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Strengthening Public Financial Management Project

ADB Loan No. 3429 – CAM (COL)

**Financial Statements
and Statement of Compliance
for the peirod from 1 January 2020 to
3 March 2021**

Ministry of Economy and Finance

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PART I

**Financial Statements
for the period from 1 January 2020 to
3 March 2021
and
Report of the Independent Auditors**



Ministry of Economy and Finance

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Statement by the management

I, do hereby state that, in my opinion the accompanying financial statements, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 3 March 2021, the statements of receipts and expenditure and advance account for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021 and notes, as set out on pages 5 to 17 of the Strengthening Public Financial Management Project ("the Project"), financed under the Asian Development Bank Loan No. 3429 – CAM (COL) and implemented by the Ministry of Economy and Finance are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting and the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

On behalf of the Project's management,

H.E. Ros Seilava

Project Director

Ministry of Economy and Finance

Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia

Date: 08 - Jun - 2021



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Report of the independent auditors To the Ministry of Economy and Finance Royal Government of Cambodia

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Strengthening Public Financial Management Project (“the Project”), financed under the Asian Development Bank Loan No. 3429 – CAM (COL) and implemented by the Ministry of Economy and Finance (“the Project Implementing Unit” or “PIU”), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 3 March 2021, the statements of receipts and expenditure and advance account for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021 and notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information as set out on pages 5 to 17.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting and the accounting policies as described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Cambodian International Standards on Auditing (CISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors’ Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Project in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Cambodia, and we have fulfilled our 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.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Use

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting and the accounting policies adopted by the Project. The financial statements are prepared for the information of and use by the management of the Project, the Ministry of Economy and Finance (“MEF”) and the Asian Development Bank (“ADB”). As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our audit report is intended solely for the management of the Project, MEF and ADB and should not be used by other parties other than the management of the Project, MEF and ADB. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting and the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the PIU's 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.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Project's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with CISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with CISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Project's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the PIU's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the PIU to cease to continue as a going concern.



We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

For KPMG Cambodia Ltd


Taing YoukFong
Partner



Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia

8 June 2021

Ministry of Economy and Finance

Strengthening Public Financial Management Project ADB Loan No. 3429 – CAM (COL)

Statement of financial position as at 3 March 2021

	Note	As at 3 March 2021 US\$	As at 31 December 2019 US\$
Current assets			
Cash and bank balances	3	-	211,287
Advances		-	1,720
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		-	213,007
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Represented by:			
Fund balance at end of the period/year		-	213,007
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H.E. Ros Seilava
Project Director



Ms. Tep Borita
Financial Controller

Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia

Date: 08-Jun-2021

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of receipts and expenditure for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021

	Note	Period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021 US\$	Year ended 31 December 2019 US\$	Cumulative period from 25 January 2017 to 3 March 2021 US\$
Receipts				
Asian Development Bank	4	5,248	694,213	1,109,461
Expenditure by disbursement category and financiers	5			
Consulting service	6	64,425	378,479	476,529
Training, workshops, study tours and seminars	7	225	315,397	468,158
Interest charge		5,248	11,169	16,417
TA management		54	-	54
		69,952	705,045	961,158
(Deficit)/excess of receipts over expenditure		(64,704)	(10,832)	148,303
Fund balance at beginning of the year		213,007	223,839	-
Fund transferred to ADB	8	(148,303)	-	(148,303)
Fund balance at end of the period/year		-	213,007	-


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Strengthening Public Financial Management Project

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Statement of advance account for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021

	Note	Period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021 US\$	Year ended 31 December 2019 US\$	Cumulative period from 25 January 2017 to 3 March 2021 US\$
Receipts				
Asian Development Bank	4	-	683,044	1,093,044
Expenditures				
Consulting service	6	64,425	378,479	476,529
Training, workshops, study tours and seminars	7	225	315,397	468,158
TA management		54	-	54
		64,704	693,876	944,741
(Deficit)/Excess of receipts over expenditure		(64,704)	(10,832)	148,303
Fund balance at beginning of the period/year		213,007	223,839	-
Fund transferred to ADB	8	(148,303)	-	(148,303)
Fund balance at end of the period/year		-	213,007	-
Represented by:				
Cash and bank balances	3	-	211,287	
Advances		-	1,720	
		-	213,007	



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Strengthening Public Financial Management Project

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Notes to the financial statements for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021

These notes form an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with, the accompanying financial statements.

