

**LEPL EURASIAN TRANSPORT  
CORRIDOR INVESTMENT CENTER /  
TRANSPORT REFORM AND  
REHABILITATION CENTER**

LOAN NO. 8788-GE  
(ADDITIONAL FINANCING EAST-WEST HIGHWAY CORRIDOR  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT)

**Special Purpose Project Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

**LEPL EURASIAN TRANSPORT CORRIDOR INVESTMENT CENTER /  
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IMPROVEMENT  
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**STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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Management of the East-West Highway Corridor Improvement Project (the "Project") implemented by the LEPL Eurasian Transport Corridor Investment Center ("ETCIC") / Transport Reform and Rehabilitation Center ("TRRC") is responsible for the preparation of the special purpose project financial statements that present fairly the statement of balance sheet of the Project, the statement of sources and uses of funds, the statements of expenditure withdrawal schedule and movement in designated account for the year ended 31 December 2023, and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information in compliance with the Cash Basis International Public Sector Accounting Standard, Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting ("IPSAS - Cash Basis"), and in conformity with the World Bank's Financial Management Sector Board's "Guidelines: Annual Financial Reporting and Auditing for World Bank Financed Activities" (the "World Bank Guidelines").

In preparing the special purpose project financial statements, management is responsible for:

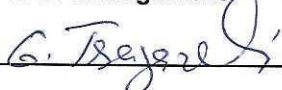
- Properly selecting and applying accounting policies;
- Presenting information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information;
- Providing additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IPSAS – Cash Basis are insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the Project, financial position and its sources and uses of funds and movements in designated accounts.

Management is also responsible for:

- Designing, implementing and maintaining an effective and sound system of internal controls, throughout the Project;
- Maintaining adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Project's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Project, and which enable them to ensure that the special purpose project financial statements of the Project comply with the Guidelines on Annual Financial Reporting and Auditing for World Bank – Financed Activities issued by the World Bank's Financial Management Sector Board;
- Maintaining statutory accounting records in compliance with Georgian legislation;
- Taking such steps that are reasonably available to them to safeguard the assets of the Project; and
- Preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.

The special purpose project financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 were authorized for issue on 28 June 2024 except as to amendments in Note 2 to the special purpose project financial statements, which is as of 30 August 2024, by the Management.

On behalf of Management:

  
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**Giorgi Tsagareli**  
Director

30 August 2024

  
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**Marina Majagaladze**  
Financial Manager

30 August 2024



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## **Independent Auditors' Report on Special Purpose Project Financial Statements**

To the Management of LEPL Eurasian Transport Corridor Investment Center / Transport Reform and Rehabilitation Center

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the special purpose project financial statements of the East-West Highway Corridor Improvement Project (the "Project"), financed under the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "IBRD"), Loan Agreement No. 8788-GE, dated 2 April 2018, implemented by the LEPL Eurasian Transport Corridor Investment Center/ Transport Reform and Rehabilitation Center (the "Center"), which comprise the Statement of Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023, the Statements of Sources and Uses of Funds, Expenditure Withdrawal Schedule ("SOEs") and Designated Account for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. The special purpose project financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standard: Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting and in conformity with the World Bank's Financial Management Sector Board's "Guidelines: Annual Financial Reporting and Auditing for World Bank-Financed Activities" (the "World Bank Guidelines") as described in Note 2 to the special purpose project financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose project financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Project as at 31 December 2023, and its sources and uses of funds for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standard: Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting and the World Bank Guidelines.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Project Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Center in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (*IESBA Code*) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the special purpose project financial statements in Georgia and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### ***Other Matter***

Planned and prospective data included on pages 6 to 16 of the accompanying special purpose project financial statements that are marked as "*Unaudited*" have not been audited.

