



**20 August 2013**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

**AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE LIBERIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
AUTHORITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2009, 2010 AND 2011.**

1. *I am pleased to issue this report, this being the second of Auditor General's report on the Liberia Telecommunications Authority. I have undertaken this audit of the LTA's accounts and related records for the financial years ending 31 December 2009, 2010 and 2011, under the Auditor General's statutory mandate, as provided for under the 1972 Executive Law of Chapter 53.3.*
2. *As indicated in the methodology segment of this report, all findings conveyed in the report have been formally communicated to the Management and Board of Commissioners of the LTA. Where responses were provided by the Management and Board of Commissioners on the findings, they have been evaluated and incorporated in this report.*
3. *A number of issues conveyed in this report would appear to affect the generality of public institutions in Liberia and therefore, it is suggested that the issues claim the attention of both the Legislature and Executive, to ensure their timely resolution. These issues are briefly stated below:*
  - *LTA Management's failed to operate with a budget for three months (January through March 2009) during the tenure of Mr. Albert Bropleh as Chairman of LTA. Expenditure incurred during this period amounted to US\$336,109.13. The LTA operated without an approved budget for a period of seven months (April through October 2009) during the tenures of Mr. Lamini A. Warity and Madam Agelique E. Weeks as Acting Chairman and Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners respectively. Expenditure incurred during the tenure of Mr. Warity without an approved budget amounted to US\$ 365,003.92 and the one incurred during the tenure of Madam Weeks without an approved budget amounted to \$475,949.54. The total financial impact of these omissions were US\$1,177,062.59. These omissions were violations of the Telecommunications Act of 2007.*
  - *The LTA disbursed an amount of US\$183,000.00 on per-diem for its officials on foreign travels which were not in accordance with GOL's Foreign Travel Ordinance. Based on the rate indicated in the travel ordinance on foreign travel, my calculation showed that an amount of US\$134,216.25 should have been the appropriate amount to be spent on per-diem for foreign travels for the audited period. The LTA incurred an excess expenditure of US\$48,783.75 on foreign travels without adhering to the prescribed rates set in the Foreign Travel Ordinance.*

- *Foreign travel incidental allowances amounting to US\$29,700 were incurred by some employees and officials of LTA without adhering to the procedures and guidelines as it relates to retirement of travel documents for incidental allowances paid for said travels. Payment vouchers for incidental allowances on Foreign Travel were not supported with the travel disbursement form and the retirement documentation.*
  - *There was no evidence that the LTA Management prepared financial statements on a monthly, quarterly and yearly basis. I requested financial statements from management of LTA on June 18, 2012, during the planning phase of the audit engagement for the period under audit. The LTA Management was not able to provide financial statements until May 27, 2013, after the audit report had been drafted. This omission denied me the basis of expressing an opinion on financial statements.*
  - *For the periods under audit, the Management of LTA did not adhere to the Public Procurement and Concessions Act for the procurement of some capital assets. Examination of document revealed that procurement of capital goods totaling US\$216,520.00 were not supported by relevant documentation.*
4. *Given the significance of these and other matters noted in this report, I urge Her Excellency, the President of the Republic of Liberia, the Hon. Speaker and members of House of Representatives and Hon. Pro-Tempore and members of the Liberian Senate to consider the implementation of the recommendations conveyed in this report with urgency.*



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**The Honourable Speaker  
The House of Representatives  
Capitol Hill  
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**The President Pro-Tempore of the Senate  
The House of Senate  
Capitol Hill  
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**The Board and Management of the LTA  
Bushrod Island  
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