1. Background and activities

The Strengthening Public Financial Management Project (“the Project”) was established under the Loan Agreement No. 3429 CAM (COL) signed on 6 October 2016 between the Asian Development Bank (“ADB”) and the Royal Government of Cambodia (“RGC”) and implemented by the Ministry of Economy and Finance (“MEF”). The agreement includes ADB Loan No. 3429 CAM (COL), where the ADB agreed to offer a loan amounting to Special Drawing Rights 2,501,000 (equivalent to US\$3,500,000) and the RGC will provide the equivalent of \$0.8 million (in-kind) in project support, which will include computer equipment and selected line ministries, worth \$0.3 million, capacity building, counterpart staff, office accommodation, and other ancillary services to an imputed value of \$0.5 million.

Based on the Declaration of Loan Effectiveness letter dated 25 January 2017, the Project’s effective date is 25 January 2017 and was originally expected to be completed by 31 March 2020. Subsequently, the Project’s closing date was extended to 30 September 2020 as per ADB’s letter dated on 9 January 2020. The Project substantially completed all activities on 30 September 2020. From October 2020 until the confirmed closing date is accounting and administrative process to close the Project.

On 10 March 2021, ADB issued a letter confirming the closure of loan account with an effective date on 3 March 2021. Accordingly, ADB has cancelled the undisbursed loan balance of SDR783,828.38.

The objective of the Project is to enhance the efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of the RGC’s public expenditures and revenue management. The Project comprises of two sub-programs, the first and second sub-program, and the Program is the first sub-program.

The scope of the Project includes:

- 1) Component 1: strengthening the policy and regulatory framework for public expenditure and revenue management.
- 2) Component 2: strengthening the budgeting, accounting, financial management and internal audit capacity of Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MOEYS), Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MLVT), Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MOWRAM), Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT), Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) and National Audit Authority (NAA) ; and
- 3) Component 3: strengthening the external audit capacity of NAA through improved audit oversight of line ministries.

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1. Background and activities (continued)

The Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) is the executing agency (EA) for the project. The General Secretariat of the Public Financial Management (PFM) Reform Steering Committee will be responsible for overall coordination of the project implementation and for achievement of outputs 1 and 2. MEF's Department of Information Technology, General Department of Budget/Department of Cooperation and Debt Management, General Department of Internal Audit are implementing agencies (IAs) for outputs 1 and 2. The PFM working groups in the MAFF; MOEYS; MLVT; MPWT; MRD; and MOWRAM are the IAs for output 2.

The Secretary General of the PFM Reform Steering Committee is project director and will be responsible for outputs 1 and 2. As an independent institution, the NAA is the IA for output 3. The NAA's auditor general is the project manager for output 3. The EAs and IAs are wholly responsible for the implementation of the ADB-financed project, as agreed jointly between the RGC and ADB, and in accordance with the policies and procedures of the government and ADB. ADB staff are responsible for supporting implementation including compliance by the EA and IAs with their obligations and responsibilities for project implementation in accordance with ADB's policies and procedures.

- (*) On 12 August 2020, the Ministry of Economic and Finance submit letter to ADB to requesting for partially cancellation of the loan proceed for the amount of SDR1,483,726 and revised financing allocation, the requested was approved by ADB on 16 September 2020.

Funding of the Project by ADB according to the allocation and withdrawal of the revised loan proceeds is as follows:

		ALLOCATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF THE LOAN PROCEEDS (Strengthening Public Financial Management Project)		
No.	Item	Total amounts allocated for ADB financing (SDR) category	Revised amounts reallocated for ADB financing (SDR) category (*)	Basis for withdrawal from the loan account
1.	Consulting services	867,775	839,394	100% of total expenditure claimed
2.	Training, workshops, study tours and seminars	312,569	340,950	100% of total expenditure claimed
3.	TA management (Technical assistant management)	6,382	6,382	100% of total expenditure claimed
4.	Interest during implementation	111,000	111,000	100% of total expenditure claimed
5.	Unallocated	186,000	186,000	100% of total expenditure claimed
	Total	1,483,726	1,483,726	