### ***Emphasis of Matter – Amendment of previously issued special purpose project financial statements***

We draw attention to Note 2 to the Special Purpose Project Financial Statements, which describes that, due to presentation changes in respect of unallocated expenditures under Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds, the Center amended its Special Purpose Project Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 approved by management on 28 June 2024, on which we issued our auditors' report on 28 June 2024. Our procedures subsequent to 28 June 2024, including audit procedures on subsequent events, are restricted to the amendments described in Note 2. Note 2 also indicates that the comparative information presented as at 31 December 2022 have been restated accordingly. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



### **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Use**

We draw attention to Note 2 to the special purpose project financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The special purpose project financial statements are prepared to assist the Center to comply with the requirements of IBRD and for providing information to the Government of Georgia and IBRD to assist them in evaluating the Project implementation. As a result, the special purpose project financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Special Purpose Project Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these special purpose project financial statements in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standard: Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting and the World Bank Guidelines, for determining the acceptability of the basis of accounting and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of special purpose project financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

### **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Project Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose project financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these special purpose project financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the special purpose project financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Center's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the special purpose project financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the special purpose project financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is:

Nikoloz Chochua

KPMG Georgia LLC  
Tbilisi, Georgia

28 June 2024 except as to amendments in Note 2 to the special purpose project financial statements, which is as of 30 August 2024

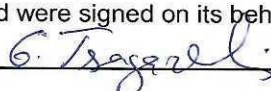


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**STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
(in Euros)**


	Actual as at		Planned as at		Variance		
	31 December 2023		31 December 2023		Period to date	Cumulative to date	
	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date			
				Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
<b>FUNDS RECEIVED BY SOURCES</b>							
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("IBRD") funds	2,495,750	16,279,114					
Government of Georgia ("GoG") co-financing	2,681,350	15,884,225					
European Investment Bank ("EIB")	44,899,747	99,445,000					
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED</b>	<b>50,076,847</b>	<b>131,608,339</b>					
<b>LESS: EXPENDITURES</b>							
Component 1 – Improvement and Asset Management ("IBRD")	4,095,750	15,960,328	4,095,750	15,960,328	-	-	-
<b>IBRD Total:</b>	<b>4,095,750</b>	<b>15,960,328</b>	<b>4,095,750</b>	<b>15,960,328</b>	-	-	-
Component 1 – Improvement and Asset Management ("GoG")	2,626,080	13,321,935	2,626,080	13,321,935	-	-	-
<b>GoG Total:</b>	<b>2,626,080</b>	<b>13,321,935</b>	<b>2,626,080</b>	<b>13,321,935</b>	-	-	-
Component 1 – Improvement and Asset Management ("EIB")	11,756,058	59,783,443	11,756,058	59,783,443	-	-	-
<b>EIB Total:</b>	<b>11,756,058</b>	<b>59,783,443</b>	<b>11,756,058</b>	<b>59,783,443</b>	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY COMPONENTS</b>	<b>18,477,888</b>	<b>89,065,706</b>	<b>18,477,888</b>	<b>89,065,706</b>	-	-	-
<b>UNALLOCATED</b>							
Land Acquisition ("GoG")	55,272	2,316,019	55,272	2,316,019	-	-	-
Compensation for Land ("GoG")	-	169,568	-	169,568	-	-	-
Other ("GoG")	-	76,704	-	76,704	-	-	-
Other ("IBRD")	89,460	176,344	89,460	176,344	-	-	-
Front-End Fees ("IBRD")	-	42,250	-	42,250	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL UNALLOCATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>144,732</b>	<b>2,780,885</b>	<b>144,732</b>	<b>2,780,885</b>	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>18,622,620</b>	<b>91,846,591</b>	<b>18,622,620</b>	<b>91,846,591</b>			
<b>NET FLOWS OF FUNDS</b>	<b>31,454,227</b>	<b>39,761,748</b>					

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**Giorgi Tsagareli**  
Director

28 June 2024 except as to amendments in Note 2 to the special purpose project financial statements, which is as of 30 August 2024



**Marina Majagaladze**  
Financial Manager

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**STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
(in Euros)**

