EURASIAN TRANSPORT CORRIDOR INVESTMENT CENTER

LOAN NO.3524-GEO (SECONDARY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT)

Special Purpose Project Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2023

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EURASIAN TRANSPORT CORRIDOR INVESTMENT CENTER EAST-WEST HIGHWAY (KHEVI-UBISA SECTION) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Management of the Secondary Road Improvement Project (the "Project") implemented by the Eurasian Transport Corridor Investment Center ("ETCIC" or Transport Reform and Rehabilitation Center – "Organisation") is responsible for the preparation of the special purpose project financial statements that present fairly the Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds for the year ended 31 December 2023, the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023 and the related Statement of Expenditure Withdrawal Schedule ("SOEs") and Statement of Imprest Account for the year ended 31 December 2023, in accordance with the Cash Basis International Public Sector Accounting Standard, *Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting* ("IPSAS – Cash Basis"), and the Guidelines for the Financial Governance and Management of Investment Projects Financed by Asian Development Bank.

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; and
- 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.
- Making an assessment of the Project's ability to continue as a going concern.

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 for the Financial Governance and Management of Investment Projects Financed by Asian Development Bank;
- 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 authorised for issue on 26 June 2024 by the Management.

On behalf of the Management:

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Giorgi Tsagareli Director

26 June 2024

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26 June 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the management of Eurasia Transport Corridor Investment Center:

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying special purpose project financial statements of the Secondary Road Improvement Project (the "Project") financed under the Loan Agreement No. 3524-GEO dated 19 June 2017 (the "Agreement"), implemented by the Eurasian Transport Corridor Investment Center, which comprise Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds for the year ended 31 December 2023, the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023 and the related, Statement of Expenditure Withdrawal Schedule ("SOEs") and Statement of Imprest Account for the year ended 31 December 2023 and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes (collectively referred to as the "special purpose project financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose project financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 presents fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the cash basis of International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS) promulgated by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), as further detailed in Note 2.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards of Auditing ("ISAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Project Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organisation in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the "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 these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and 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 Project's management in complying with the financial reporting provisions of the Agreement. As a result, the special purpose project financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

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This report is intended solely for use by the management of the Project in reporting the information to the Government of Georgia, and in communicating to the Asian Development Bank information about the Project's compliance with the financial reporting provisions of the Agreement. This report is not intended for the benefit of any other third parties and we accept no responsibility or liability to any party other than those mentioned above in respect of the report. Should any third party take decisions based on the contents of the report, the responsibility for such decisions shall remain with those third parties. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibility 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 cash basis of IPSAS, the basis of accounting as further detailed in Note 2.

This includes determining that the International Public Sector Accounting Standard "Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting" ("IPSAS – Cash Basis") is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the special purpose project financial statement in the circumstances, 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.

In preparing the special purpose project financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organisation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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

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

- Identify and access 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 Organisation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the special purpose project financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organisation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the special purpose project financial statement, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statement represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves the 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 our audit.

Shota Nanitašhvili On behalf of Deloitte and Touche LLC

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26 June 2024 Tbilisi, Georgia

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

		Actual as at 31 D	the second s	Planned as at 31 [December 2023*	Variance	
	Notes	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date
FUNDS RECEIVED BY				Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
SOURCES							
Asian Development Bank	5						
(ADB) Funds	5	4,424,985	25,377,360				
Government of Georgia							
(GoG) co-financing		7,700,337	12,445,782				
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED		12,125,322	37,823,142				
oreign Exchange	1						
Difference	_	-	543,896				
ESS: EXPENDITURE Reimbursement)							
Category 1 – Works and							
consulting services	6	3,910,638	22,859,349	3,910,638	22 850 240		
Category 2 - Project		-,,	22,000,040	5,910,058	22,859,349	-	-
management support		-	29,218	-	29,218	8 <mark>-</mark>	
Category 3 – Interest and	6						
commitment charges		514,960	2,000,000	514,960	2,000,000	-	-
Category 4 – Unallocated							
ADB TOTAL		4,425,598	- 24,888,567				-
		4,425,556	24,000,307	4,425,598	24,888,567		
Category 1 – Works and	6						
onsulting services	U	596,061	5,260,811	596,061	5,260,811	-	
Category 2 - Project nanagement support			7 705				
Category 3 – Interest and		<u> </u>	7,735		7,735		(
ommitment charges		-	-				
ategory 4 – Unallocated						-	2 - 1
GOG TOTAL		7,104,276	7,104,276	7,104,276	7,104,276	-	-
JOG TOTAL		7,700,337	12,372,822	7,700,337	12,372,822		
TOTAL PROJECT							
XPENDITURE		12,125,935	37,261,389	12,125,935	27 264 204		
				12,123,335	37,261,391		-
NET FLOW OF FUNDS		(613)	17,857				

