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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CARTHAGE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Carthage Industrial Development Corporation (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 7, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Carthage Industrial Development Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Carthage Industrial Development Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Carthage Industrial Development Corporation's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a deficiency in internal control, described in the following paragraph that we consider to be a significant deficiency. Finding 2015-001 is considered a significant deficiency.

**Finding 2015-001 Significant Deficiency:
Preparation of Financial Statements**

Condition: Management chooses to have the auditors prepare the financial statements, including full footnote disclosure, instead of preparing the financial statements themselves.

Criteria: The preparation of the financial statements by an auditor can be considered an internal control deficiency.

Cause: While it is common practice for the auditor to prepare the financial statements; management's choice to have the auditor prepare the financial statements is a significant deficiency.

Effect: Management needs to determine whether the cost of implementing an appropriate control to prepare the financial statements outweighs the benefit that could be gained.

Recommendation: An appropriate control could be hiring additional staff with the knowledge and ability to prepare the financial statements or hiring another accountant to prepare the financial statements before the audit commences.

Response: It is felt that contracting with another accounting firm to prepare the yearend adjustments and financial statements for the CIDC would be beneficial going forward.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Carthage Industrial Development Corporation's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Response to Findings

Carthage Industrial Development Corporation's response to the findings identified in our audit is described above. Carthage Industrial Development Corporation's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Watertown, New York
March 7, 2016