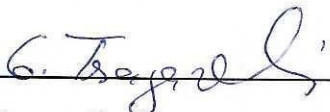
	Actual as at 31 December 2022		Planned as at 31 December 2022		Variance	
	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date
			<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>
<b>FUNDS RECEIVED BY SOURCES</b>						
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("IBRD") funds	3,728,789	13,783,364				
Government of Georgia ("GoG") co- financing	3,403,697	13,202,875				
European Investment Bank ("EIB")	17,000,000	54,545,253				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED</b>	<b>24,132,486</b>	<b>81,531,492</b>				
<b>LESS: EXPENDITURES</b>						
Component 1 – Improvement and Asset Management ("IBRD")	3,728,789	11,864,578	3,728,789	11,864,578	-	-
<b>IBRD Total:</b>	<b>3,728,789</b>	<b>11,864,578</b>	<b>3,728,789</b>	<b>11,864,578</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Component 1 – Improvement and Asset Management ("GoG")	3,337,395	10,695,855	3,337,395	10,695,855	-	-
<b>GoG Total:</b>	<b>3,337,395</b>	<b>10,695,855</b>	<b>3,337,395</b>	<b>10,695,855</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Component 1 – Improvement and Asset Management ("EIB")	14,990,979	48,027,385	14,990,979	48,027,385	-	-
<b>EIB Total:</b>	<b>14,990,979</b>	<b>48,027,385</b>	<b>14,990,979</b>	<b>48,027,385</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY COMPONENTS</b>	<b>22,057,163</b>	<b>70,587,818</b>	<b>22,057,163</b>	<b>70,587,818</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>UNALLOCATED</b>						
Land Acquisition ("GoG")	66,302	2,260,747	66,302	2,260,747	-	-
Compensation for Land ("GoG")	-	169,568	-	169,568	-	-
Other ("GoG")	-	76,704	-	76,704	-	-
Other ("IBRD")	86,884	86,884	86,884	86,884	-	-
Front-End Fees ("IBRD")	-	42,250	-	42,250	-	-
<b>TOTAL UNALLOCATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>153,186</b>	<b>2,636,153</b>	<b>153,186</b>	<b>2,636,153</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>22,210,349</b>	<b>73,223,971</b>	<b>22,210,349</b>	<b>73,223,971</b>		
<b>NET FLOWS OF FUNDS</b>	<b>1,922,137</b>	<b>8,307,521</b>				

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**STATEMENT OF BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
(in Euros)**

	<u>31 December 2023</u>	<u>31 December 2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
IBRD Designated account	100,191	1,789,651
EIB Special account	39,661,557	6,517,868
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>39,761,748</u></b>	<b><u>8,307,519</u></b>
<b>Funds received:</b>		
Funds received from IBRD	16,279,114	13,783,364
Funds received from GoG	15,884,225	13,202,873
Funds received from EIB	99,445,000	54,545,253
<b>Total funds received</b>	<b><u>131,608,339</u></b>	<b><u>81,531,490</u></b>
<b>Project expenditures:</b>		
Financed by IBRD	16,136,672	11,951,463
Financed by GoG	15,884,226	13,202,873
Financed by EIB	59,783,443	48,027,385
Front -End Fees ("IBRD")	42,250	42,250
<b>Total project expenditures</b>	<b><u>91,846,591</u></b>	<b><u>73,223,971</u></b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b><u>39,761,749</u></b>	<b><u>8,307,519</u></b>

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**Marina Majagaladze**  
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**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
(in Euros)**

*Statement of Expenditure Withdrawal Schedule for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023:*

Withdrawal No.	Withdrawal application date	Total SOE in withdrawal schedule	Total SOE attributable to 2022	Total SOE attributable to 2023	Attributable to 2023 – Component 1	Attributable to 2023 – Component 2	Attributable to 2023 – Component 3	Total SOE attributable to 2024 <i>Unaudited</i>
0115	14/06/2022	7,499	7,499	-	-	-	-	-
0170	09/06/2023	28,681	16,424	12,257	12,257	-	-	-
0198	15/01/2024	7,671	-	7,671	7,671	-	-	-
0209	13/04/2024	9,547	-	3,820	3,820	-	-	5,727
		<b>53,398</b>	<b>23,923</b>	<b>23,749</b>	<b>23,749</b>	-	-	<b>5,727</b>

