

# BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPROVAL

## **THE MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 1 OF 1999), TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE ACCOUNTING RECORDS AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT AND INTEGRITY OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND RELATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.**

It is the responsibility of the members to ensure that the financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the entity as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended. The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the financial statements and were given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP) including any interpretations, guidelines and directives issued by the Accounting Standards Board.

The financial statements are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

The members acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the entity and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the members to meet these responsibilities, the board sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or deficit in a cost-effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the entity and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the entity's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the entity is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the entity. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the entity endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The members are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the financial

statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or deficit.

The members have reviewed the entity's cash flow forecast for the year to 31 March 2017 and, in the light of this review and the current financial position, they are satisfied that the entity has or has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The financial statements are prepared on the basis that the entity is a going concern. The members have no reason to believe that the entity will not be a going concern in the foreseeable future. These financials support the viability of the entity.

The external auditors are responsible for independently reviewing and reporting on the entity's financial statements. The financial statements have been examined by the entity's external auditors and their report is presented on pages 43 and 44.

The financial statements set out on pages 48 to 70, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the board on 26 May 2016 and were signed on its behalf by:



**MR A PETERSEN**  
Chairperson of the Board



**DR M MASHABA**  
Vice-Chairperson