

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT



On the Financial Statements Audit of Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC)

for Year-end June 30, 2021

August 2024

Hon. P. Garswa Jackson, Sr. FCCA, CFIP, CFC Auditor General, R.L.

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ACRONYMS USED

Acronym	Meaning
AG	Auditor General
C FC	Certified Financial Consultant
CFIP	Certified Forensic Investigation Practitioner
COBIT	Control Objectives for Information and Related Technology
COSO	Committee of Sponsoring Organization of the Treadway Commission
FCCA	Fellow Member of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants
GAC	General Auditing Commission
GoL	Government of Liberia
IFMIS	Integrated Financial Management Information system
IPSAS	International Public Sector Accounting Standards
ISSAI	International Standard of Supreme Audit Institutions
IT	Information Technology
LACF	Liberia Agriculture Commercialization Funds
MFDP	Ministry of Finance and Development Planning
PFM	Public Finance Management
PV	Payment Voucher



Republic of Liberia



The Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro-Tempore of the Liberian Senate:

We have undertaken the audit of the Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC) Financial Statements for the financial year ended June 30, 2021. The audit was conducted under the Auditor General's statutory mandate, as provided under section 2.1.3 of the GAC Act of 2014.

Findings conveyed in this report have been formally communicated to the Management of the Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC), where the Management has responded to the audit findings, these have been evaluated and incorporated in this report.

Given the significance of the matters raised in this report, we urge the Hon. Speaker and the members of the House of Representatives and Hon. Pro-Tempore and members of the Liberian Senate to consider the implementation of the recommendations conveyed herein with urgency.

P. Garswa Jackson, Sr., FECA, CFIP, CFC Auditor General, R.L

Monrovia, Liberia

August 2024





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September 5, 2024

Hon. Amos Tweh

Managing Director

Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC)

UN Drive, Free Port of Liberia, Bushrod Island

Montserrado County, Liberia

RE: AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT OF THE LIBERIA PETROLEUM REFINING COMPANY (LPRC)

Adverse Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Liberia Petroleum Refining Company which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2021, the statement of financial performance, the statement of changes in net assets/equity, and the cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matters discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion Paragraphs below, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly in all material respect, the financial position of the Liberia Petroleum Refining Company as at June 30, 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP).

Basis for Adverse Opinion

- Management prepared its financial statements in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP) instead of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the Government of Liberia in 2009 as a financial reporting framework for State Owned Enterprises (SOE).
- Management provided no evidence of detailed schedules/aging analysis and we obtained no
 evidence of the existence through direct confirmation for US\$5,301,686.58 reported in the
 financial statements as net Account Receivables.



- Management provided no evidence that withholding taxes totaling US\$1,738,457.00, Corporate Income Tax amounting to US\$2,977,883.45, were remitted to the General Revenue Account.
- Management did not provide evidence that Employees' Social Security Contribution of US\$267,145.00 was remitted to NASSCORP.
- The cash balance of US\$894,478.00 reported in the financial statement is insufficient to settle the unremitted tax and social security obligations.
- Management provided no evidence of supporting records of the costs, depreciation expense, accumulated depreciation, and net book values of the following fixed assets in use:
 - a. 34 vehicles
 - b. 14 Tanks for petroleum products,
 - c. 11 printers
 - d. Assorted pieces of furniture

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC) Management in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Supreme Audit Institutions together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements and we have fulfilled other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. 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 the ASC Topic 205, 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 its 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 cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The Management is responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.



An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained was not sufficient and appropriate, which set a basis for our audit opinion.

P. Garswa Jackson. Sig, FECA, CFIP, CFC

Auditor General, R.L.

Monrovia, Liberia

August 2024



Liberia Petroleum Refining Company Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Directors and professional advisers

Board of Directors	Directors	Capacity
	Mr. Randolph Cooper	Chairman
	Cllr. Dempster Browne	Member
	Mr. Eric Filor Nagbe	Member
	Mr. George Kpawulu	Member
	Mrs. Danielette Nimley	Member
	Mr. Emmett R. H. Sampson, Sr.	Member
	Mrs. Marie Urey Coleman	Secretary
Registered office	Bushrod Island PO Box 10-0090	
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	Liberia	
Website	http://lprclib.com	
Auditors	General Auditing Commission (GAC)	
Legal Counselors	International Law Group (ILG)	
Bankers	Liberian Bank for Development & Inv	estment
	International Bank Liberia Limited	
	Ecobank Liberia Limited	
	United Bank of Africa Liberia Limited	
	Guaranty Trust Bank Liberia Limited	



Report of the Management

The Management has the pleasure of presenting this financial report as required by law, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

1. Principal activities

The mandate of the Company is to to procure and supply quality petroleum and petroleum related products to the Liberian market.