*Statement of Expenditure Withdrawal Schedule for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022:*


Withdrawal No.	Withdrawal application date	Total SOE in withdrawal schedule	Total SOE attributable to 2021	Total SOE attributable to 2022	Attributable to 2022 – Component 1	Attributable to 2022 – Component 2	Attributable to 2022 – Component 3	Total SOE attributable to 2023 <i>Unaudited</i>
0115	14/06/2022	7,499	-	7,499	-	-	7,499	-
0170	09/06/2023	28,681	-	16,424	-	-	16,424	12,257
		<b>36,180</b>	-	<b>23,923</b>	-	-	<b>23,923</b>	<b>12,257</b>

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**STATEMENT OF DESIGNATED ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
(in Euros)**

**Account No.** 202256396  
**Depository Bank** State Treasury  
**Address** 16 V. Gorgasali street  
Tbilisi, 0114  
Georgia

<b>Balance as at 1 January 2023</b>	<u>1,789,651</u>
<b>ADD</b>	
Funds received from IBRD	-
<b>DEDUCT</b>	
Funds used for the Project in 2023 ("IBRD")	(89,460)
Funds returned in 2023 to ("IBRD")	(1,600,000)
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>100,191</u>

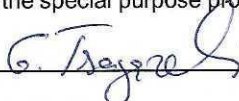
<b>Balance as at 1 January 2022</b>	<u>1,876,536</u>
<b>ADD</b>	
Funds received from IBRD	-
<b>DEDUCT</b>	
Funds used for the Project in 2022 ("IBRD")	-
Funds used via Designated Accounts for the Project expenditures	(86,885)
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2022</b>	<u>1,789,651</u>

**Account No.** 217256396  
**Depository Bank** State Treasury  
**Address** 16 V. Gorgasali street  
Tbilisi, 0114  
Georgia

<b>Balance as at 1 January 2023</b>	<u>6,517,868</u>
<b>ADD</b>	
Funds received from EIB:	62,399,747
Direct Payment:	-
<b>DEDUCT</b>	
Funds used for the Project in 2023 ("EIB")	(29,256,058)
Direct Payment	-
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>39,661,557</u>

<b>Balance as at 1 January 2022</b>	<u>4,508,847</u>
<b>ADD</b>	
Funds received from EIB:	17,000,000
Direct Payment:	-
<b>DEDUCT</b>	
Funds used for the Project in 2022 ("EIB")	(14,990,979)
Direct Payment	-
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2022</b>	<u>6,517,868</u>

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**NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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## **1. BACKGROUND**

The Investment Center for Euro-Asian Transport Corridor was established in 1995 as a non-entrepreneurial and non-profit legal entity under the laws of Georgia, in accordance with the Georgian Presidential Decree N 119 dated 16 April 1995. The founder of the Investment Center for Euro-Asian Transport Corridor is the Georgian Government.

A project unit named "LEPL Eurasian Transport Corridor Investment Center"/"Transport Reform and Rehabilitation Center" (the "Center") was formed within the Investment Center for Euro-Asian Transport Corridor. The Center's principal activity is to manage allocated credits/loans received from the International Development Association ("IDA"), the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("IBRD"), the Asian Development Bank ("ADB") and the European Investment Bank ("EIB") and monitor the implementation of transport sector projects.

The Center implements the East-West Highway Corridor Improvement Project (the "Project"), financed under the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "IBRD"). The Loan Agreement No.8788-GE (the "Agreement") in the amount of (EUR) 16.9 million was signed between the Government of Georgia ("GoG") and IBRD on 2 April 2018 ("inception"). The main objectives of the Project are upgrading of existing 11 km 2-lane East-West Highway Corridor to a 2-lane dual carriageway road, from Chumateleti to Khevi. Build on the on-going institutional strengthening activities financed under the on-going highway project. Also provide support to strength Roads Department's (RD) Intelligent Transport System (ITS) Unit and complement the road safety activities by providing real time information to improve mobility and traffic safety along the corridor. The project will also provide technical support to Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (MESD) to develop and implement a logistics strategy.

