, \$23,859.59 was deposited into the Authority's account on behalf of the Government and later transferred to the Consolidated Fund Account.

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18. AUTHORITY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the Authority is:

76 Gordon Street
Suva
Fiji

The Authority is a statutory body established by the Telecommunications Act of 2008.

19. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on the day of 2025

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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors herewith submit the statement of financial position of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") as at 31 July 2020 the related statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in accumulated fund and statement of cash flows for the year then ended on that date and report as follows:

Board of Directors

The names of directors in office at the date of this report are:

Chairperson - Mr. David Eyre (21 August 2023 to current)

Vice Chair - Mr. Tomasi Vakatora (21 August 2023 to current)

Members - Ms. Annie Rogers (21 August 2023 to current)

Members - Mr. Tiko Domonakibau (15 April 2024 to current)

Members - Ms. Tupou'tuah Baravilala (21 August 2023 to current)

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Shivnesh R Prasad (15th March 2013 - 20th June 2019)

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2 June 2023)

State of Affairs

In the opinion of the directors, the accompanying statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2020 and the accompanying statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in accumulated funds and statement of cash flows gives a true and fair view of the results and cash flows of the Authority for the year then ended.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Operating Results

The operating surplus for the year was \$23,878 (Deficit 2019: \$198,333).

Non-current Assets

Prior to the completion of the financial statements of the Authority, the directors took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any non-current assets were unlikely to be realized in the ordinary course of business compared to their values as shown in the accounting records of the Authority. Where necessary these assets have been written down or adequate provision has been made to bring the values of such assets to an amount that they might be expected to realize.

As at the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances, which would render the values attributed to non-current assets in the Authority's financial statements misleading.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)
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Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Authority in the subsequent financial year.

Unusual Transactions

In the opinion of the directors, the results of the operations of the Authority during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature, nor has there arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Authority in the current financial year, other than those reflected in the financial statements.

Other Circumstances

As at the date of this report:

- (a) no charge on the assets of the Authority has been given since the end of the financial year to secure the liabilities of any other person;
- (b) no contingent liabilities have arisen since the end of the financial year for which the Authority could become liable; and
- (c) no contingent liabilities or other liabilities of the Authority have become or is likely to become enforceable within the period of seven months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Authority to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

As at the date of this report, the members are not aware of any circumstances that have arisen, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the Authority's financial statements, which would make adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Authority misleading or inappropriate.

Director's Benefits

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than those included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the financial statements or received as the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Authority or of a related entity) by reason of a contract made by the Authority or by a related entity with the director or with a firm of which he is a director, or with an entity in which he has a substantial financial interest.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors

Dated at Suva this ^{24th} day of September 2025.


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Chairman

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") we state that in the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the accompanying statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2020;
- (b) the accompanying statement of changes in accumulated funds of the authority for the year ended 31 July 2020 is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the changes in accumulated funds;
- (c) the accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2020;
- (d) the accompanying statement of cash flows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2020;
- (e) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- (f) all related party transactions have been adequately recorded in the books of the Authority.
- (g) the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Suva this ^{24th} day of September 2025.


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Chairman

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Telecommunications Authority of Fiji

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Telecommunication Authority of Fiji (the Authority), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2020, and the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraphs, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as at 31 July 2020, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

1. Included in Trade and Other Payables of \$819,299 is Consolidated Funds Accounts (CFA) payables of \$790,520. There was lack of documentation to ensure timely and accurate reconciliation of the CFA payable account. The CFA payable account, intended as a temporary holding account, should reflect a zero balance once funds are transferred to the CFA bank account. However, there was no evidence of monthly reconciliations performed or proper procedures to verify that funds were transferred as required. As a result, I was not able to determine whether the balance of \$790,520 is fairly stated.
2. Reflected in the Statement of Financial Position is Employee Entitlement of \$28,775. The Authority was not able to provide me with relevant and adequate audit evidence to support the opening balance due to the transition from a manual payroll system, during which no prior year leave data was rolled over into the current system. There was also an unreconciled variance of \$24,191 with some employees leave balances recorded as negative indicating potential over-utilisation of leave. The report did not include dollar values, requiring audit to reperform the calculation revealing a further material variance of \$4,724 in annual leave expense. As a result, I was unable to verify the accuracy and completeness of the balance of employee entitlement reflected in the Statement of Financial Position.
3. Reflected in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income is Personal Expenses of \$253,431. An unreconciled variance of \$18,786 existed between the gross pay reported of \$210,934 in the payroll report and the balance recorded in the trial balance. In addition, the gross pay report did not include the employer's FNPF contribution of \$14,284, while the trial balance recorded \$244,004. As a result, I was not able to confirm the accuracy of the Personal Expenses reflected in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). 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 Authority in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Fiji and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

Emphasis of Matter

I draw attention to Note 2(g) of the financial statement which requires an assessment for impairment of plant and equipment. The Authority has not undertaken a full assessment for impairment of assets included in property, plant and equipment (Note 9).

Other Matter

The Authority did not have documented policies and plans for risk management and disaster recovery.

Other Information

The Management and Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directors' Report and the Statement by the Directors but does not include the financial statements and the 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 identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based upon the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

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

The Directors and Management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS for SMEs, and for such internal control as the Directors and Management determine 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, the Directors and Management are responsible for assessing the Authority'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 Directors and Management either intend to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority'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 ISA 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 the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism 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 Authority'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 the Directors' and 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 Authority's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that 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 Authority's 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.

I 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 I identify during my audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In my opinion, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act 2008 in all material respects, and;

- a) I have been given all information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit; and
- b) the Authority has kept financial records sufficient to enable the financial statements to be prepared and audited.

F. Seru

Finau Seru Nagera
AUDITOR-GENERAL



Suva, Fiji
01 October 2025

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
Revenue	3	541,607	219,012
<u>Expenses</u>			
Administration expenses	4	(8,821)	(8,287)
Operating expenses	6	(255,477)	(262,100)
Personnel expenses	5	(253,431)	(146,958)
Total expenses		(517,729)	(417,345)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		23,878	(198,333)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive surplus/ (deficit) for the year		23,878	(198,333)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

	Accumulated Funds \$	Total Accumulated Funds \$
Balance as at 1 August 2018	153,411	153,411
Net Deficit for the year	(198,333)	(198,333)
Balance as at 31 July 2019	<u>(44,922)</u>	<u>(44,922)</u>
Net Surplus for the year	23,878	23,878
Balance as at 31 July 2020	<u>(21,044)</u>	<u>(21,044)</u>

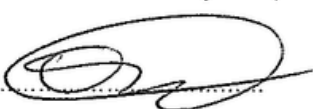
The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 JULY 2020

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7(b)	744,233	33,661
Other assets	8	47,634	38,815
Total current assets		<u>791,867</u>	<u>72,476</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	20,480	16,017
Intangible assets	10	14,683	45,189
Total non-current assets		<u>35,163</u>	<u>61,206</u>
Total assets		<u><u>827,030</u></u>	<u><u>133,682</u></u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	819,299	165,004
Employee entitlements	12	28,775	13,600
Total current liabilities		<u>848,074</u>	<u>178,604</u>
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated losses		(21,044)	(44,922)
Total Accumulated Funds		<u>(21,044)</u>	<u>(44,922)</u>
Total liabilities and equity		<u><u>827,030</u></u>	<u><u>133,682</u></u>

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Suva this ^{24th} day of September 2025.