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2. Significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements, which are expressed in United States Dollars ("US\$"), have been prepared in accordance with a modified cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. This is a basis of accounting that is designed to meet the requirements of the Project; it is not designed to produce financial statements that are compatible with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Under this basis of accounting, income is recognised when funds are received in cash and expenditure is recognised when payments are made rather than when it is incurred, except for the advance payments made to staff, suppliers and contractors are initially recognised as a receivable and only recognised as expenditure when they have been liquidated by supporting invoices.

The financial statements are prepared for the information of and use by the management of the Project, the Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Asian Development Bank. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

(b) Statement of advance account

The statement of advance account is prepared in accordance with the Loan Agreement and is purely used to receive and disburse for expenditure financed by the ADB loan proceeds.

(c) Non-expendable equipment

The cost of non-expendable equipment is charged to the statement of receipts and expenditure and the statement of advance account upon acquisition. For control and management purposes, a memorandum account for non-expendable equipment is maintained by way of a non-expendable equipment listing.

(d) Interest charge

The interest charge by the ADB is accounted for in the statement of receipts and expenditure as receipts and corresponding expenditure.

(e) In kind contribution

In kind contribution from the RGC to the project are not accounted for in the statement of receipts and expenditure and are disclosed in the financial statements for information only.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(f) Foreign currency transactions

The Project executes its transactions and maintains its accounting records primarily in the US\$. Transactions in currencies other than US\$ are converted into US\$ at the rates of exchange prevailing on the transaction dates published by the National Bank of Cambodia (“NBC”). Cash and bank balances in currencies other than US\$ are translated into US\$ at the open market rates of exchange at the year-end date. All foreign exchange differences are recognised in the statement of receipts and expenditure and the statement of advance account.

3. Cash and bank balances

	As at 3 March 2021 US\$	As at 31 December 2019 US\$
ADB – Advance accounts at National Bank of Cambodia (“NBC”)	-	211,287

The Project’s unutilised fund was fully transferred to ADB on 19 January 2021.

4. Receipts

	Period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021 US\$	Year ended 31 December 2019 US\$	Cumulative period from 25 January 2017 to 3 March 2021 US\$
Replenishment	-	683,044	683,044
Initial advances	-	-	410,000
	-	683,044	1,093,044
Interest charge	5,248	11,169	16,417
	5,248	694,213	1,109,461

Receipts from the Asian Development Bank for Loan No. 3429 - CAM (COL) were paid into the first-generation advance accounts held at the Ministry of Economy and Finance (“MEF”). This was a separate bank account held exclusively at the NBC for ADB fund for Loan No. 3429 - CAM (COL).

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5. Expenditure by disbursement category and financiers

Particulars	ADB Loan No. 3429			RGC		Total
	% of financing	Actual expenditure		Actual expenditure		
	%	US\$	%	US\$	%	US\$
Consulting services	100	64,425	100	-	-	64,425
Training, workshops, study tours and seminars	100	225	100	-	-	225
TA management	100	54	100	-	-	54
Interest charge	100	5,248	100	-	-	5,248
Total payments – for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021	100	69,952	100	-	-	69,952
% of total project costs – for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021		3.34%		0%		3.34%
% of total project costs – for the period from 25 January 2017 to 3 March 2021		45.93%		0%		45.93%

6. Consulting service

This represents the individual consulting service for the project implementation. All payments during the year were made through advance account.

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7. Training, workshops, study tours and seminars

	Period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021 US\$	Year ended 31 December 2019 US\$	Cumulative period from 25 January 2017 to 3 March 2021 US\$
Per diem allowance	-	133,062	195,185
Mission expense	-	25,831	36,088
Transportation	-	49,714	76,378
Meeting and conference	-	98,190	151,682
Training expense	225	8,600	8,825
	<u>225</u>	<u>315,397</u>	<u>468,158</u>

All payments during the year was made through advance account.

8. Fund transferred to ADB

The Project's unutilised fund amounting to US\$148,303 was fully transferred to ADB on 19 January 2021. The Project confirmed closing date on 3 March 2021.