## **2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Statement of compliance** – These special purpose project financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Cash Basis International Public Sector Accounting Standard, *Financial Reporting under a Cash Basis of Accounting*, and in conformity with the World Bank's Financial Management Sector Board's "Guidelines: Annual Financial Reporting and Auditing for World Bank-Financed Activities" (the "World Bank Guidelines").

The purpose of these special purpose project financial statements is to provide information to the Government of Georgia and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to assist them in evaluating the Project implementation.

**Cash basis of accounting** - Project financing is recognized as a source of project funds when the cash is received. Project expenditures are recognized as a use of project funds when the payments are made.

**Presentation currency** – The national currency of Georgia is the Georgian Lari ("GEL"). These special purpose project financial statements are presented in EURO ("EUR"), in conformity with World Bank Guidelines. All financial information presented in EUR has been rounded to the nearest EUR unless otherwise stated.

**Transactions in other currencies** – Transactions in currencies other than presentation currency are converted to EUR at the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction.

**Cash** – Cash represents balances with State Treasury of Georgia.

### ***Amendment of previously issued special purpose project financial statements***

In the special purpose project financial statements of the East-West Highway Corridor Improvement Project (the "Project"), financed under the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "IBRD"), Loan Agreement No. 8788-GE, dated 2 April 2018, implemented by the LEPL Eurasian Transport Corridor Investment Center/ Transport Reform and Rehabilitation Center (the "Center"), the Center has not presented unallocated expenditures under Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds per source type.

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As a consequence, to avoid potential confusion for users of the Special Purpose Project Financial Statements, management concluded to amend the Special Purpose Project Financial Statements of the Center approved on 28 June 2024 and to present the unallocated expenditures per source type under Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022. Effect of the amendments made to the Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds are presented below.

Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds as previously reported:

	Actual as at 31 December 2023		Planned as at 31 December 2023		Variance	
	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date
			<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>
<b>UNALLOCATED</b>						
Land Acquisition	54,891	2,316,019	54,891	2,316,019	-	-
Compensation for Land	-	169,568	-	169,568	-	-
Other	89,838	253,047	89,838	253,047	-	-
Front-End Fees	-	42,250	-	42,250	-	-
<b>TOTAL UNALLOCATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>144,729</b>	<b>2,780,884</b>	<b>144,729</b>	<b>2,780,884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

	Actual as at 31 December 2022		Planned as at 31 December 2022		Variance	
	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date
			<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>
<b>UNALLOCATED</b>						
Land Acquisition	66,302	2,261,128	66,302	2,261,128	-	-
Compensation for Land	-	169,568	-	169,568	-	-
Other	86,885	163,209	86,885	163,209	-	-
Front-End Fees	-	42,250	-	42,250	-	-
<b>TOTAL UNALLOCATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>153,187</b>	<b>2,636,155</b>	<b>153,186</b>	<b>2,636,154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds as restated:

	Actual as at 31 December 2023		Planned as at 31 December 2023		Variance	
	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date
			<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>
<b>UNALLOCATED</b>						
Land Acquisition ("GoG")	55,272	2,316,019	55,272	2,316,019	-	-
Compensation for Land ("GoG")	-	169,568	-	169,568	-	-
Other ("GoG")	-	76,704	-	76,704	-	-
Other ("IBRD")	89,460	176,344	89,460	176,344	-	-
Front-End Fees ("IBRD")	-	42,250	-	42,250	-	-
<b>TOTAL UNALLOCATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>144,732</b>	<b>2,780,885</b>	<b>144,732</b>	<b>2,780,885</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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	Actual as at		Planned as at		Variance	
	31 December 2022		31 December 2022		Period	Cumulative
	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date	to date	to date
				Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
<b>UNALLOCATED</b>						
Land Acquisition ("GoG")	66,302	2,260,747	66,302	2,260,747	-	-
Compensation for Land ("GoG")	-	169,568	-	169,568	-	-
Other ("GoG")	-	76,704	-	76,704	-	-
Other ("IBRD")	86,884	86,884	86,884	86,884		
Front-End Fees ("IBRD")	-	42,250	-	42,250		
<b>TOTAL UNALLOCATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>153,186</b>	<b>2,636,153</b>	<b>153,186</b>	<b>2,636,153</b>	-	-

