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Public (Enterprises) Accounts Committee

Public Hearing Summary Wednesday June 01, 2016

Inquiry Subject:

The Examination of the Audited Financial Statements of National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO) for the period 2009 to 2013.

Committee Members:

The following Committee Members were present for the meeting:

٠	Mr. Wade Mark	-	Chairman
•	Mr. Tim Gopeesingh	-	Vice- Chairman
•	Mr. Foster Cummings	-	Member
•	Mr. Fitzgerald Hinds	-	Member
•	Mrs. Cherrie-Ann Crichlow-Cockburn	-	Member
•	Mr. David Small	-	Member

Witnesses who appeared:

National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO)

Mr. Steve Garibsingh	-	President
Mr. Stephen Gardiner	-	Deputy Chairman
• Ms. Charlean Straker	-	Vice President, Finance
• Mr. Richard Maule	-	Financial Controller
• Ms. Sharon Taylor	-	Project Director, Water Taxi Service

Ministry of Works and Transport

٠	Ms. Florette Clarke	-	Deputy Permanent Secretary (Ag.)
٠	Ms. Sonia Yearwood	-	Chief Planning Officer

Investments Division, Ministry of Finance

٠	Ms. Yvette Babb	-	Director, Social and Economic
			Transformation (Ag.)
•	Ms. Sharon Mohammed	-	Senior Business Analyst
•	Mr. Lester Herbert	-	Chief Audit Examiner

Key Issues Discussed

- 1. The systems in place to ensure accountability and transparency of funds.
- 2. The measures in place for the efficient management of cost.
- 3. The role of cash management and crisis management and processes used.
- 4. The plans in place for increasing management fees.
- 5. The process for loan funding.
- 6. The status of the debt commitments.
- 7. The status of the San Fernando to Point Fortin Highway.
- 8. The status of money owed to contractors for works completed.
- 9. The status of the land acquisition process.
- 10. The challenges faced by the new Board of Directors and the possible recommendations and solutions to eliminate those challenges.
- 11. The status and process for the treatment of the Water Taxi assets under the relevant International Accounting Standard (IAS).

Next Meeting:

The next Public Hearing of the Committee will be held on Wednesday June 15, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. At this meeting the Committee intends to examine of the Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited (TTMF) for the period 2008 to 2014.

View the Hearing:

The hearing can be viewed on our YouTube page via the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9ESOHcFBJA

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