On behalf of the Management:

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Giorgi Tsagareli Director

26 June 2024

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Marina Majagaladze Finance Manager

26 June 2024

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

	_		ctual cember 2022		as at 31 er 2022*	Vari	ance
	Notes_	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date	Period to date	Cumulative to date
FUNDS RECEIVED BY SOURCES				Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	12						
Funds	5	1,167,579	20,952,375				
Government of Georgia	5						
(GoG) co-financing	_	246,618	4,745,445				
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	_	1,414,197	25,697,820				
Foreign Exchange Difference		-	543,896				
LESS: EXPENDITURE							
(Reimbursement)							
Category 1 – Works and consulting services	6						
Category 2 - Project management		764,768	18,948,711	764,768	18,948,711	-	-
support			29,219		20.210		
Category 3 – Interest and	6		25,215		29,219	-	-
commitment charges	0	409,311	1,485,040	409,311	1,485,040	-	-
Category 4 – Unallocated							
ADB TOTAL		1,174,079					-
		1,174,079	20,462,970	1,174,079	20,462,970		-
Category 1 – Works and consulting	6						
services Category 2 - Project management	0	246,618	4,664,750	246,618	4,664,750	-	-
support			7,734		7,735		_
Category 3 – Interest and commitment charges							
Category 4 – Unallocated				-	-	-	-
Gog TOTAL		-				<u> </u>	-
	-	246,618	4,672,484	246,618	4,672,485	<u> </u>	
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE	_	1,420,697	25,135,454	1,420,697	25,135,455		-
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NET FLOW OF FUNDS		(6,500)	18,470				-

*The project uses flex budget approach, so that at the end of the period Plan is always equal to Actual.

On behalf of the Management

Giorgi Tsagareli Director

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BALANCE SHEET STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (*in US Dollars*)

ASSETS	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
ADB imprest account	17,857	18,470
TOTAL ASSETS	17,857	18,470
Funds received:		
Funds received from ADB	25,377,360	20.052.275
Funds received from GoG	12,445,782	20,952,375 4,745,445
Total funds received	37,823,142	25,697,820
Project expenditure:		
Financed by ADB	(24,888,567)	(20,462,070)
Financed by GoG	(12,372,822)	(20,462,970) (4,672,484)
Total project expenditure	(37,261,389)	(25,135,454)
Foreign exchange difference, net	(543,896)	(543,896)
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED LESS PROJECT EXPENDITURE	17,857	18,470

On behalf of the Management:

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (in US Dollars)

Withdrawal No.	Withdrawal application date	Total SOE in withdrawal schedule	Total SOE attributable to 2023
00234	20/10/2023	643	643
	-	643	643
Withdrawal No.	Withdrawal application date	Total SOE in withdrawal schedule	Total SOE attributable to 2022
00200	01/09/2022	6, <mark>5</mark> 00	6,500
	-	6,500	6,500

There was no SOE type of expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022.

On behalf of the Management:

Giorgi Tsagareli Director

26 June 2024

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IMPREST ACCOUNT STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (in US Dollars)

Account No. Depository Bank Address	210250199 State Treasury 16 V. Gorgasali street Tbilisi, 0114 Georgia	
Balance as at 31 December 2021		24,970
ADD		
ADB replenishment		-
DEDUCT		
Funds used for the Project expenditure		6,500
Balance as at 31 December 2022		18,470
ADD		
ADB replenishment		-
DEDUCT		
Funds used for the Project expenditure		613
Balance as at 31 December 2023		17,857

On behalf of the Management:

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NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (in US Dollars)

1. BACKGROUND

The Investment Center for Euro-Asian Transport Corridor was established in 1995 as a nonentrepreneurial and non-profit legal entity. A project unit named "Eurasian Transport Corridor Investment Center" (the "ETCIC" or Transport Reform and Rehabilitation Center – "Organisation") was formed within the Investment Center for Euro-Asian Transport Corridor to manage the allocated loan received from the Asian Development Bank ("ADB") and monitor the implementation of transport sector projects.

The objectives of the Project are increased mobility and accessibility of the residents of the Kharagauli municipality and tourists. The Project shall comprise rehabilitation of approximately 50 km road between Dzirula and Chumateleti to two-lane all-weather standard, including short access roads to the Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park and to Kharagauli and other railway stations. The Project shall include the provision of Consulting Services for construction supervision and Project management support. The Project was planned to be completed by 31 August 2021 but management extended deadline of the project as only 25% of total budgeted funds were received as at 31/12/2020.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting – These special purpose project financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the cash-based International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS) promulgated by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).