Chairman

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Position.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Government grant received		532,788	219,405
Payments to suppliers and employees		188,693	(318,497)
Net Cash provided/(used in) by Operating Activities	7(a)	<u>721,481</u>	<u>(99,092)</u>
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Acquisition of plant and equipment		(10,909)	(1,147)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		<u>(10,909)</u>	<u>(1,147)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		710,572	(100,239)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		33,661	133,900
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7(b)	<u><u>744,233</u></u>	<u><u>33,661</u></u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows

1. General information

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("TAF" or "the Authority") was established in 2008 under the ambit of the Telecommunications Act of 2008. It was formed to provide for the regulatory aspect of reform aimed at strengthening the telecom sector, from a monopoly to an open environment. As a result of that Government intention, the Department of Communications – DoC was reformed accordingly whereby its regulatory component was shifted to TAF.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention using the accounting policies described below and except where stated do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

a) Statement of compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities ("IFRS for SMEs") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. All amounts are in Fijian dollars.

b) Income tax

The Authority is exempt from income tax under Division 4 of the Telecommunications Act of 2008 and the Fiji Income Tax Act.

c) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grants from the Government. A grant that does not impose specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are receivable. A grant that imposes specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income only when the performance conditions are met. Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank and on hand.

e) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are purchased computer software that is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. It is amortised over estimated life of two to five years using the straight-line method. If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

f) Plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The following annual rates are used for the depreciation of plant and equipment:

Plant and equipment	- 10 - 25%
Motor vehicles	- 20%
Furniture and fittings	- 10%

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations. Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the results for the year.

g) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, plant and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

h) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the Authority. All other leases are classified as operating leases. Rights to assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Authority at the fair value of the leased property (or, if lower, the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are deducted in measuring profit or loss. Assets held under finance leases are included in property, plant and equipment, and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

i) Employee benefits

Employee entitlements relating to wages, salaries and annual leave represents the amount which the authority has a present obligation to pay resulting from the employees' services provided up to balance date. Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognized and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

j) Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Trade payables denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Fiji dollars using the exchange rate at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

k) Value Added Tax ("VAT")

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT, except where the amount of VAT incurred is not recoverable from the Fiji Revenue & Customs Service ("FRCS"). In these circumstances, the VAT is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of VAT included.

The net amount of VAT recoverable from or payable to FRCS is included as other asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

l) Other assets

Other assets consist of refundable deposits, prepayments and other receivables. Other assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Other assets are initially recognised at original invoice amount (exclusive of VAT where applicable). Prepayments are amortised on a straight line basis over the expected year of benefit.

m) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been re-classified to achieve consistency in disclosure with current financial year amounts.

	2020 \$	2019 \$
3. REVENUE		
Grant income	541,607	219,012
There are no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government grants that have not been recognised in income.		
4. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Audit fees	7,943	7,943
Bank charges	878	344
	8,821	8,287
5. PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
Wages and salaries	206,669	122,500
FNPF contribution	14,284	10,918
FNU levy	2,109	1,376
Meal allowances	6,999	3,759
Other staff cost	23,370	8,405
	253,431	146,958

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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	2020 \$	2019 \$
6. OPERATING EXPENSES		
Advertising	7,421	6,313
Cleaning	4,386	6,064
Computer expense	5,705	7,234
Consultancy and workshop	-	550
Depreciation and amortisation expense	36,952	39,650
Electricity	15,732	12,927
Fuel and oil	4,246	4,384
General	1,039	-
Internet	10,579	10,726
Insurance - Motor vehicle	5,253	5,253
Miscellaneous	813	199
Mobile usage	2,735	1,807
Motor vehicle expense	7,726	7,041
Office expense	321	328
Postage, printing and stationery	1,924	1,114
Professional Fees	6,750	3,000
Rent	61,435	60,453
Repair and maintenance - office and equipment	938	365
Subscription	327	327
Technical expense	12,464	830
Water	1,710	2,886
Telephone and fax	2,788	2,692
Travel (local and overseas)	43,198	81,920
Training expenses	3,013	2,905
Website hosting and domain registration	18,022	3,132
	255,477	262,100

7. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of Net Surplus/ (Deficit) to Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	23,878	(198,333)
Add/(Less) Non-Cash Items:		
Depreciation	36,952	39,650
Add/(Less) Movements in Working Capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in other current assets	(8,818)	392
Increase/(Decrease) in accounts payable	654,294	57,790
Increase/(Decrease) in provision	15,175	1,409
Cash Flow from Operation	721,481	(99,092)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
(b) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	743,350	33,161
Cash on hand	883	500
	<u>744,233</u>	<u>33,661</u>
8. OTHER ASSETS		
Refundable deposits	1,905	1,905
Prepayments	16,023	16,023
VAT receivable	29,706	20,887
	<u>47,634</u>	<u>38,815</u>
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
<u>Plant and equipment</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	316,835	315,688
Additions	10,908	1,147
At 31 July	<u>327,743</u>	<u>316,835</u>
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	305,854	297,867
Depreciation charge for the year	5,836	7,987
At 31 July	<u>311,690</u>	<u>305,854</u>
Net book value	<u>16,053</u>	<u>10,981</u>
<u>Motor vehicle</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
At 31 July	<u>110,177</u>	<u>110,177</u>

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	2020	2019
	\$	\$
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)		
<u>Motor vehicle (continued)</u>		
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
Depreciation charge for the year	-	-
At 31 July	110,177	110,177
Net book value	-	-
<u>Furniture and fittings</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	15,995	15,995
At 31 July	15,995	15,995
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	10,959	10,350
Depreciation charge for the year	609	609
At 31 July	11,568	10,959
Net book value	4,427	5,036
Net written down value	20,480	16,017
10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	237,159	237,159
<i>Additions</i>	-	-
At 31 July	237,159	237,159
<i>Amortisation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	191,970	160,916
Amortisation charge for the year	30,506	31,054
At 31 July	222,476	191,970
	14,683	45,189
11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Suspense	236	235
Trade payables	2,065	9,871
Accruals	26,478	17,853
CFA Payable	790,520	137,045
	819,299	165,004

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	2020 \$	2019 \$
12. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS		
As at 1 August	13,600	12,192
Additional entitlements during the year	16,344	5,734
Benefit payments made during the year	(1,169)	(4,326)
As at 31 July	<u>28,775</u>	<u>13,600</u>

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

(a) Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at year end (2019: \$Nil).

(b) Operating lease commitments

The Authority has operating lease agreement for office space renewed on a monthly basis.

Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense during the year	61,435	60,453
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(c) Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at year end (2019: \$Nil).

14. RELATED PARTIES

(a) The names of Board Members during the financial year are as follows:

- Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Shivnesh R Prasad (15th March 2013 - 20th June 2019)
- Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2nd June 2023)

(b) Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

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15. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

Subsequent to year end, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) a "Public Health Emergency of International concern". The impact of COVID-19 outbreak on public health and the economy in Fiji and globally is expected to affect the overall operation of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji including liquidity and cash flows for subsequent years. Whilst measures and policies have been taken by the national government and nearby trading countries to prevent the spread of the virus, the impact of the virus on the amounts and estimates reported or used in the preparation of 2020 financial statements is not expected to be material. Furthermore a new Board of Directors was appointed on the 21st of August 2023.

Other than this, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the members, to affect significantly the operations of the authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the authority in the subsequent financial year.

16. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

17. AGENCY TRANSACTION ADMINISTERED FOR THE FIJI GOVERNMENT

Under the 2008 Telecommunication Promulgation, the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund. The Authority collects Universal Service Levies which are deposited in Universal Service Fund Account.

Below are the revenue collected and deposited directly into Government's Consolidated Fund for the year based on the amounts invoiced.