9. Statement of disbursement

Details of statement of disbursement from ADB fund are as follows:

	Period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021 US\$	Year ended 31 December 2019 US\$	Cumulative period from 25 January 2017 to 3 March 2021 US\$
Receipts			
Reimbursements	-	683,044	683,044
Initial advances	-	-	410,000
Interest charge	5,248	11,169	16,417
	<u>5,248</u>	<u>694,213</u>	<u>1,109,461</u>
Fund transferred to ADB	(148,303)	-	(148,303)
(A)	<u>(143,055)</u>	<u>694,213</u>	<u>961,158</u>

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9. Statement of disbursement (continued)

Details of statement of disbursement from ADB fund are as follows: (continued)

		Period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021 US\$	Year ended 31 December 2019 US\$	Cumulative period from 25 January 2017 to 3 March 2021 US\$
Total expenditure made during the year	(B)	69,952	705,045	961,158
Expenditure incurred and recorded during the year, already claimed	(C)	-	186,161	-
Expenditure incurred during the period and liquidated through initial advance	(D)	(64,704)	-	-
Expenditure incurred and recorded during the year, but not yet claimed	(E)	-	(196,993)	-
Initial advance refunded to ADB	(F)	(148,303)	-	-
Total eligible expenditure claimed (G=A+B+C+D+E+F)	(G)	<u>(143,055)</u>	<u>694,213</u>	<u>961,158</u>

10. Expenditure commitment

As at 3 March 2021, the Project had the following expenditure commitment:

	As at 3 March 2021 US\$	As at 31 December 2019 US\$
Consulting service		
Project supervision consulting	-	307,145

11. In-kind contribution

The Project's management has identified in-kind contribution from the RGC to the Project comprising the counterpart staff salaries and the office space.

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12. Statement of withdrawals

Withdrawal Application Number	Date	Currency	Consulting services	Training, workshops, study tours and seminars	TA Management	Interest charge	Initial advance	Total
Period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021								
<i>ADB Fund</i>								
<i>Interest</i>								
CAP	30 Sep 20	US\$	-	-	-	5,248	-	5,248
Total ADB		US\$	-	-	-	5,248	-	5,248
Year ended 31 December 2019								
<i>ADB Fund</i>								
<i>Advance account</i>								
WA#002	1-Mar-19	US\$	33,625	148,588	-	-	-	182,213
WA#003	31-Jul-19	US\$	172,907	190,971	-	-	-	363,878
WA#004	15-Nov-19	US\$	88,223	48,730	-	-	-	136,953
Sub-total (A)		US\$	294,755	388,289	-	-	-	683,044
<i>Interest</i>								
CAP	15-Oct-17	US\$	-	-	-	1,182	-	1,182
CAP	15-Oct-18	US\$	-	-	-	2,073	-	2,073
CAP	15-Apr-18	US\$	-	-	-	2,154	-	2,154
CAP	15-Apr-19	US\$	-	-	-	2,130	-	2,130
CAP	15-Oct-19	US\$	-	-	-	3,630	-	3,630
Sub-total (B)		US\$	-	-	-	11,169	-	11,169
Grand Total ADB (A+B)		US\$	294,755	388,289	-	11,169	-	694,213

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12. Statement of withdrawals (continued)

Withdrawal Application Number	Date	Currency	Consulting services	Training, workshops, study tours and seminars	TA Management	Interest	Initial advance	Total
Cumulative period from 25 January 2017 to 3 March 2021								
ADB fund		US\$	294,755	388,289	-	16,417	410,000	1,109,461
Replenishment through offsetting with initial advance								
WA#005	22-Apr-20	US\$	112,399	79,644	-	-	(192,043)	-
WA#006	25-Jun-20	US\$	46,384	225	-	-	(46,609)	-
WA#007	25-Aug-20	US\$	20,090	-	-	-	(20,090)	-
WA#008	6-Nov-20	US\$	2,901	-	-	-	(2,901)	-
REFND	26-Jan-21	US\$	-	-	54	-	(54)	-
Subtotal		US\$	181,774	79,869	54	-	(261,697)	-
Total		US\$	476,529	468,158	54	16,417	148,303	1,109,461