These special purpose project financial statements, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement, are prepared for management analysis and in order to report the information to the Government of Georgia and the Asian Development Bank. As a result these special purpose project financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

Project financing is recognised as a source of project funds when the cash is received.

Project expenditure are recognised as a use of project funds when the payments are made.

Functional currency – These special purpose project financial statements are expressed in United States Dollars ("US Dollar" or "USD").

Transactions in other currencies – Transactions in currencies other than reporting currencies are converted to US Dollars at the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction.

Cash – Cash comprises balances with the State Treasury.

NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (in US Dollars)

3. BASIS OF FUNDING

According to the terms of the Agreement, Category 1 – works and consulting, Category 2 – Project management Support are financed 100% of the total expenditure claimed by ADB and Category 3 – Interest and commitment charges are 100% financed by ADB. Category 1 and 2 is exclusive of taxes and duties imposed within the territory of the Georgia.

It is allowed by the donor, to utilise loan funds, subsequent to relevant approvals, to finance projects under other loans, if there are any residual unexpended funds.

4. METHODS OF WITHDRAWAL

The methods of withdrawal used from the inception of the loan to 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 were as follows:

(a) Imprest account

Available amounts were drawn from time to time within limits determined within the loan agreements for the direct payment of eligible expenditure for sub-projects from this special account. No amounts were drawn down during the period from special account.

(b) Direct Payment

Available amounts are drawn from time to time within limits determined under the credit agreement for direct payments of eligible expenditure for sub-projects. Direct payments are made by ADB directly to third parties. Organisation forms withdrawal applications for request of direct payments and sends it to the ADB, for settlement.

(c) GoG current account

The Project maintains a separate account where funds from the Government of Georgia are accumulated. The funds are further disbursed to sub-contractors based on the share of expenditure to be incurred.

NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (in US Dollars)

5. RECONCILIATION OF AMOUNTS SHOWN AS RECEIVED FROM THE ADB TO ACTUAL EXPENDITURE OF THE PROJECT

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Application of Withdrawals Schedule		
Expenses incurred as per the Applications of Withdrawals Schedule	3,910,638	764,768
Expenses incurred as Capitalised charges	514,960	409,311
-	4,425,598	1,174,079
ADB direct payments	3,910,025	-
Advance Refund	-	758,268
Capitalised charges	514,960	409,311
	4,424,985	1,167,579
Add:		
Opening Balances		
Imprest Account	18,470	24,970
	18,470	24,970
Less:		
Closing Balances		
Imprest Account	17,857	18,470
	17,857	18,470
TOTAL EXPENDITURES INCURRED	4,425,598	1,174,079

NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (in US Dollars)

TOTAL WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2023 (ADB)

		Total amount in withdrawal	
Withdrawal No.	Value date	schedule	Total attributable to 2023
00207	03-01-23	186,506	186,506
00208	05-01-23	110,200	110,200
00209	05-01-23	282,080	282,080
00210	08-02-23	147,777	147,777
00211	10-02-23	87,857	87,857
00212	10-02-23	226,911	226,911
00213	26-04-23	145,880	145,880
00214	28-04-23	52,104	52,104
00215	01-05-23	218,956	218,956
00216	17-05-23	112,966	112,966
00217	19-05-23	67,937	67,937
00218	19-05-23	181,406	181,406
00220	18-07-23	386,578	386,578
00219	20-07-23	241,288	241,288
00221	20-07-23	613,450	613,450
00223	22-08-23	84,100	84,100
00222	24-08-23	34,821	34,821
00227	28-08-23	147,742	147,742
00228	30-08-23	88,472	88,472
00229	31-08-23	229,479	229,479
00230	08-09-23	6,500	6,500
00231	20-09-23	21,539	21,539
00233	23-10-23	83,272	83,272
00232	30-10-23	105,244	105,244
00326	01-12-23	46,960	46,960
CAP 4	01-05-23	514,960	514,960
		4,424,985	4,424,985

NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (in US Dollars)

TOTAL WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2022 (ADB)