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Amateur license fees	207	218
Import permit fees	203,234	40,565
Other revenue	79,519	30,968
Radio license and inspection	20,247	31,419
Spectrum fees	941,174	69,369
Telecom annual license fees	3,898,795	5,580,784
Type approval fees	229	55
Total	5,143,405	5,753,378
Universal Service Levy	73,164	837,510

During the year, \$793,132.54 was deposited into the Authority's account on behalf of the Government and later transferred to the Consolidated Fund Account.

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18. AUTHORITY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the Authority is:

76 Gordon Street
Suva
Fiji

The Authority is a statutory body established by the Telecommunications Act of 2008.

19. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on the 24th day of September 2025

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2 February 2026

David Eyre
Chairperson
Telecommunications Authority of Fiji
76 Gordon Street
SUVA

Dear Mr. Eyre

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 JULY 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024

The audited Financial Statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji for the years ended 31 July 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024 together with my reports on them are enclosed.

Particulars of errors and omissions arising from the audit have been forwarded to the Management for necessary actions.

Yours sincerely

Finau Seru Nagera
AUDITOR-GENERAL

cc: Chief Executive Officer – Telecommunications Authority of Fiji

Encl.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI**

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In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors herewith submit the statement of financial position of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") as at 31 July 2021 the related income statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended on that date and report as follows:

Board of Directors

The names of directors in office at the date of this report are:

Chairperson - Mr. David Eyre (21 August 2023 to current)
Vice Chair - Mr. Tomasi Vakatora (21 August 2023 to current)
Member - Ms. Annie Rogers (21 August 2023 to current)
Member - Mr. Tiko Domonakibau (15 April 2024 to current)
Member - Ms. Tupou'tuah Baravilala (21 August 2023 to current)
Member - Mr. Eugene Singh (21 August 2023 to 13 January 2024)

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2 June 2023)

State of Affairs

In the opinion of the members, the accompanying statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2021 and the accompanying income statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows gives a true and fair view of the results and cash flows of the Authority for the year then ended.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Operating Results

The operating surplus for the year was \$40,169 (2020 surplus: 41,407).

Non-Current Assets

Prior to the completion of the financial statements of the Authority, the directors took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any non-current assets were unlikely to be realized in the ordinary course of business compared to their values as shown in the accounting records of the Authority. Where necessary these assets have been written down or adequate provision has been made to bring the values of such assets to an amount that they might be expected to realize.

As at the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances, which would render the values attributed to non-current assets in the Authority's financial statements misleading.

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Authority in the subsequent financial year.

Unusual Transactions

In the opinion of the directors, the results of the operations of the Authority during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature, nor has there arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Authority in the current financial year, other than those reflected in the financial statements.

Other Circumstances

As at the date of this report:

- (a) no charge on the assets of the Authority has been given since the end of the financial year to secure the liabilities of any other person;
- (b) no contingent liabilities have arisen since the end of the financial year for which the Authority could become liable; and
- (c) no contingent liabilities or other liabilities of the Authority have become or is likely to become enforceable within the period of seven months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Authority to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

As at the date of this report, the members are not aware of any circumstances that have arisen, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the Authority's financial statements, which would make adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Authority misleading or inappropriate.

Directors' Benefits

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than those included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the financial statements or received as the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Authority or of a related entity) by reason of a contract made by the Authority or by a related entity with the director or with a firm of which he is a director, or with a entity in which he has a substantial financial interest.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors

Dated at Suva this 27th day January of 2026.



Chairman

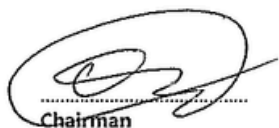
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") we state that in the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the accompanying income statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2021;
- (b) the accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2021;
- (c) the accompanying statement of changes in equity is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the changes in equity of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2021;
- (d) the accompanying statement of cash flows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2021;
- (e) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- (f) all related party transactions have been adequately recorded in the books of the Authority.
- (g) the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Suva this 22nd day January of 2026.


Chairman

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Telecommunications Authority of Fiji

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji (*"the Authority"*) which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2021, and the Income Statement, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraphs, the accompanying financial statements of the Authority are prepared in all material respects, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

1. The Authority recorded Other Assets of \$38,539 in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2021. The Authority was unable to provide appropriate and sufficient documentation to support this balance. As a result, I was unable to verify the accuracy and completeness of this balance and unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of the balance at the end of the financial year and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Income Statement and Statement of Financial Position.
2. The Authority recorded Trade and Other Payables of \$164,502 in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2021. The Authority was unable to provide appropriate and sufficient documentation to support this balance. As a result, I was unable to verify the accuracy and completeness of this balance and unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of the balance at the end of the financial year and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Income Statement and Statement of Financial Position.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). 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 Office 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 my audit of the financial statements in Fiji, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other Matter

The Authority did not have in place an approved Finance Manual and documented policies and plans for risk management and disaster recovery.

Other Information

The Management and Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the annual report but does not include the financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. The annual report is expected to be made available to me after the date of this auditor's report.

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 identified above when it becomes available 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.

When I read the annual report, if I conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, I am required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

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

The Management and Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and for such internal control as the Management and Director's determine 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, the Management and Directors are responsible for assessing the Authority'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 and Directors either intend to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority'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 ISA 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 the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism 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 Authority's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Management's and Directors' 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 Authority's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that 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 Authority 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.

I 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 I identify during my audit.

I also provide those charged with governance 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

In my opinion, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act 2008 in all material respects, and;

- a) I have been given all information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit; and
- b) the Authority has kept financial records sufficient to enable the financial statements to be prepared and audited.

F. Seru

Finau Seru Nagera
AUDITOR-GENERAL



Suva, Fiji
2 February 2026

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	Restated 2020 \$
Revenue	3	564,643	541,607
Expenses			
Administration expenses	4	(4,987)	(8,821)
Operating expenses	6	(244,750)	(256,531)
Personnel expenses	5	(274,737)	(234,848)
Total expenses		(524,474)	(500,200)
Net surplus for the year		40,169	41,407

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Income Statement

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 JULY 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	Restated 2020 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7(b)	41,994	744,233
Other assets	8	38,539	47,634
Total current assets		<u>80,533</u>	<u>791,867</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and equipment	9	128,645	19,426
Intangible assets	10	5,112	14,683
Total non-current assets		<u>133,757</u>	<u>34,109</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>214,290</u></u>	<u><u>825,976</u></u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	164,502	819,299
Employee entitlements	12	13,134	10,192
Total current liabilities		<u>177,636</u>	<u>829,491</u>
Total Liabilities		<u><u>177,636</u></u>	<u><u>829,491</u></u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Funds		36,654	(3,515)
Total Equity		<u>36,654</u>	<u>(3,515)</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity		<u><u>214,290</u></u>	<u><u>825,976</u></u>

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.


Chairman

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of Financial Position

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Government grant received		564,643	532,788
Receipts to remit for Consolidated Funds Accounts		-	653,475
Payment into the Consolidated Funds		(659,467)	-
Payments to suppliers and employees		(477,849)	(464,782)
Net Cash provided/(used in) by Operating Activities	7(a)	<u>(572,673)</u>	<u>721,481</u>
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Acquisition of plant, equipment & intangible assets		(129,566)	(10,909)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		<u>(129,566)</u>	<u>(10,909)</u>
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(702,239)	710,572
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		744,233	33,661
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7 (b)	<u>41,994</u>	<u>744,233</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

	2021	Restated 2020
	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 August	(3,515)	(44,922)
Net surplus for the year	40,169	41,407
Balance as at 31 July	<u>36,654</u>	<u>(3,515)</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Changes in Equity

1. General information

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("TAF" or "the Authority") was established in 2008 under the ambit of the Telecommunications Act of 2008. It was formed to provide for the regulatory aspect of reform aimed at strengthening the telecom sector, from a monopoly to an open environment. As a result of that Government intention, the Department of Communications – DoC was reformed accordingly whereby its regulatory component was shifted to TAF.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention using the accounting policies described below and except where stated do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

b) Statement of compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities ("IFRS for SMEs") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. All amounts are in Fijian dollars.

c) Income tax

The Authority is exempt from income tax under Division 4 of the Telecommunications Act of 2008 and the Fiji Income Tax Act.

d) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grants from the Government.