### 3. DESIGNATED ACCOUNT

Designated account is a designated disbursement account of the Project that is maintained in Euros at the State Treasury to ensure the payment of eligible expenditures, within defined limits, which do not require individual authorization from IBRD in accordance with the Agreement.

### 4. BASIS OF FUNDING

The total cost of the Project is estimated at EUR 109.7 million. The part of the expenditures of works, goods, non-consulting services, consultant services, training and incremental operating costs, including all applicable taxes amounted to EUR 16.9 million is co-financed by proceeds received from IBRD. The balance of EUR 75.9 million, which is 69% of the total Project cost is co-financed by proceeds received from European Investment Bank (EIB) and the remaining amount EUR 16.9 million is co-financed by proceeds received from the GoG.

The land acquisition and associated resettlement costs are funded entirely by the GoG.

### 5. METHODS OF WITHDRAWAL

The methods of withdrawal used from the inception of the loan to 31 December 2023 were as follows:

#### (a) Designated account

The Center withdraws the eligible amounts from the Designated account and prepares and sends replenishment requests to the World Bank with authorized signatures. The replenishment requests and respective documentation are reviewed by the World Bank and an approved amount is transferred to the Designated account.

#### (b) Direct Payment

Available amounts are drawn from time to time within limits determined under the loan agreement for direct payments of eligible expenditures for sub-projects. Direct payments are made by the World Bank directly to third parties. The Center forms withdrawal applications for request of direct payments and sends it to the World Bank, for settlement.

#### (c) GoG Current Account

The Project maintains a separate account where funds from the GOG are accumulated. The funds are further disbursed to sub-contractors based on the share of expenditures to be incurred. The project has common GEL account and special organization code for their funds in State Treasury of Georgia.

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**6. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (SOE)**

Withdrawals are to be made on the basis of SOEs for expenses on contracts within the following contractual limits:

- (i) All expenditures for works valued at less than USD 10,000,000;
- (ii) Consultant services contracts (firms) valued at less than USD 200,000;
- (iii) Consultant services contracts (individuals) valued at less than USD 50,000;
- (iv) All expenditures for goods and non-consulting services valued at less than USD 300,000.

**7. RECONCILIATION OF AMOUNTS SHOWN AS RECEIVED FROM THE  
IBRD TO ACTUAL EXPENDITURES OF THE PROJECT**

	<u>31 December 2023</u>
<b>Application of Withdrawals Schedule</b>	
Expenses incurred in 2023 as per the Applications for Direct Payments	4,095,750
Expenses incurred in 2023 as per Applications for Documentation only	89,460
	<u>4,185,210</u>
IBRD funds received in 2023	4,095,750
Funds returned to IBRD in 2023	1,600,000
<b>Add:</b>	
<b>Opening Balance</b>	
Designated account	1,789,651
	<u>1,789,651</u>
<b>Less:</b>	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	
Designated account	100,191
	<u>100,191</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES INCURRED IN 2023</b>	<u>4,185,210</u>
	<u>31 December 2022</u>
<b>Application of Withdrawals Schedule</b>	
Expenses incurred in 2022 as per the Applications for Direct Payments	3,728,789
Expenses incurred in 2022 as per Applications for Documentation only	86,885
	<u>3,815,674</u>
IBRD funds received in 2022	3,728,789
<b>Add:</b>	
<b>Opening Balance</b>	
Designated account	1,876,536
	<u>1,876,536</u>
<b>Less:</b>	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	
Designated account	1,789,651
	<u>1,789,651</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES INCURRED IN 2022</b>	<u>3,815,674</u>

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**8. PROJECT EXPENDITURES BY COMPONENTS**