2. Statement of management's responsibilities

The Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the Management confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and reasonable and prudent judgment and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The Management confirms that the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Results of operations

The results for the year and the state of affairs of the Company are shown in the attached financial statements.

The attached financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Management and were signed on its behalf by:

Wilhelmina C. Versini

Financial Comptroller

Marie Urey Coleman Managing Director/CEO



Statement of Income and Expenses For the year ended June 30, 2021

	Note	June 30 2021	June 30 2020
Net Revenue	3	19,644,281	13,669,227
Other operating income	4	3,530,458	2,373,359
Depreciation and amortization	5	(1,165,782)	(1,288,632)
Personnel expenses	6	(9,150,764)	(8,996,870)
Other operating expenses	7	(2,918,561)	(2,232,122)
Other income/(expenses)	8	(18,845,628)	809,275
Finance cost	9	(443,490)	(53,026)
Profit before tax		(9,349,486)	4,281,211
Taxation	10	(130,941)	(208,893)
Result for the period		(9,480,427)	4,072,318

The accompanying notes are an intergral part of the financial statements



Balance Sheet As at June 30, 2021

		June 30	June 30
	Note	2021	2020
ASSETS			
Cash and balances with banks	11	894,478	1,102,104
Accounts receivable (net)	12	9,118,836	19,980,887
Prepaid expenses and other assets	13	174,672	347,930
Total current assets		10,187,986	21,430,921
Properties, plants and equipment	14	50,437,415	41,488,469
Intangible assets	15	19,750	33,416
Total current assets		50,457,165	41,521,885
Total assets		60,645,151	62,952,806
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Accounts payable	16	4,240,590	2,199,247
Deferred income	17	355,026	844,848
Accruals & other liabilities	18	2,421,245	1,799,994
Corporate tax provision	19	2,977,884	2,977,884
Total current liabilities		9,994,745	7,821,973
Medium term loan		5,000,000	
Total non-current liabilities		5,000,000	-
Share capital	21	15,000,000	15,000,000
Retained earnings		30,650,406	40,130,833
Total equity		45,650,406	55,130,833
Total liabilities and equity		60,645,151	62,952,806

The accompanying notes are an intergral part of the financial statements



Statement of Changes in Owners' Equity For the Year June 30, 2021

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at July 1, 2020	15,000,000	40,130,833	55,130,833
Adjustment to opening balance	_	-	-
Adjusted opening balance	15,000,000	40,130,833	55,130,833
Comprehensive income/(loss) for the period			
Results for the period	-	(9,480,427)	(9,480,427)
Total comprehensive gain	-	(9,480,427)	(9,480,427)
Transactions with owners			
Contributions to GoL	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-
Balance as at June 30, 2021	15,000,000	30,650,406	45,650,406
Balance as at July 1, 2019	15,000,000	38,539,645	53,539,645
Adjustment to opening balance	_	69,432	69,432
Adjusted opening balance	15,000,000	38,609,077	53,609,077
Comprehensive income/(loss) for the period			
Results for the period	_	4,072,318	4,072,318
Total comprehensive gain	-	4,072,318	4,072,318
Transactions with owners			
Contributions to GoL	-	(2,550,562)	(2,550,562)
Total transactions with owners	-	(2,550,562)	(2,550,562)
Balance as at June 30, 2020	15,000,000	40,130,833	55,130,833



Statement of Cashflows For the Year June 30, 2021

	June 30	June 30
	2021	2020
Cash flow from operating activities		
Result for the period	(9,480,427)	4,072,318
Adjustments:		
Depreciation & amortization	1,165,782	1,288,632
Prior period adjustments	-	69,432
Write-off of missing products	(13,160,456)	
Changes in accounts receivable	24,022,507	(2,890,248)
Changes in prepaid expenses and other current assets	173,258	(208,158)
Changes in accounts payable	2,041,343	(389,105)
Changes in deferred liabilities	(489,822)	600,167
Changes in accruals & other liabilities	621,251	71,609
Changes in corporate & other taxes payable	-	39,282
Net cash flow used in operations	4,893,436	2,653,929
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Investing activities	(2 000 602)	(01.222)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(2,888,682)	(91,232)
Additions to construction in progress	(7,212,380)	(2,177,651)
Purchase of intangible assets	(10.101.000)	(27,500)
Net cash generated from investing activities	(10,101,062)	(2,296,383)
Financing activities		
Loan repayment	(1,000,000)	
GoL Budget Support (dividend)	_	(2,550,562)
Proceeds from loan	6,000,000	-
Net cash used in financing activities	5,000,000	(2,550,562)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(207,626)	(2,193,016)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,102,104	3,295,120
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	894,478	1,102,104