H.E. Ros Seilava
Project Director


Ms. Tep Borita
Financial Controller

Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia

Date: 08-Jun-2021

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)
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13. Statement of budget vs actual expenditure

Description	Period from				Year ended 31 December 2019				Cumulative period from			
	1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021				25 January 2017 to 3 March 2021							
	Budget US\$	Actual US\$	Variance US\$	%	Budget US\$	Actual US\$	Variance US\$	%	Budget US\$	Actual US\$	Variance US\$	%
Consulting services	168,000	64,425	103,575	62%	877,000	378,479	498,521	57%	2,349,334	476,529	1,872,805	80%
Training, workshops, study tours and seminars	264,816	225	264,591	99.92%	261,000	315,397	(54,397)	-21%	1,141,776	468,158	673,618	59%
TA Management	-	54	(54)	-100%	-	-	-	0%	18,000	54	17,946	99.70%
Interest charge	-	5,248	(5,248)	-100%	-	11,169	(11,169)	100%	51,667	16,417	35,250	68%
Unallocated	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	86,667	-	86,667	100%
Total	432,816	69,952	362,864	84%	1,138,000	705,045	432,955	38%	3,647,444	961,158	2,686,286	74%


H.E. Ros Seilava
Project Director


Ms. Tep Borita
Financial Controller

Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia

Date: 08 - Jun - 2021

PART II

**Independent Assurance Report on Compliance
with the Financing Agreement
for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021**




Ministry of Economy and Finance

General Secretariat, Steering Committee
of the Public Financial Management Reform

No: 216 MEF/GSC

Management assertion

I, the undersigned, on behalf of the Project's management, under ADB Loan No. 3429 – CAM (COL) ("Financing Agreement"), do hereby state that the Project is, in all material respects, in compliance with the Financing Agreement as stated in the Statement of Compliance for the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2021;

- (i) The Project's funds have been used, in all material respects, in accordance with the terms and conditions of ADB Loan No. 3429 – CAM (COL) ("the Financing Agreement") for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021;
- (ii) The Project has complied, in all material respects, with the covenants of the Financing Agreement for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021;
- (iii) The Advance account procedures, have been operated, in all material respects, in accordance with ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021;
- (iv) The Project has complied, in all material respects, with the statement of expenditure ("SOE") procedure set out in ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook. In addition, adequate supporting documentation has been maintained to authenticate claims stated on SOE procedure for reimbursement of eligible expenditures incurred and liquidation of advances provided to the advance account; and
- (v) The effective internal control, including the procurement process was maintained. 



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Project Director

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INDEPENDENT REASONABLE ASSURANCE REPORT

To the Ministry of Economy and Finance

on the Statement of Compliance with Financing Agreement

We refer to the ADB Loan Agreement No. 3429 – CAM (COL) (“the Financing Agreement”), which sets out the requirements for the Strengthening Public Financial Management Project (“Project”) to comply with the Loan covenants.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions set out in the Financing Agreements, the management of the Project has determined key relevant provisions in which the management believes are important to report and prepare a Statement of Compliance with the Financing Agreement (“the Statement of Compliance”), a copy of which is attached to this independent assurance report.

We were engaged by the Ministry of Economy and Finance (“MEF”) to report on the Project’s compliance with the Financing Agreements for the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2021 as stated in the Statement of Compliance set out on pages 22 to 25, in the form of an independent reasonable assurance conclusion about whether the Project is, in all material respects, in compliance with the requirements set out in the Financing Agreements.

Our report is intended to provide a conclusion on the following specific matters, established by the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement whether:

- (i) The Project’s funds have been used, in all material respects, for the purposes of the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the Financing Agreement for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021.
- (ii) The Project has complied, in all material respects, with the covenants of Financing Agreement for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021.

Management’s Responsibilities

The management of the Project is responsible for the preparation of the Statement of Compliance that is free from material misstatement and in accordance with those requirements set out by the Financing Agreement and for the information contained therein on pages 22 to 25.