Withdrawal No.	Value date	Total amount in withdrawal schedule	Total attributable to 2022	
00193	12-Jan-22	7,134	7,134	
00194	11-May-22	24,286	24,286	
00195	27-Jun-22	88,215	88,215	
00197	22-Jul-22	216,690	216,690	
00198	5-Aug-22	67,679	67,679	
00199	5-Aug-22	43,909	43,909	
00201	19-Aug-22	27,761	27,761	
00202	23-Aug-22	13,012	13,012	
00203	16-Sep-22	31,478	31,478	
00204	6-Dec-22	76,970	76,970	
00205	8-Dec-22	44,720	44,720	
00206	8-Dec-22	116,413	116,413	
CAP2	1-May-22	108,987	108,987	
CAP 3	1-Nov-22	300,324	300,324	
		1,167,579	1,167,579	

NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (in US Dollars)

6. PROJECT EXPENDITURE BY COMPONENTS

	For the	year 31 December	r 2023	Cumu	lative from incept	tion
Project Activities	ADB Financing	GoG Financing	Total	ADB Financing	GoG Financing	Total
Component A – Investment costs Civil works Cashed based	3,110,618	452,009	3,562,627	17,739,065	3,160,761	20,899,826
guarantee refund Land acquisition/social	-	-	-	-	-	-
mitigation	-	987	987	-	1,186,328	1,186,328
Consultancy Unallocated	800,020	143,065 7,104,276	943,085 7,104,276	5,120,284	913,722 7,104,276	6,034,006 7,104,276
TOTAL COMPONENT A	3,910,638	7,700,337	11,610,975	22,859,349	12,365,087	35,224,436
Component B - Project management costs Project management				20 219	7 725	26.052
				29,218	7,735	36,953
TOTAL COMPONENT B Component C – Contingencies unallocated Contingencies unallocated						<u> </u>
TOTAL COMPONENT C		<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Component D – Financial charges during implementation						
Financial charges during implementation TOTAL COMPONENT D	514,960 514,960		514,960 514,960	2,000,000 2,000,000		2,000,000 2,000,000
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE	4,425,598	7,700,337	12,125,935	24,888,567	12,372,822	37,261,389

NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (in US Dollars)

	For the	year 31 Decembe	er 2022	Cumu	lative from incep	ition
Project Activities	ADB Financing	GoG Financing	Total	ADB Financing	GoG Financing	Total
Component A –						
Investment costs Civil works	238,103	146,463	384,566	14,628,447	2,708,752	17,337,199
Cashed based guarantee refund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land acquisition/social mitigation	-	7,884	7,884	-	1,185,341	1,185,341
Consultancy	526,666	92,271	618,936	4,320,264	770,657	5,090,921
TOTAL COMPONENT A	764,768	246,618	1,011,386	18,948,711	4,664,750	23,613,461
Component B - Project management costs Project management						
costs				29,219	7,734	36,953
TOTAL COMPONENT B	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	29,219	7,735	36,954
Component C – Contingencies unallocated Contingencies unallocated	<u>-</u>					
TOTAL COMPONENT C	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	
Component D – Financial charges during implementation						
Financial charges during						
implementation TOTAL COMPONENT D	409,311 409,311		409,311 409,311	1,485,040 1,485,040		1,485,040 1,485,040
TOTAL PROJECT						
EXPENDITURE	1,174,079	246,618	1,420,697	20,462,970	4,672,485	25,135,454

NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (in US Dollars)

The Project comprises the following main components:

- Component A Investment Costs;
- Component B Project management costs
- Component C Contingencies; and
- Component D Financial charges during implementation

If the amount of the Loan allocated to a Category appears to exceed all agreed expenditure in that Category, ADB may, by notice to the Borrower, reallocate such excess amount to any other Category. The Project comprises the following main categories:

- Category 1 Works and consulting services
- Category 2 Project management support
- Category 3 Interest and commitment charges; and
- Category 4 Unallocated

7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Management is not aware of any commitments and contingencies which would have a material impact on the financial position of the Project as at 31 December 2023 and on the funds received and disbursed during the period then ended.

8. OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

Operating environment – Emerging markets such as Georgia are subject to different risks than more developed markets; these include economic, political and social, and legal and legislative risks. Laws and regulations affecting businesses in Georgia continue to evolve rapidly with tax and regulatory frameworks subject to varying interpretations. The future direction of Georgia's economy is heavily influenced by the fiscal and monetary policies adopted by the government, together with developments in the legal, regulatory, and political environment.

For the last several years Georgia has experienced a number of legislative changes, which have been largely related to Georgia's accession plan to the European Union. Whilst the legislative changes implemented during 2023 and 2022 paved the way, more can be expected as Georgia's action plan for achieving accession to the European Union continues to develop.

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9. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

There are no material events subsequent to the end of the year that would require disclosure as part of the financial statements.

10. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENENTS

These special purpose project financial statements were authorized for issue by the Management of ETCIC on 26 June 2024.