Financial Statements For The For The Period From July 1, 2018 To December 31, 2018, And Independent Auditors' Report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Director of Financial Intelligence Unit:

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Financial Intelligence Unit (the Organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in accumulated fund and statement of cash flows for the period from July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at December 31, 2018, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with *International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities* (IFRS for SMEs).

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 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (IESBA Code), 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.

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

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an 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 financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization 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.

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.

January 23, 2020

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2018

(Expressed in Bahamian dollars)

	December 31, 2018 (6 Months)	June 30, 2018 (1 Year)	
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,386	\$ 545,984	
Advances and other receivables (Note 9)	8,075	9,487	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	10,004	19,277	
Total current assets	41,465	574,748	
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET (Note 4)	14,442	16,093	
TOTAL	\$ 55,907	\$ 590,841	
LIABILITIES AND ACCUMULATED FUND			
LIABILITIES:			
Unearned revenue (Notes 5 and 6)	\$ -	\$ 575,000	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 7)	121,384	94,706	
Total liabilities	121,384	669,706	
ACCUMULATED FUND:			
Accumulated deficit	(65,477)	(78,865)	
TOTAL	\$ 55,907	\$ 590,841	

See notes to financial statements.

These financial statements were approved on behalf of the Organization on January 21, 2020 and are signed on its behalf by:

Director

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

(Expressed in Bahamian dollars)

	Months Ended ember 31, 2018	200	2 Months Ended June 30, 2018
GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 6)	\$ 689,776	\$	1,304,000
OPERATING EXPENSES (Notes 7 and 9)	 (672,429)	_	(1,236,761)
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	17,347		67,239
DEPRECIATION (Note 4)	 (3,959)	_	(10,942)
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	\$ 13,388	\$	56,297

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUND FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

(Expressed in Bahamian dollars)

		<u>Deficit</u>
Balance at June 30, 2017 Excess of income over expenses	\$	(135,162) 56,297
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Balance at December 31, 2018	<u>\$</u>	(65,477)

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

(Expressed in Bahamian dollars)

	Ended December 31, 2018	Ended June 30, 2018
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Excess of income over expenses (expenses over income)	\$ 13,388	\$ 56,297
Adjustment for depreciation (Note 4)	3,959	10,942
Cash from operations before working capital changes	17,347	67,239
Decrease in advances and other receivables	1,412	23,136
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses and other assets	9,273	(6,258)
Decrease in unearned revenue	(575,000)	-
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	26,678	(35,994)
Net cash (used in) from operating activities	(520,289)	48,123
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITY:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment (Note 4)	(2,309)	(1,109)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND		
CASH EQUIVALENTS	(522,598)	47,014
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	545,984	498,970
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$ 23,386	\$ 545,984

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

(Expressed in Bahamian dollars)

GENERAL

The Financial Intelligence Unit (the "Organization") was established on December 29, 2000, by an Act of Parliament, the Financial Intelligence Unit Act 2000, under the laws of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and commenced operations on January 1, 2001. The Organization is an administrative agency responsible for receiving, analyzing, obtaining and disseminating information, which relates to or may relate to the proceeds of offences under the Proceeds of Crime Act, 2000.

The Organization carries out its operations from an office located at Frederick Street, Nassau, Bahamas. A decision was made in 2019 to change the financial year (accounting period) for the FIU to January – December to be consistent with its legal obligations to provide an Annual Report to the Minister of Finance for each calendar year. This change will take effect for 2019 hence the need for an audit for the period 1 July – 31 December 2018

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with *International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities* (IFRS for SMEs). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

- a. Cash and cash equivalents Cash is carried in the statement of financial position at nominal value. Cash is comprised of cash on hand together with cash and term deposits held with banks with original maturities of less than three (3) months.
- **b. Property, plant and equipment, net** Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Vehicles	5 years
Computer equipment	3 - 7 years
Communication equipment	3 years
Other equipment	5 years
Office furniture and fixtures	5 - 7 years

c. Government contributions - Government contributions are recognized as income in the periods to which they relate based on the amounts allocated.

d. Related parties - Related parties include key management personnel and any other party the Organization controls is controlled by, or with which it is under common control.

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Organization, directly or indirectly.

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Organization's accounting policies, which are described in Note 2, management is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. 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.