A grant that does not impose specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are receivable.

A grant that imposes specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income only when the performance conditions are met.

Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank and on hand.

f) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are purchased computer software that is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. It is amortised over estimated life of two to five years using the straight-line method. If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

g) Plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The following annual rates are used for the depreciation of plant and equipment:

Furniture and fittings	- 10%
Motor vehicles	- 20%
Plant and equipment	- 10 - 25%

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

g) Plant and equipment (continued)

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the results for the year.

h) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, plant and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

i) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the Authority. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rights to assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Authority at the fair value of the leased property (or, if lower, the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are deducted in measuring profit or loss. Assets held under finance leases are included in property, plant and equipment, and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

j) Employee benefits

Employee entitlements relating to wages, salaries and annual leave represents the amount which the Authority has a present obligation to pay resulting from the employees' services provided up to balance date.

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognized and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

k) Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Trade payables denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Fiji dollars using the exchange rate at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

l) Value Added Tax ("VAT")

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT, except where the amount of VAT incurred is not recoverable from the Fiji Revenue & Customs Service ("FRCS"). In these circumstances, the VAT is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of VAT included.

The net amount of VAT recoverable from or payable to FRCS is included as other asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

m) Other assets

Other assets consist of refundable deposits, prepayments and other receivables. Other assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Other assets are initially recognised at original invoice amount (exclusive of VAT where applicable). Prepayments are amortised on a straight line basis over the expected year of benefit.

n) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been re classified to achieve consistency in disclosure with current financial year amounts

	2021 \$	Restated 2020 \$
3. REVENUE		
Grant income	564,643	541,607
There are no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government grants that have not been recognised in income.		
4. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Audit fees	4,547	7,943
Bank charges	440	878
	4,987	8,821
5. PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
Wages and salaries	253,607	211,456
FNPF contribution	12,533	14,284
FNU levy	2,507	2,109
Meal allowances	6,090	6,999
	274,737	234,848
6. OPERATING EXPENSES		
Advertising	715	7,421
Cleaning	3,565	4,386
Computer expense	27	5,705
Depreciation and amortisation expense	29,918	38,006
Electricity	16,800	15,732
Fuel and oil	6,503	4,246
General	1,225	1,039
Internet	9,359	10,579
Insurance - motor vehicle	1,315	5,253
Miscellaneous	-	813
Mobile usage	6,891	2,735
Motor vehicle expense	20,076	7,726
Office expense	160	321
Other expense	23,483	-
Postage, printing and stationery	2,927	1,924
Professional Fees	4,671	6,750
Rent	60,083	61,435
Repair and maintenance - office and equipment	-	938
Subscription	327	327
Technical expense	-	12,464
Water	1,452	1,710
Telephone and fax	2,550	2,788
Travel (local and overseas)	49,912	43,198
Training expenses	2,791	3,013
Website hosting and domain registration	-	18,022
	244,750	256,531

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	2021 \$	Restated 2020 \$
7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
(a) Reconciliation of Net Surplus/ (Deficit) to Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net Surplus	40,169	41,407
Add/(Less) Non - Cash Items:		
Add Depreciation	29,918	38,006
Add/(Less) Movements in Working Capital:		
(Increase)/ Decrease in other assets	9,095	(8,818)
Increase / (Decrease) in trade and other payable	(654,797)	654,294
Increase/ (Decrease) in employee entitlement	2,942	(3,408)
Cash Flow from Operation	(572,673)	721,481
(b) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	41,494	743,350
Cash on hand	500	883
	41,994	744,233
8. OTHER ASSETS		
Refundable deposits	1,905	1,905
Prepayments	16,023	16,023
VAT receivable	20,611	29,706
	38,539	47,634
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
<u>Plant and equipment</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	327,743	316,835
Additions	121,529	10,908
At 31 July	449,272	327,743
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	312,744	305,854
Depreciation charge for the year	12,925	6,890
At 31 July	325,669	312,744
Net book value	123,603	14,999
<u>Motor vehicle</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
At 31 July	110,177	110,177
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
Depreciation charge for the year	-	-
At 31 July	110,177	110,177
Net book value	-	-

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	2021	Restated 2020
	\$	\$
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)		
<i>Furniture and fittings</i>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	15,995	15,995
Additions	2,461	-
At 31 July	18,456	15,995
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	11,568	10,959
Depreciation charge for the year	1,846	609
At 31 July	13,414	11,568
Net book value	5,042	4,427
Net written down value	128,645	19,426
10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	237,159	237,159
Additions	5,576	-
At 31 July	242,735	237,159
<i>Amortisation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	222,476	191,970
Amortisation charge for the year	15,147	30,506
At 31 July	237,623	222,476
Net written down value	5,112	14,683
11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Suspense	236	236
Trade payables	1,508	2,065
Accruals	31,705	26,478
CFA Payable	131,053	790,520
	164,502	819,299
12. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS		
As at 1 August	10,192	13,600
Additional entitlements during the year	12,461	15,616
Benefit payments made during the year	(9,519)	(19,024)
As at 31 July	13,134	10,192

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13. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

An error from a prior period resulted in employee entitlement provision being overstated by \$18,583 and depreciation being understated by \$1,054. This adjustment has been taken to correct the balances.

	Reported 2020 (\$)	Adjustment (\$)	Restated 2020 (\$)
Effect on Income Statement			
<u>Operating Expense</u>			
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(36,952)	(1,054)	(38,006)
Wages and salaries and other staff cost	(230,039)	18,583	(211,456)
Net Profit	23,878	17,529	41,407
Effect on Financial Position			
<u>Non Current Asset</u>			
Plant & Equipment	20,480	(1,054)	19,426
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Employee Entitlements	(28,775)	18,583	(10,192)
Effect on Equity			
Accumulated Funds	(21,044)	17,529	(3,515)

14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

2021
\$

2020
\$

(a) Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at year end (2020: \$Nil).

(b) Operating lease commitments

The Authority has operating lease agreement for office space renewed on a monthly basis.

Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense during the year

60,083

61,435

(c) Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at year end (2020: \$Nil).

15. RELATED PARTIES

(a) The names of Board Member during the financial year are as follows:

- Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2nd June 2023)

Board Member Allowance

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Board Member Expenses

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During the financial year no board expenses were paid.

(b) Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any directors (whether executive or otherwise) of the Authority.

The key management personnel of the Authority include the Manager Technical and the Manager Corporate.

Key Management Personnel Expenses

90,000

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(c) Transaction with Other Related Parties

There were no transactions with other related parties during the year, apart from those in the ordinary course of business.

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16. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

Subsequent to the financial year the new Board of Directors were appointed on the 21st of August 2023. Other than this, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the members, to affect significantly the operations of the authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the authority in the subsequent financial year.

17. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

18. AGENCY TRANSACTION ADMINISTERED FOR THE FIJI GOVERNMENT

Under the 2008 Telecommunication Promulgation, the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund. The Authority collects Universal Service Levies which are deposited in Universal Service Fund Account.

Below are the revenue collected and deposited directly into Government's Consolidated Fund .The revenue received for Telecom license fees, and Spectrum fees are based on the invoices issued during the year.