(All amounts are in United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

1 General information

The Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC) "the Company" is a State owned entity, wholly owned by the Government of Liberia (GOL), with the mandate to procure and supply quality petroleum and petroleum related products to the Liberian market. The LPRC is a business entity engaged in profit making activities. It has every power which a corporation now or hereafter organized under the Liberian Business Corporation Act may have.

Before the warring crises that started 1990, the function of the Company was fully operational, but has ceased to do so due to the damaging of all its refining machineries. Now, the Company is only engaged in providing storage tank to stock refined oil brought into the country by independent marketers (importers) of oil products on the Liberian market.

The members of the Board of Directors and Managing Director are appointed by the President of Liberia.

2 Summary of significant accounting polices

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies are applicable to the Company's financial statements and have been consistently applied to the period presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and complies with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These financial statements comprise the balance sheet, statement of income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements.

(b) Functional and Presentation Currency

The Financial Statements are presented in United States Dollars (USD) which is the company's reporting currency. All figures have been rounded up to the nearest Dollar.

(c) Going Concern

The Company's management has assessed the company's ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the Company has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, the management is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.



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2 Summary of significant accounting polices (continued)

(d) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make informed judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Management evaluates its estimates and related assumptions regularly, including those related to the value of properties, plant and equipment; and intangible assets. Changes in facts and circumstances or additional information may result in revised estimates, and actual results may differ from these estimates.

(e) Comparative Financial Statements

Under US generally accounting principles and applicable presentation standards, financial statements are presented in a comparative fashion with prior periods.

(f) Foreign Currency Transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency rate of exchange at the statement of financial position date. Throughout the period July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021, the Company used the daily transactional rate published on Central bank of Liberia website (www.cbl.org.lr).

(g) Revenue

The Company provides storage and handling services to the various importers of petroleum products (AGO, PMS & Jet fuel). Under these arrangements, the Company receives fees and recognizes revenue at the time services are performed. The revenue is included in the Company's Statements of Income and Expenses.

(h) Other operating income

The Company has the authority to license importers and distributors of all petroleum products in the Liberian market. With that authority, the Company charges fees for the issuance of license the importers and distributors. Licenses are applied for and renewed annually. The annual license covers the fiscal year July 1 to June 30. The other operating income is included in the Company's Statements of Income and Expenses.



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2 Summary of significant accounting polices (continued)

(j) Properties, plants and equipment

i. Recognition

Properties, plants & equipment is initially recorded at cost. Cost prices include costs directly attributed to the acquisition of property, plant and equipment as well as any subsequent expenditures that adds material value and it is estimated that future economic benefits of such additional expenditure will flow to the Company and that the expenditure can be measured reliably. All other expenditures associated with property, plant and equipment is recognized in the statement of profit or loss.

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. The residual value and the useful life of an asset is reviewed at least at each financial year-end and, if expectations differ from previous estimates, the change(s) is accounted for as a change in accounting estimate in accordance with ASC 250 Accounting Changes and Error Corrections.

ii. Derecognition

Properties, plants and equipment are derecognized on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use. Any gain or loss arising from the de-recognition of an item of property, plant and equipment (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is recognized in "other operating income" in the statement of profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognized.

iii. Depreciation

Depreciation/amortization is the periodic reduction in the cost of fixed assets due to its use which is recognized in the statement of profit or loss and calculated on the straight-line basis to write down the cost of property, plant and equipment over the estimated useful economic life. Property, plant and equipment are depreciated from the month the asset is brought into use. The estimated useful lives adopted for the various asset categories for accounting reporting purpose are as follows:

i.	Buildings	40 years
ii.	Machineries & equipment	5 years
iii.	Furniture & fittings	3 years
iv.	Computer hardware	3 years
v.	Motor vehicles	3 years
vi.	Jetty & loading racks	21 years