4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET

The movement of property, plant and equipment during the year is as follows:

	December 31, 2018					
					Office	
		Computer	Communication	Other	Furniture	
	Vehicles	Equipment	Equipment	Equipment	and Fixtures	Total
COST:						
Balance at June 30, 2017	\$ 66,200	\$319,303	\$ 11,367	\$ 53,685	\$ 176,538	\$627,093
Additions		229	140	375	365	1,109
Balance at June 30, 2018	66,200	319,532	11,507	54,060	176,903	628,202
Additions				585	1,724	2,309
Balance at December 31, 2018	\$ 66,200	\$319,532	\$ 11,507	\$ 54,645	\$ 178,627	\$630,511

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December 31, 2018 Office Furniture Computer Communication Other Vehicles Equipment Equipment Equipment and Fixtures Total ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION: \$ 64,323 \$305,613 \$ \$ 44,976 \$ 176,538 \$601,167 Balance at June 30, 2017 9,717 1,877 4,372 456 3,872 365 10,942 Depreciation expense Balance at June 30, 2018 66,200 309,985 10,173 48,848 176,903 612,109 232 1,266 490 3,959 Depreciation expense 1,971 Balance at December 31, 2018 \$ 66,200 \$311,956 \$ 10,405 \$ 50,114 \$ 177,393 \$616,068 NET BOOK VALUE AT:

\$

\$

1,102

1,334

\$ 4,531

5,212

- \$ 7,576

9,547

(Concluded)

\$ 14,442

\$ 16,093

1,233

5. UNEARNED REVENUE

June 30, 2018

In the period ended June 30, 2018, the Organization received an advance on their contribution in the amount of \$575,000. This amount was recorded as unearned revenue, as it related to the period from July to December 2018.

6. GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Balance at December 31, 2018 \$

The Organization's source of income is derived from budget allocations made to the Organization by the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. These contributions are government funding used to defray the costs of the acquisition of assets and expenses from operations. For the period, the Organization was allocated \$575,000 (June 30, 2018: \$1,304,000) and received \$689,776 (June 30, 2018: \$1,879,000) of which none was deferred in unearned revenue (June 30, 2018: \$575,000).

7. OPERATING EXPENSES

Operating expenses consist of the following:

	December 31, 2018 (6 months)		June 30, 2018 (1 year)	
Payroll and related	\$	380,512	\$	794,062
Office rent		65,888		139,242
Operations of facilities/other services		51,870		95,601
Accrued vacation (excess) expense		29,239		(35,263)
Subsistence outside The Bahamas		20,577		33,147
VAT fees (on invoices)		18,527		22,086
Fees and other charges		17,726		35,697
Telephone expenses		14,500		32,000
Gratuity		13,335		30,187
Electricity		11,900		21,900
Transportation outside The Bahamas		9,689		15,056
Training and tuition		6,100		
General office supplies		5,196		7,820
Conference, meetings and seminars		5,046		8,118
Responsibility		4,500		9,000
Gasoline		3,900		6,600
Official entertainment		3,440		1,676
Mileage		3,090		6,065
Transport within the Bahamas		2,791		=
Transportation equipment upkeep		2,156		4,882
Newspapers and periodicals		930		1,860
Food and beverage		785		1,937
Insurance - vehicles		682		1,249
Mail		50		211
Publication of notices		12		2,633
Printing and duplication				604
Licensing and inspection of vehicles		-		390
Subsistence inside The Bahamas			_	1
	\$	672,429	<u>\$</u>	1,236,761

Accrued vacation (excess) expense has been included among the expenses to reflect the liability of the Government at period ended December 31, 2018. It should be noted that this is an accrual and a non-cash transaction. It is based on the vacation accrued on the files of the employees of the Organization. The amount of the accrued vacation liability at December 31, 2018 totaled \$97,426 (June 30, 2018: \$69,283).

During the period ending December 31, 2018, there was an adjustment in this account to increase the accrual as a result of staff not taking some of their vacation leave entitlements.

Management's strategy is to have staff reduce their accrued leave to assist in reducing the liability of the Bahamas Government in this regard.

8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Organization entered into a 1-year lease agreement on October 31st, 2017 which expired on October 31st, 2018.

The period was November 1st, 2017 to October 31st, 2018 at a reduced rent of \$131,775 per annum and CAM remains fixed at the same rate \$63,726 per annum.

There are no future minimum payment remaining with respect to the rented office space at the Norfolk House, for the period ended December 31, 2018. The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) is now on a month-to-month arrangement for an undetermined period. The Ministry of Finance is not desirous of signing another lease with the anticipation of relocating the FIU in year 2020.

9. RELATED PARTY BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS

Related party balances at period end are as follows:

	December 31, 2018	June 30, 2018	
Advances and other receivables	\$ 8,075	\$ 9,487	

Key management compensation - Key management personnel compensation for the period ended December 31, 2018 was \$171,400 (June 30, 2018: \$355,050).

10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In 2019, the FIU obtained approval from the Cabinet of The Bahamas for \$512,000 for an extensive Information Technology upgrade and the purchase of case management and analytical software to improve its efficiency and effectiveness, and to meet industry standards.

There have been no other events subsequent to December 31, 2018 that require adjustments to or disclosures in the financial statements. We have evaluated subsequent events through the date on which the financial statements were authorized to issue.

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