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Amateur license fees	469	207
Import permit fees	57,563	203,234
Other revenue	45,597	79,519
Radio license and inspection	-	20,247
Spectrum fees	2,468,134	941,174
Telecom annual license fees	6,684,674	3,898,795
Type approval fees	19,964	229
Total	9,276,401	5,143,405
Universal Service Levy	2,044,773	73,164

During the year, \$115,914.74 was deposited into the Authority's account on behalf of the Government and later transferred to the Consolidated Fund Account.

19. AUTHORITY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the Authority is:

76 Gordon Street
 Suva
 Fiji

The Authority is a statutory body established by the Telecommunication Act of 2008.

20. The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on the ^{27th} day of January 2026.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors herewith submit the statement of financial position of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") as at 31 July 2022 the related income statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended on that date and report as follows:

Board of Directors

The names of directors in office at the date of this report are:

Chairperson - Mr. David Eyre (21 August 2023 to current)

Vice Chair - Mr. Tomasi Vakatora (21 August 2023 to current)

Member - Ms. Annie Rogers (21 August 2023 to current)

Member - Mr. Tiko Domonakibau (15 April 2024 to current)

Member - Ms. Tupou'tuah Baravilala (21 August 2023 to current)

Member - Mr. Eugene Singh (21 August 2023 to 13 January 2024)

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2 June 2023)

State of Affairs

In the opinion of the members, the accompanying statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2022 and the accompanying income statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows gives a true and fair view of the results and cash flows of the Authority for the year then ended.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Operating Results

The operating deficit for the year was \$32,360 (2021 surplus: \$40,169).

Non-current Assets

Prior to the completion of the financial statements of the Authority, the directors took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any non-current assets were unlikely to be realized in the ordinary course of business compared to their values as shown in the accounting records of the Authority. Where necessary these assets have been written down or adequate provision has been made to bring the values of such assets to an amount that they might be expected to realize.

As at the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances, which would render the values attributed to non-current assets in the Authority's financial statements misleading.

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Authority in the subsequent financial year.

Unusual Transactions

In the opinion of the directors, the results of the operations of the Authority during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature, nor has there arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Authority in the current financial year, other than those reflected in the financial statements.

Other Circumstances

As at the date of this report:

- (a) no charge on the assets of the Authority has been given since the end of the financial year to secure the liabilities of any other person;
- (b) no contingent liabilities have arisen since the end of the financial year for which the Authority could become liable; and
- (c) no contingent liabilities or other liabilities of the Authority have become or is likely to become enforceable within the period of seven months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Authority to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

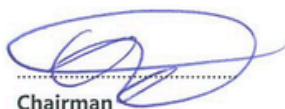
As at the date of this report, the members are not aware of any circumstances that have arisen, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the Authority's financial statements, which would make adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Authority misleading or inappropriate.

Directors' Benefits

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than those included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the financial statements or received as the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Authority or of a related entity) by reason of a contract made by the Authority or by a related entity with the director or with a firm of which he is a director, or with an entity in which he has a substantial financial interest.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors

Dated at Suva this ^{27th} day *January* of 2026.


Chairman

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") we state that in the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the accompanying income statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2022;
- (b) the accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2022;
- (c) the accompanying statement of changes in equity is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the changes in equity of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2022;
- (d) the accompanying statement of cash flows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2022;
- (e) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- (f) all related party transactions have been adequately recorded in the books of the Authority.
- (g) the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial reporting Standards for Small and Medium Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Suva this ^{27th} day *January* of 2026.


Chairman

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Telecommunications Authority of Fiji

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji (*"the Authority"*) which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2022, and the Income Statement, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraphs, the accompanying financial statements of the Authority are prepared in all material respects, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

1. The Authority recorded Other Assets of \$59,216 in Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2022. The Authority was unable to provide appropriate and sufficient documentation to support this balance. As a result, I was unable to verify the accuracy and completeness of this balance and unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of the balance at the end of the financial year and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Income Statement and Statement of Financial Position.
2. The Authority recorded Trade and Other Payables of \$172,418 in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2022. The Authority was unable to provide appropriate and sufficient documentation to support this balance. As a result, I was unable to verify the accuracy and completeness of this balance and unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of the balance at the end of the financial year and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Income Statement and Statement of Financial Position.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). 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 Office 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 my audit of the financial statements in Fiji, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other Matter

The Authority did not have in place an approved Finance Manual and documented policies and plans for risk management and disaster recovery.

Other Information

The Management and Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the annual report but does not include the financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. The annual report is expected to be made available to me after the date of this auditor's report.

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 identified above when it becomes available 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.

When I read the annual report, if I conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, I am required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

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

The Management and Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and for such internal control as the Management and Director's determine 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, the Management and Directors are responsible for assessing the Authority'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 and Directors either intend to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority'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 ISA 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 the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism 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 Authority's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Management's and Directors' 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 Authority's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that 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 Authority 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.

I 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 I identify during my audit.

I also provide those charged with governance 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

In my opinion, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act 2008 in all material respects, and;

- a) I have been given all information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit; and
- b) the Authority has kept financial records sufficient to enable the financial statements to be prepared and audited.

F. San

Finau Seru Nagera
AUDITOR-GENERAL



Suva, Fiji
2 February 2026

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

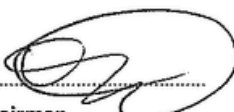
	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue	3	513,982	564,643
<u>Expenses</u>			
Administration expenses	4	(4,780)	(4,987)
Operating expenses	6	(285,623)	(244,750)
Personnel expenses	5	(255,939)	(274,737)
Total expenses		(546,342)	(524,474)
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		(32,360)	40,169

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Income Statement

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 JULY 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7(b)	16,237	41,994
Other assets	8	59,216	38,539
Total current assets		<u>75,453</u>	<u>80,533</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and equipment	9	101,125	128,645
Intangible assets	10	15,576	5,112
Total non-current assets		<u>116,701</u>	<u>133,757</u>
Total Assets		<u>192,154</u>	<u>214,290</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	172,418	164,502
Employee entitlements	12	15,442	13,134
Total current liabilities		<u>187,860</u>	<u>177,636</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>187,860</u>	<u>177,636</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Funds		4,294	36,654
Total Equity		<u>4,294</u>	<u>36,654</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity		<u>192,154</u>	<u>214,290</u>

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.


Chairman

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of Financial Position

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Government grant received		513,982	564,643
Receipts to remit for Consolidated Funds Accounts		1,243	-
Payment into the Consolidated Funds		-	(659,467)
Payments to suppliers and employees		(522,636)	(477,849)
Net Cash used in by Operating Activities	7(a)	<u>(7,411)</u>	<u>(572,673)</u>
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Acquisition of plant, equipment & intangible assets		(18,346)	(129,566)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		<u>(18,346)</u>	<u>(129,566)</u>
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(25,757)	(702,239)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		41,994	744,233
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7 (b)	<u>16,237</u>	<u>41,994</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Balance as at 1 August	36,654	(3,515)
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	(32,360)	40,169
Balance as at 31 July	<u>4,294</u>	<u>36,654</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Changes in Equity

1. General information

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("TAF" or "the Authority") was established in 2008 under the ambit of the Telecommunications Act of 2008. It was formed to provide for the regulatory aspect of reform aimed at strengthening the telecom sector, from a monopoly to an open environment. As a result of that Government intention, the Department of Communications – DoC was reformed accordingly whereby its regulatory component was shifted to TAF.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention using the accounting policies described below and except where stated do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

b) Statement of compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities ("IFRS for SMEs") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. All amounts are in Fijian dollars.

c) Income tax

The Authority is exempt from income tax under Division 4 of the Telecommunications Act of 2008 and the Fiji Income Tax Act.

d) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grants from the Government.