This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation of the Statement of Compliance that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. It also includes ensuring compliance with those requirements set out in the Financing Agreement; selecting and applying policies; making judgements and estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances; and maintaining adequate records in relation to the Statement of Compliance.

The management of the Project also are responsible for preventing and detecting fraud and for identifying and ensuring that the Project complies with laws and regulations applicable to its activities.

The management also is responsible for ensuring that staff involved with the preparation of the Statement of Compliance are properly trained, information systems are properly updated and that any changes in reporting encompass all significant reporting units.

Our Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to examine the Statement of Compliance prepared by the management and to report thereon in the form of an independent reasonable assurance conclusion based on the evidence obtained. We conducted our engagement in accordance with Cambodian International Standard on Assurance Engagements ("CISAE") 3000, Assurance Engagement Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information. That standard requires that we comply with ethical requirements, including independence requirements, and plan and perform our procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Statement of Compliance is properly prepared in accordance with the relevant terms and conditions set out in the Loan Agreement, in all material respects.

We apply Cambodian International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

Procedures Performed

The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the statement of compliance whether due to fraud or error.

In making those risk assessments, we have considered internal controls relevant to the preparation of the Statement of Compliance, in order to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing a conclusion as to the effectiveness of the Project's internal control over the preparation of the Statement of Compliance.

Our engagement also included assessing the appropriateness of the Statement of Compliance, the suitability of the criteria being the terms and conditions specified by the Financing Agreement, used by the Project's management in preparing the Statement of Compliance in the circumstances of the engagement, obtaining an understanding of the compilation of the financial and non-financial information in the Statement by enquiry of management, reference to the Financing Agreement, comparison of the financial and non-financial information in the Statement to the sources from which it was obtained, performance of sample testing on the Project's management assertions on a sample basis.

Conclusion

Our conclusion has been formed on the basis of, and is subject to, the matters outlined in this report.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

In our opinion, the Project is, in all material respects, in compliance with the requirements of the Financing Agreement for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021, in particular the following assertions by management of the Project as stated in the Statement of Compliance, are properly represented:

- (i) The Project's funds have been used, in all material respects, for the purposes of the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the Financing Agreement
- (ii) The Project has complied, in all material respects, with the covenants of Financing Agreement

Restriction on Use of Our Report

Our report should not be regarded as suitable to be used or relied on by any party other than the Project, MEF and ADB for any purpose or in any context. Any party other than the Project and ADB who obtains access to our report or a copy thereof and chooses to rely on our report (or any part thereof) will do so at its own risk.

We accept or assume no responsibility and deny any liability to any party other than the Project, MEF and ADB for our work, for this independent reasonable assurance report, or for the conclusions we have reached.

Our report is released to the Project, MEF and ADB on the basis that it shall not be copied, referred to or disclosed, in whole or in part, without our prior written consent.

For KPMG Cambodia Ltd



Taing YoukFong

Partner

Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia

8 June 2021

Ministry of Economy and Finance

Strengthening Public Financial Management Project

ADB Loan No. 3429 – CAM (SF)

Statement of Compliance with the Financing Agreement for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021

1. Criteria

This Statement of Compliance is prepared in accordance with the criteria determined by the ADB in accordance with the Asian Development Bank Loan No. 3429 – CAM (COL) (“the Financing Agreement”) for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021 Agreement and is prepared by the Project management based on the key relevant provisions in which the Project management believes are important to report on and is not intended to cover the complete set of the financing agreement taken as a whole. These criteria are described below. The Project management has assessed its compliance with the relevant requirements and included the results of its assessment below.

Article No.	Description	Management's assertions
Article III: Use of Proceed of the Loan		
3.01	The Borrower shall cause the proceeds of the Loan to be applied to the financing of expenditures on the Project in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Agreement.	Yes, complied with.
3.02	The proceeds of the Loan shall be allocated and withdrawn in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3 (See Appendix) to the Loan Agreement, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Borrower and ADB.	Yes, complied with.
3.03	Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Borrower shall procure, or cause to be procured, the items of expenditure to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 (See Appendix) to the Loan Agreement.	Yes, complied with.
Article IV: Particular Covenants		
4.02	(a) The Borrower shall: (i) Maintain separate accounts and records for the Project; (ii) Prepare annual financial statements for the Project in accordance with accounting principles acceptable to AOB	(a) : (i) Yes, complied with. (ii) The Project prepared financial statements in accordance with a modified cash receipt and disbursement basis of accounting.