	June 30 2021	June 30 2020
3 Net Revenue		
Storage & handling - AGO	8,799,533	6,118,664
Storage & handling - PMS	12,238,164	7,138,784
Storage & handling - Jet fuel	1,051,064	632,773
Sales of PMS	-	162,779
GoL emergency fuel sales	-	990,012
Gross revenue	22,088,761	15,043,012
Less: Cost of products sold	-	(1,373,785)
Demurrage claimed	(2,444,480)	
	19,644,281	13,669,227
4 Other operating income		
Import License Fees	1,182,505	824,799
Distributorship Fees	166,250	179,618
Lubricant Permit Fees	68,917	44,167
Royalties on importation	2,112,786	981,798
Other operating income		342,977
	3,530,458	2,373,359
5 Depreciation and amortization		
Depreciation	1,152,116	1,272,879
Amortisation	13,666	15,753
	1,165,782	1,288,632
6 Personnel expenses		
Salaries, wages & benefits expenses	8,103,722	8,078,922
Personnel related expenses	157,744	141,005
Retirement & pension benefits	889,298	776,943
	9,150,764	8,996,870



	June 30 2021	June 30 2020
7 Other operating expenses		
Bank charges	20,191	21,212
Board expenses	252,757	203,231
Corporate social contributions	412,349	561,607
Fees, licenses & subscriptions	92,417	68,824
Operational expenses	1,216,932	514,442
Professional services	633,832	573,942
Utilities	278,421	287,436
Other expenses	11,662 2,918,561	1,428 2,232,122
8 Other income/(expenses)		
Foreign exchange gain	-	43,547
Scrap sales	1,800	3,040
Rebate from road fund	-	1,564,620
Miscellaneous income	50,000	-
	51,800	1,611,207
Contingency	(66,383)	(135,136)
Foreign exchange loss	(197,438)	-
Losses from missing products/write-off	(18,633,607)	(661,796)
Miscellaneous Other Losses	(18,897,428)	(5,000) (801,932)
	(18,845,628)	809,275
9 Finance cost		
Interest expense	242,490	53,026
Loan fees	201,000	-
	443,490	53,026
10 Taxation		
Current period corporate tax provision	130,941	208,893
	130,941	208,893



	June 30 2021	June 30 2020
11 Cash and balances with banks		
Cash on hand	6,179	4,170
Cash at bank	888,229	1,097,934
Undeposited checks	70 894,478	1,102,104
12 Accounts receivable (net)		
Gross trade receivables	12,630,603	23,492,654
	12,630,603	23,492,654
Allowance for doubtful debt:		
Opening balance	(3,511,767)	(3,511,767)
Provision for the period	(3,511,767)	- (2 E11 7(7)
Closing balance	(3,511,767)	(3,511,767)
	9,118,836	19,980,887
13 Prepaid expenses and other assets		
Prepaid expenses	149,294	327,516
Receivables from staff	7,415	2,451
Other receivables	17,963	17,963
	174,672	347,930
14 Properties, plants and equipment		
Buildings & leasehold improvements	4,104,061	2,053,138
Tanks, machineries & equipment	17,309,048	17,291,158
Hardware	889,678	703,165
Furniture & fixture	1,254,256	847,750
Vehicles	4,381,912	4,155,062
Land	352,260	352,260
Construction-in-progress	37,996,840	30,784,460
Accumulated depreciation	(15,850,640)	(14,698,524)
	50,437,415	41,488,469



		June 30 2021	June 30 2020
15	Intangible assets		
	Cost Accumulated amortization	249,693 (229,943) 19,750	249,693 (216,277) 33,416
16	Accounts payable		
	Trade payables	4,240,590	2,199,247
		4,240,590	2,199,247
17	Deferred income		
	Deferred import license fees		725,000
	Deferred distributorship fees	7,000	35,000
	Deferred lubricant permit fees	-	30,417
	Deferred Exclusive User Fees	261,975	-
	Deferred other fees	86,051	54,431
		355,026	844,848



		June 30 2021	June 30 2020
18	Accruals & other liabilities		
	Salaries & wages Payable	104,350	96,500
	Withholding taxes payable	1,738,457	888,668
	Social security payables	267,145	312,517
	Workers' & credit unions payable	4,232	5,315
	Payable to LBDI	204,764	394,697
	Other payables	102,297	102,297
		2,421,245	1,799,994
19	Corporate tax provision		
	Tax provision	2,977,884	2,977,884
		2,977,884	2,977,884
20	Medium term loan		
	Opening balance		
	Proceed from loan	6,000,000	
	Repayment of loan	(1,000,000)	-
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	The medium term loan is a US\$6 million loa over 24 months. Interest on the loan is 11%. obligations regarding the rehabilitation of the	The proceed from the loan was use	
21	Share capital		
	Opening balance	15,000,000	15,000,000
	Additional contribution to capital	35-3	-
	Closing balance	15,000,000	15,000,000