A grant that does not impose specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are receivable.

A grant that imposes specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income only when the performance conditions are met.

Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank and on hand.

f) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are purchased computer software that is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. It is amortised over estimated life of two to five years using the straight-line method. If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

g) Plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The following annual rates are used for the depreciation of plant and equipment:

Furniture and fittings	- 10%
Motor vehicles	- 20%
Plant and equipment	- 10 - 25%

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

g) Plant and equipment (continued)

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the results for the year.

h) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, plant and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

i) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the Authority. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rights to assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Authority at the fair value of the leased property (or, if lower, the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are deducted in measuring profit or loss. Assets held under finance leases are included in property, plant and equipment, and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

j) Employee benefits

Employee entitlements relating to wages, salaries and annual leave represents the amount which the Authority has a present obligation to pay resulting from the employees' services provided up to balance date.

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognized and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

k) Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Trade payables denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Fiji dollars using the exchange rate at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

l) Value Added Tax ("VAT")

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT, except where the amount of VAT incurred is not recoverable from the Fiji Revenue & Customs Service ("FRCS"). In these circumstances, the VAT is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of VAT included.

The net amount of VAT recoverable from or payable to FRCS is included as other asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

m) Other assets

Other assets consist of refundable deposits, prepayments and other receivables. Other assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Other assets are initially recognised at original invoice amount (exclusive of VAT where applicable). Prepayments are amortised on a straight line basis over the expected year of benefit.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

n) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been re-classified to achieve consistency in disclosure with current financial year amounts

	2022 \$	2021 \$
3. REVENUE		
Grant income	<u>513,982</u>	<u>564,643</u>
There are no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government grants that have not been recognised in income.		
4. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Audit fees	4,547	4,547
Bank charges	233	440
	<u>4,780</u>	<u>4,987</u>
5. PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
Wages and salaries	227,354	253,607
FNPF contribution	12,480	12,533
FNU levy	2,238	2,507
Meal allowances	13,867	6,090
	<u>255,939</u>	<u>274,737</u>
6. OPERATING EXPENSES		
Advertising	4,371	715
Cleaning	3,538	3,565
Computer expense	-	27
Depreciation and amortisation expense	35,402	29,918
Electricity	17,449	16,800
Fuel and oil	7,675	6,503
General	147	1,225
Internet	11,317	9,359
Insurance - Motor vehicle	-	1,315
Mobile usage	5,120	6,891
Motor vehicle expense	23,957	20,076
Office expense	654	160
Other Expense	-	23,483
Postage, printing and stationery	1,081	2,927
Professional Fees	-	4,671
Rent	55,076	60,083
Subscription	3,390	327
Technical expense	525	-
Water	1,233	1,452
Telephone and fax	2,497	2,550
Travel (local and overseas)	107,310	49,912
Training expenses	3,046	2,791
Website hosting and domain registration	1,835	-
	<u>285,623</u>	<u>244,750</u>

	2022 \$	2021 \$
7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
(a) Reconciliation of Net Surplus/ (Deficit) to Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	(32,360)	40,169
Add/(Less) Non - Cash Items:		
Add Depreciation	35,402	29,918
Add/(Less) Movements in Working Capital:		
(Increase)/ Decrease in other assets	(20,677)	9,095
Increase / (Decrease) in trade and other payable	7,916	(654,797)
Increase/ (Decrease) in employee entitlement	2,308	2,942
Cash Flow from Operation	(7,411)	(572,673)
(b) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	15,737	41,494
Cash on hand	500	500
	16,237	41,994
8. OTHER ASSETS		
Refundable deposits	2,405	1,905
Prepayments	16,893	16,023
VAT receivable	39,918	20,611
	59,216	38,539
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
<u>Plant and equipment</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	449,272	327,743
Additions	1,879	121,529
At 31 July	451,151	449,272
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	325,669	312,744
Depreciation charge for the year	27,553	12,925
At 31 July	353,222	325,669
Net book value	97,929	123,603
<u>Motor vehicle</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
At 31 July	110,177	110,177
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
Depreciation charge for the year	-	-
At 31 July	110,177	110,177
Net book value	-	-

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	2022 \$	2021 \$
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)		
<i>Furniture and fittings</i>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	18,456	15,995
Additions	-	2,461
At 31 July	18,456	18,456
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	13,414	11,568
Depreciation charge for the year	1,846	1,846
At 31 July	15,260	13,414
Net book value	3,196	5,042
Net written down value	101,125	128,645
10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	242,735	237,159
Additions	16,467	5,576
At 31 July	259,202	242,735
<i>Amortisation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	237,623	222,476
Amortisation charge for the year	6,003	15,147
At 31 July	243,626	237,623
Net written down value	15,576	5,112
11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Suspense	236	236
Trade payables	551	1,508
Accruals	39,334	31,705
CFA Payable	132,297	131,053
	172,418	164,502
12. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS		
As at 1 August	13,134	10,192
Additional entitlements during the year	8,923	12,461
Benefit payments made during the year	(6,615)	(9,519)
As at 31 July	15,442	13,134

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13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES	2022	2021
	\$	\$
(a) Capital commitments		
There were no capital commitments at year end (2021: \$Nil).		
(b) <u>Operating lease commitments</u>		
The Authority has operating lease agreement for office space renewed on a monthly basis.		
Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense during the year	55,076	60,083
(c) <u>Contingent liabilities</u>		
There were no contingent liabilities at year end (2021: \$Nil).		
14. RELATED PARTIES		
(a) The names of Board Member during the financial year are as follows:		
- Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2nd June 2023)		
Board Member Allowance	-	-
Board Member Expenses	-	-
During the financial year no board expenses were paid.		
(b) Key Management Personnel		
Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any directors (whether executive or otherwise) of the Authority.		
The key management personnel of the Authority include the Manager Technical and the Manager Corporate.		
Key Management Personnel Expenses	90,000	90,000
(c) <u>Transaction with Other Related Parties</u>		
There were no transactions with other related parties during the year, apart from those in the ordinary course of business.		
15. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE		
Subsequent to the financial year the new Board of Directors were appointed on the 21st of August 2023.		
Other than this, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the members, to affect significantly the operations of the authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the authority in the subsequent financial year.		
16. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES		
The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.		

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17. AGENCY TRANSACTION ADMINISTERED FOR THE FIJI GOVERNMENT

Under the 2008 Telecommunication Promulgation, the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund. The Authority collects Universal Service Levies which are deposited in Universal Service Fund Account.

Below are the revenue collected and deposited directly into Government's Consolidated Fund. The revenue received for Telecom license fees, and Spectrum fees are based on the invoices issued during the year.

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Amateur license fees	-	469
Import permit fees	72,650	57,563
Other revenue	47,043	45,597
Spectrum fees	1,878,397	2,468,134
Telecom annual license fees	5,349,973	6,684,674
Type approval fees	17,931	19,964
Total	7,365,994	9,276,401
Universal Service Levy	1,727,731	2,044,773

During the year, \$8,567 was deposited into the Authority's account on behalf of the Government and later transferred to the Consolidated Fund Account.

18. AUTHORITY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the Authority is:

76 Gordon Street
 Suva
 Fiji

The Authority is a statutory body established by the Telecommunication Act of 2008.