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Statement of Compliance with the Financing Agreement (continued) for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021

1. Criteria (continued)

Article No.	Description	Management's assertions
Article IV: Particular Covenants (continued)		
4.02	<p>(iii) Have such financial statements audited annually by independent auditors whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference are acceptable to ADB, in accordance with international standards for auditing or the national equivalent acceptable to ADB</p> <p>(iv) As part of each such audit, have the auditors prepare a report (which includes the auditors' opinion on the use of the Loan proceeds and compliance with the financial covenants of this Loan Agreement as well as on the use of the procedures for the advance fund and statement of expenditures) and a management letter (which sets out the deficiencies in the internal control of the Project that were identified in the course of the audit, if any);</p> <p>(v) Furnish to ADB, no later than 6 months after the end of each related fiscal year, copies of such audited financial statements, audit report and management letter, all in the English language, and such other information concerning these documents and the audit thereof as ADB shall from time to time reasonably request.</p> <p>(b) ADB shall disclose the annual audited financial Statements for the Project and the opinion of the auditors on the financial statements within 30 days of the date of their receipt by posting them on ADB's website.</p>	<p>(iii) Financial statements are audited by KPMG Cambodia Ltd.</p> <p>(iv) Refer to Report of Independent Auditors and the Independent Reasonable Assurance Report.</p> <p>(v) Yes, complied with.</p> <p>(b) Yes, complied with.</p>
4.03	The Borrower shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the Goods and Works, and any relevant records and documents	Yes, complied with.

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Statement of Compliance with the Financing Agreement (continued) for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021

2. Appendix to the Statement of Compliance

Schedule No.	Description
Schedule 3: Allocation and withdrawal of the loan proceeds	
4.	The proceeds of the Loan shall be disbursed on the basis of the withdrawal percentage for each item of expenditure set forth in the Table.
5.	The Loan proceeds shall be disbursed in accordance with the Loan Disbursement Handbook.
Schedule 4: Procurement of Goods, Works and Consulting Services	
1.	The procurement of Goods, Works, and Consulting Services shall be subject to and governed by the Procurement Guidelines, and the Consulting Guidelines respectively.
3.	Goods and Works shall only be procured on the basis of the methods of procurement set forth below: (a) National Competitive Bidding; and (b) Shopping.
7.	The Borrower shall cause the Project Executing Agency and each Project Implementing Agency not to award any Works contract: (a) which involves environmental impacts; (b) which involves involuntary resettlement impacts
8.	The Borrower shall cause the Project Executing Agency and each Project Implementing Agency not to award any landfill or solid waste management Works contract for the Project.
9.	The Borrower shall apply Quality- and Cost-Based Selection for selecting and engaging Consulting Services.
10.	The Borrower shall apply the methods for selecting and engaging the specified Consulting Services, in accordance with, among other things, the procedures set forth in the Procurement Plan.

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Statement of Compliance with the Financing Agreement (continued) for the period from 1 January 2020 to 3 March 2021

2. Appendix to the Statement of Compliance (continued)

Schedule No.	Description
Schedule 4: Procurement of Goods, Works and Consulting Services (continued)	
11.	The Borrower shall recruit any individual consultants for such services as agreed with ADB in accordance with procedures acceptable to ADB for recruiting individual consultants.
12.(a)	The Borrower shall ensure that all Goods and Works procured (including without limitation all computer hardware, software and systems, whether separately procured or incorporated within other goods and services procured) do not violate or infringe any industrial property or intellectual property right or claim of any third party.
12.(b)	The Borrower shall ensure that all contracts for the procurement of Goods and Works contain appropriate representations, warranties and, if appropriate, indemnities from the contractor or supplier with respect to the matters.
13.	The Borrower shall ensure that all ADB-financed contracts with consultants contain appropriate representations, warranties and, if appropriate, indemnities from the consultants to ensure that the Consulting Services provided do not violate or infringe any industrial property or intellectual property right or claim of any third party.