Project activities	Actual as at 31 December 2023		Planned as at 31 December 2023		Variance	
	Period to Date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date
			<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>
<b>Component 1 - Rehabilitation and Improvement of Selected Secondary and local Roads</b>						
Upgrading 11 km From Chumateleti to Khevi	15,401,134	79,273,035	15,401,134	79,273,035	-	-
Construction Supervision	3,076,754	9,792,672	3,076,754	9,792,672	-	-
<b>TOTAL COMPONENT 1 TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY COMPONENTS</b>	<b>18,477,888</b>	<b>89,065,707</b>	<b>18,477,888</b>	<b>89,065,707</b>	-	-
<b>UNALLOCATED</b>						
Land Acquisition	55,272	2,316,019	55,272	2,316,019	-	-
Compensation For land	-	169,568	-	169,568	-	-
Other	89,460	253,048	89,460	253,048	-	-
FronD-End Fees	-	42,250	-	42,250	-	-
<b>TOTAL UNALLOCATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>144,732</b>	<b>2,780,885</b>	<b>144,732</b>	<b>2,780,885</b>	-	-
<b>TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>18,622,620</b>	<b>91,846,592</b>	<b>18,622,620</b>	<b>91,846,592</b>	-	-
Project activities	Actual as at 31 December 2022		Planned as at 31 December 2022		Variance	
	Period to Date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date
			<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>	<i>Unaudited</i>
<b>Component 1 - Rehabilitation and Improvement of Selected Secondary and local Roads</b>						
Upgrading 11 km From Chumateleti to Khevi	19,921,700	63,871,901	19,921,700	63,871,901	-	-
Construction Supervision	2,135,463	6,715,917	2,135,463	6,715,918	-	-
<b>TOTAL COMPONENT 1 TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY COMPONENTS</b>	<b>22,057,163</b>	<b>70,587,818</b>	<b>22,057,163</b>	<b>70,587,818</b>	-	-
<b>UNALLOCATED</b>						
Land Acquisition	66,302	2,260,747	66,302	2,260,747	-	-
Compensation For land	-	169,568	-	169,568	-	-
Other	86,884	163,588	86,884	163,588	-	-
FronD-End Fees	-	42,250	-	42,250	-	-
<b>TOTAL UNALLOCATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>153,186</b>	<b>2,636,155</b>	<b>153,186</b>	<b>2,636,155</b>	-	-
<b>TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>22,210,349</b>	<b>73,223,971</b>	<b>22,210,349</b>	<b>73,223,971</b>	-	-

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The Project consists of the following main components:

- Upgrading of approximately 11.0 km of the existing two-lane East-West Highway Corridor to a two-lane dual carriageway from Chumateleti to Khevi and carrying out construction supervision and providing quality assurance services for all civil works financed under the Project and on the section of the road from Chumateleti to Khevi within the East-West Highway Corridor.
- Providing support for capacity building to the RD's Intelligent Transport System (ITS) Unit, including: design and installation of ITS equipment along critical locations of the East-West Highway corridor and the development of annual road user's satisfaction surveys and providing technical assistance to Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (MESD).
- Strengthening the technical capacity of RD to carry out the project.
- Preparation of designs and supporting studies for future investments for the development of the road network.

The categories of expenditures incurred are presented in line with the categories specified in the Agreement.

## **9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

Management is not aware of any commitments and contingencies which would have a material impact on this special purpose project financial statements as at 31 December 2023 and for the period then ended.

## **10. GEORGIAN OPERATING ENVIRONMENT**

The Center's operations are located in Georgia. Consequently, the Center is exposed to the economic and financial markets of Georgia, which display characteristics of an emerging market. The legal, tax and regulatory frameworks continue development, but are subject to varying interpretations and frequent changes which together with other legal and fiscal impediments contribute to the challenges faced by entities operating in Georgia.

## **11. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

These special purpose project financial statements were authorized for issue by the management of the Center on 28 June 2024 except as to amendments in Note 2 to the special purpose project financial statements, which is as of 30 August 2024, by the Management.