19. The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on the 27th day of January, 2026.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

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In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors herewith submit the statement of financial position of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") as at 31 July 2023 the related income statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended on that date and report as follows:

Board of Directors

The names of directors in office at the date of this report are:

Chairperson - Mr. David Eyre (21 August 2023 to current)

Vice Chair - Mr. Tomasi Vakatora (21 August 2023 to current)

Member - Ms. Annie Rogers (21 August 2023 to current)

Member - Mr. Tiko Domonakibau (15 April 2024 to current)

Member - Ms. Tupou'tuah Baravilala (21 August 2023 to current)

Member - Mr. Eugene Singh (21 August 2023 to 13 January 2024)

Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2 June 2023)

State of Affairs

In the opinion of the members, the accompanying statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2023 and the accompanying income statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows gives a true and fair view of the results and cash flows of the Authority for the year then ended.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.

Operating Results

The operating deficit for the year was \$8,825 (2022 deficit: \$32,360).

Non-current Assets

Prior to the completion of the financial statements of the Authority, the directors took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any non-current assets were unlikely to be realized in the ordinary course of business compared to their values as shown in the accounting records of the Authority. Where necessary these assets have been written down or adequate provision has been made to bring the values of such assets to an amount that they might be expected to realize.

As at the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances, which would render the values attributed to non-current assets in the Authority's financial statements misleading.

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Authority in the subsequent financial year.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

Unusual Transactions

In the opinion of the directors, the results of the operations of the Authority during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature, nor has there arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Authority in the current financial year, other than those reflected in the financial statements.

Other Circumstances

As at the date of this report:

- (a) no charge on the assets of the Authority has been given since the end of the financial year to secure the liabilities of any other person;
- (b) no contingent liabilities have arisen since the end of the financial year for which the Authority could become liable; and
- (c) no contingent liabilities or other liabilities of the Authority have become or is likely to become enforceable within the period of seven months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Authority to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

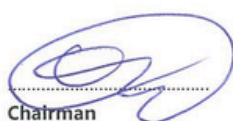
As at the date of this report, the members are not aware of any circumstances that have arisen, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the Authority's financial statements, which would make adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Authority misleading or inappropriate.

Directors' Benefits

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than those included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the financial statements or received as the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Authority or of a related entity) by reason of a contract made by the Authority or by a related entity with the director or with a firm of which he is a director, or with a entity in which he has a substantial financial interest.

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors

Dated at Suva this 27th day January of 2026.


Chairman

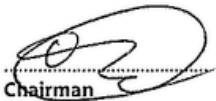
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("the Authority") we state that in the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the accompanying income statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2023;
- (b) the accompanying statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Authority as at 31 July 2023;
- (c) the accompanying statement of changes in equity is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the changes in equity of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2023;
- (d) the accompanying statement of cash flows is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Authority for the year ended 31 July 2023;
- (e) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- (f) all related party transactions have been adequately recorded in the books of the Authority.
- (g) the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Suva this 23rd day January of 2026.


Chairman

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Telecommunications Authority of Fiji

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Telecommunications Authority of Fiji (*"the Authority"*) which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2023, and the Income Statement, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraphs, the accompanying financial statements of the Authority are prepared in all material respects, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

1. The Authority recorded Other Assets of \$72,546 in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2023. The Authority was unable to provide appropriate and sufficient documentation to support this balance. As a result, I was unable to verify the accuracy and completeness of this balance and unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of the balance at the end of the financial year and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Income Statement and Statement of Financial Position.
2. The Authority recorded Trade and Other Payables of \$179,286 in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2023. The Authority was unable to provide appropriate and sufficient documentation to support this balance. As a result, I was unable to verify the accuracy and completeness of this balance and unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of the balance at the end of the financial year and any corresponding adjustments to the elements making up the Income Statement and Statement of Financial Position.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). 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 Office in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Fiji, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other Matter

The Authority did not have in place an approved Finance Manual and documented policies and plans for risk management and disaster recovery.

Other Information

The Management and Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the annual report but does not include the financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. The annual report is expected to be made available to me after the date of this auditor's report.

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 identified above when it becomes available 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.

When I read the annual report, if I conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, I am required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

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

The Management and Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and for such internal control as the Management and Director's determine 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, the Management and Directors are responsible for assessing the Authority'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 and Directors either intend to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority'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 ISA 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 the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism 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 Authority's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Management's and Directors' 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 Authority's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that 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 Authority 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.

I 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 I identify during my audit.

I also provide those charged with governance 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

In my opinion, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act 2008 in all material respects, and;

- a) I have been given all information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit; and
- b) the Authority has kept financial records sufficient to enable the financial statements to be prepared and audited.

F. Seru

Finau Seru Nagera
AUDITOR-GENERAL



Suva, Fiji
2 February 2026

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue	3	596,330	513,982
Expenses			
Administration expenses	4	(4,987)	(4,780)
Operating expenses	6	(330,371)	(285,623)
Personnel expenses	5	(269,797)	(255,939)
Total expenses		(605,155)	(546,342)
Net (deficit) for the year		(8,825)	(32,360)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Income Statement.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7(b)	17,426	16,237
Other assets	8	72,546	59,216
Total current assets		<u>89,972</u>	<u>75,453</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and equipment	9	82,181	101,125
Intangible assets	10	8,236	15,576
Total non-current assets		<u>90,417</u>	<u>116,701</u>
Total Assets		<u>180,389</u>	<u>192,154</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	179,286	172,418
Employee entitlements	12	5,634	15,442
Total current liabilities		<u>184,920</u>	<u>187,860</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>184,920</u>	<u>187,860</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Funds		(4,531)	4,294
Total Equity		<u>(4,531)</u>	<u>4,294</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity		<u>180,389</u>	<u>192,154</u>

For and on behalf of the Authority and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Chairman

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this statement of Financial Position

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Government grant received		596,330	513,982
Receipts to remit for Consolidated Funds Accounts		1,469	1,243
Payment into the Consolidated Funds		-	-
Payments to suppliers and employees		(589,367)	(522,636)
Net Cash provided/(used in) Operating Activities	7(a)	<u>8,432</u>	<u>(7,411)</u>
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Acquisition of plant and equipment		(7,243)	(18,346)
Net Cash (used) in Investing Activities		<u>(7,243)</u>	<u>(18,346)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,189	(25,757)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		16,237	41,994
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7 (b)	<u><u>17,426</u></u>	<u><u>16,237</u></u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF FIJI
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Balance as at 1 August	4,294	36,654
Net (deficit) for the year	(8,825)	(32,360)
Balance as at 31 July	<u>(4,531)</u>	<u>4,294</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Changes in Equity

1. General information

The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji ("TAF" or "the Authority") was established in 2008 under the ambit of the Telecommunications Act of 2008. It was formed to provide for the regulatory aspect of reform aimed at strengthening the telecom sector, from a monopoly to an open environment. As a result of that Government intention, the Department of Communications – DoC was reformed accordingly whereby its regulatory component was shifted to TAF.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention using the accounting policies described below and except where stated do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

b) Statement of compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities ("IFRS for SMEs") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. All amounts are in Fijian dollars.

c) Income tax

The Authority is exempt from income tax under Division 4 of the Telecommunications Act of 2008 and the Fiji Income Tax Act.

d) Revenue

Revenue comprises of quarterly grants from the Government.

A grant that does not impose specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are receivable.

A grant that imposes specified future performance conditions on the Authority is recognised in income only when the performance conditions are met.

Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash at bank and on hand.

f) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are purchased computer software that is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. It is amortised over estimated life of two to five years using the straight-line method. If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

g) Plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The following annual rates are used for the depreciation of plant and equipment:

Furniture and fittings	- 10%
Motor vehicles	- 20%
Plant and equipment	- 10 - 25%

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

g) Plant and equipment (continued)

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations.

Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the results for the year.

h) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, plant and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

i) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the Authority. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rights to assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Authority at the fair value of the leased property (or, if lower, the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are deducted in measuring profit or loss. Assets held under finance leases are included in property, plant and equipment, and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

j) Employee benefits

Employee entitlements relating to wages, salaries and annual leave represents the amount which the Authority has a present obligation to pay resulting from the employees' services provided up to balance date.

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognized and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

k) Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Trade payables denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Fiji dollars using the exchange rate at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

l) Value Added Tax ("VAT")

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT, except where the amount of VAT incurred is not recoverable from the Fiji Revenue & Customs Service ("FRCS"). In these circumstances, the VAT is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of VAT included.

The net amount of VAT recoverable from or payable to FRCS is included as other asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

m) Other assets

Other assets consist of refundable deposits, prepayments and other receivables. Other assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Other assets are initially recognised at original invoice amount (exclusive of VAT where applicable). Prepayments are amortised on a straight line basis over the expected year of benefit.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

n) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been re-classified to achieve consistency in disclosure with current financial year amounts

	2023 \$	2022 \$
3. REVENUE		
Grant income	<u>596,330</u>	<u>513,982</u>
There are no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government grants that have not been recognised in income.		
4. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Audit fees	4,547	4,547
Bank charges	440	233
	<u>4,987</u>	<u>4,780</u>
5. PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
Wages and salaries	247,827	227,354
FNPF contribution	16,934	12,480
FNU levy	2,576	2,238
Meal allowances	2,460	13,867
	<u>269,797</u>	<u>255,939</u>
6. OPERATING EXPENSES		
Advertising	357	4,371
Cleaning	4,386	3,538
Computer expense	50	-
Depreciation and amortisation expense	33,527	35,402
Electricity	19,173	17,449
Fuel and oil	5,320	7,675
General	-	147
Internet	9,744	11,317
Mobile usage	9,032	5,120
Motor vehicle expense	29,388	23,957
Office expense	220	654
Postage, printing and stationery	3,978	1,081
Professional Fees	871	-
Rent	65,090	55,076
Subscription	7,782	3,390
Technical expense	8,089	525
Water	1,357	1,233
Telephone and fax	2,531	2,497
Travel (local and overseas)	88,580	107,310
Training expenses	33,824	3,046
Website hosting and domain registration	7,072	1,835
	<u>330,371</u>	<u>285,623</u>

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
(a) Reconciliation of Net Surplus/ (Deficit) to Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net Deficit	(8,825)	(32,360)
Add/(Less) Non - Cash Items:		
Add Depreciation	33,527	35,402
Add/(Less) Movements in Working Capital:		
(Increase)/ Decrease in other assets	(13,330)	(20,677)
Increase / (Decrease) in trade and other payable	6,868	7,916
Increase/ (Decrease) in employee entitlement	(9,808)	2,308
Cash Flow from Operation	8,432	(7,411)
(b) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	16,926	15,737
Cash on hand	500	500
	17,426	16,237
8. OTHER ASSETS		
Refundable deposits	2,405	2,405
Prepayments	16,893	16,893
VAT receivable	53,248	39,918
	72,546	59,216
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
<u>Plant and equipment</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	451,151	449,272
Additions	7,243	1,879
At 31 July	458,394	451,151
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	353,222	325,669
Depreciation charge for the year	24,950	27,553
At 31 July	378,172	353,222
Net book value	80,222	97,929
<u>Motor vehicle</u>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
At 31 July	110,177	110,177
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	110,177	110,177
Depreciation charge for the year	-	-
At 31 July	110,177	110,177
Net book value	-	-

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)		
<i>Furniture and fittings</i>		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	18,456	18,456
Additions	-	-
At 31 July	18,456	18,456
<i>Depreciation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	15,260	13,414
Depreciation charge for the year	1,237	1,846
At 31 July	16,497	15,260
Net book value	1,959	3,196
Net written down value	82,181	101,125
10. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
<i>Cost:</i>		
At 1 August	259,202	242,735
Additions	-	16,467
At 31 July	259,202	259,202
<i>Amortisation and impairment:</i>		
At 1 August	243,626	237,623
Amortisation charge for the year	7,340	6,003
At 31 July	250,966	243,626
Net written down value	8,236	15,576
11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Suspense	236	236
Trade payables	721	551
Accruals	44,563	39,334
CFA Payable	133,766	132,297
	179,286	172,418
12. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS		
As at 1 August	15,442	13,134
Additional entitlements during the year	12,230	8,923
Benefit payments made during the year	(22,038)	(6,615)
As at 31 July	5,634	15,442

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13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES	2023 \$	2022 \$
(a) Capital commitments		
There were no capital commitments at year end (2022: \$Nil).		
(b) <u>Operating lease commitments</u>		
The Authority has operating lease agreement for office space renewed on a monthly basis.		
Minimum lease payments under operating leases recognised as an expense during the year	65,090	55,076
(c) <u>Contingent liabilities</u>		
There were no contingent liabilities at year end (2022: \$Nil).		
14. RELATED PARTIES		
(a) The names of Board Member during the financial year are as follows:		
- Acting Chairperson (non paid) - Mr. Vijendra Singh (14th February 2021 - 2nd June 2023)		
Board Member Allowance	-	-
Board Member Expenses	-	-
During the financial year no board expenses were paid.		
(b) Key Management Personnel		
Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any directors (whether executive or otherwise) of the Authority.		
The key management personnel of the Authority include the Manager Technical and the Manager Corporate.		
Key Management Personnel Expenses	92,789	90,000
(c) <u>Transaction with Other Related Parties</u>		
There were no transactions with other related parties during the year, apart from those in the ordinary course of business.		
15. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE		
There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the members, to affect significantly the operations of the authority, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the authority in the subsequent financial year.		
16. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES		
The principal activities of the Authority are to provide rapid expansion of reliable and as affordable as possible telecommunications services on an equitable basis, with particular improvement in rural areas; promote efficient investment and innovation in telecommunications network and services; provide fair competition among service providers and allowing market forces to operate; provide and promote appropriate consumer protection and other safeguards in relation to telecommunications services where market forces are insufficient.		

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17. AGENCY TRANSACTION ADMINISTERED FOR THE FIJI GOVERNMENT

Under the 2008 Telecommunication Promulgation, the Authority is responsible for the collection of fees and charges which are deposited into the Government Consolidated Fund. The Authority collects Universal Service Levies which are deposited in Universal Service Fund Account.

Below are the revenue collected and deposited directly into Government's Consolidated Fund. The revenue received for Telecom license fees, and Spectrum fees are based on the invoices issued during the year.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Amateur license fees	545	-
Import permit fees	58,207	72,650
Other revenue	42,842	47,043
Spectrum fees	1,946,157	1,878,397
Telecom annual license fees	7,688,596	5,349,973
Type approval fees	16,563	17,931
Total	9,752,910	7,365,994
 Universal Service Levy	 1,638,961	 1,727,731

During the year, \$11,297.99 was deposited into the Authority's account on behalf of the Government and later transferred to the Consolidated Fund Account.

18. AUTHORITY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the Authority is:

76 Gordon Street
Suva
Fiji

The Authority is a statutory body established by the Telecommunication Act of 2008.

19. The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on the 27th day of

January 2026.

"This Consolidated Annual Report for the period of 01 August 2010 through 31 July 2023 has been prepared by the current TAF Board of Directors (appointed August 2023 and April 2024), relying entirely on available historical records and legacy documentation from prior administrations. While every reasonable effort has been made to accurately reconstruct this timeline, stakeholders should exercise caution, as the current TAF Board expressly disclaims any liability for inaccuracies or omissions relating to the years prior to our active tenure."



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