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STATE OF LOUISIANA



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LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
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January 7, 2015

Independent Auditor's Report

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the debt service fund and governmental activities of the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation (Corporation), a blended component unit of the state of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we 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 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant 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 is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the debt service fund and governmental activities of the Corporation as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As referenced in note 1.J to the financial statements, the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, required bond issuance costs to be expensed instead of being amortized over the life of the bonds. The overall impact of this implementation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, is a decrease in Beginning Net Position of \$5,439,520.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 5 through 8 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the Required Supplementary Information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements. The Supplementary

Information, Continuing Disclosure Requirements on page 27 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Supplementary Information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Supplementary Information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 7, 2015, on our consideration of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



Daryl G. Purpera, CPA, CFE
Legislative Auditor

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**TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Management's Discussion and Analysis, June 30, 2014

This section of the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation's (TSFC's or Corporation's) annual financial report represents management's analysis of the TSFC's financial performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 in comparison to that of the previous fiscal year. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Liabilities exceeded assets plus deferred outflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$568,828,763 which represents a 2.8% decline over the prior year.
- The revenues of the TSFC decreased \$64,081,627 or 46.0%.
- The expenses of the TSFC decreased \$17,228,925 or 35.7%.
- \$59,701,679 was transferred to the State for deposit into the Millenium Trust.

The TSFC was formed by an act of the Louisiana Legislature for the purpose of purchasing Tobacco Settlement Revenues (TSRs) from the State of Louisiana. This purchase was financed by the issuance of bonds to be repaid solely from the TSRs. The TSRs consist of amounts to be collected as part of a Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) between cigarette manufacturers (PMs) and 46 states and other U.S. jurisdictions (Settling States). Under the MSA, the PMs are required to pay the Settling States annual payments in perpetuity.

Much of the TSRs represent a portion of future domestic sales of tobacco products, the amount of which is to be determined based upon future domestic sales of tobacco products. TSR payments are remitted to the Corporation annually based upon those sales. Under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), such contingent amounts can be recognized as a receivable and revenue on a full accrual basis when the domestic sale of tobacco products is known. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue should be recognized as the sales occur and the TSR's become available for use by the Corporation.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements consist of two sections – Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section) and the basic financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements).

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities are two basic financial statements that report information about the TSFC as a whole using a long-term economic resources focus. The financial data is reported using the full accrual basis of accounting and provides insight as to the TSFC's total, long-term, financial position and whether or not the TSFC's total financial position has improved as a result of the current year's activities.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis, June 30, 2014

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Comparative condensed Statements of Net Position and Activities for 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

**Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2014 and 2013**

	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013 (as restated)
Current assets	\$ 1,050,056	\$ 306,709
Noncurrent assets	117,112,186	176,365,793
Total assets	118,162,242	176,672,502
Deferred outflow of resources	13,236,906	-
Current liabilities	4,291,294	49,349,821
Noncurrent liabilities	695,936,617	680,519,053
Total liabilities	700,227,911	729,868,874
 Total net position - unrestricted	 \$ (568,828,763)	 \$ (553,196,372)

**Statement of Activities
For the Years Ended June 30, 2014 and 2013**

	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013 (as restated)
Expenses	\$ (31,057,283)	\$ (48,286,208)
<u>General revenues and transfers</u>		
Tobacco settlement revenues	74,970,225	135,797,984
Miscellaneous revenue	1,540	-
Interest income	154,806	3,410,214
Intergovernmental transfer	(59,701,679)	-
Total general revenues and transfers	15,424,892	139,208,198
 Change in net position	 \$ (15,632,391)	 \$ 90,921,990

The Corporation adopted GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, which requires a change in accounting principle with respect to bond issuance cost. These costs which have been previously deferred and amortized over the life of the bond are now expensed when incurred. With the adoption of this standard any changes must be retroactively applied. As such, the beginning net position of the Corporation has been restated by \$6,306,868 and the expenses reduced by \$867,348 on the Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2013.

**TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Management's Discussion and Analysis, June 30, 2014

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

A decrease in total assets of \$58,510,260 is a result of a reduction in the projection of future revenues recorded as a receivable (\$9,881,509) and a reduction in the restricted investments (\$49,375,172) held by the Corporation as a result of the bond refunding that occurred in July 2013. See long-term debt activity section for more information on the bond refunding.

A decrease in current liabilities of \$45,058,527 is a result of the current refunding of the Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed 2001B Series and issuance of Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed 2013A Series Bonds. Under the current terms of the debt agreement, there are no principal payments due until fiscal year 2016. Prior year current liabilities contained an estimated amount for principal payment of debt due in 2014.

The overall decrease in total liabilities of the Corporation is a result of the bond refunding that occurred in July 2013.

The negative net position is a result of bonds payable, other liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources exceeding recognized assets and deferred outflows of resources. The bonds are recognized as a liability, while the resources to repay the bonds - the future TSR's - are not recognized as assets until the underlying sales of tobacco products are known.

Revenues of the Corporation decreased by approximately 46.0% compared to prior year's revenue. The majority of the decrease is attributable to the Corporation receiving approximately \$41,700,000 in settlement funds in the prior fiscal year from arbitration proceedings related to the Nonparticipating Manufacturer (NPM) Adjustment from 2003 to 2013. In addition, there are variations in the TSR's that continue to occur as a result of adjustments to the MSA applied by the participating manufacturers as well as changes to the estimated amounts of future revenues.

Expenses of the Corporation decreased by \$17,228,925; a majority is attributable to a reduction of interest expense as a result of the refunding of 2001B Series Bonds.

Funds in excess of the Corporation's requirements to pay its operating expenses, debt service, liquidity reserve account and sinking fund requirements at the time of the bond refunding totaling \$59,701,679 were transferred to the state for deposit in and credit to the Millennium Trust.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the TSFC as a debt service fund as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. A fund is a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that a governmental entity uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for a particular purpose.

For fund level reporting, all of the TSFC's transactions are reported in the debt service fund, which is a type of governmental fund. Governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources. This approach applies a flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. These statements provide a detailed short-term view of the TSFC's finances that assist in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the TSFC.

**TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Management's Discussion and Analysis, June 30, 2014

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Reconciliations are provided to facilitate this comparison between the governmental fund and the government-wide financial statements. These reconciliations are presented separately in the Reconciliation of the Debt Service Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position and the Reconciliation of the Debt Service Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities.

The TSFC's debt service fund reported fund balance of \$75,654,742 as of June 30, 2014, all of which is restricted for the repayment of the outstanding bonds. Much of this fund balance is contained in reserve accounts as required by the Trust indenture.

LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY

On July 10, 2013, the Corporation issued \$659,745,000 Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Refunding bonds, Series 2013A, for the purpose of refunding all of its outstanding Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed bonds Series 2001B, funding a liquidity reserve and paying the cost of issuance. The Corporation refinanced its debt to take advantage of historically low interest rates.

At June 30, 2014, the TSFC had \$695,936,617 in outstanding bonded debt which included the unamortized premium of \$36,191,617. A description of the long-term debt activity is located at Note 4.

**CONTACTING THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT
FINANCING CORPORATION'S MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the TSFC finances and to demonstrate the TSFC's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, P.O. Box 44154, Baton Rouge, LA 70804.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2014

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash	\$ 1,050,056
Total current assets	1,050,056

Non-current assets:

Restricted assets:

Investments	74,635,089
Tobacco settlement receivable	42,473,845
Accrued interest receivable	3,252
Total non-current assets	117,112,186

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred amount on bond refunding	13,236,906
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TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

131,399,148

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:

Accrued interest payable	4,257,639
Fees payable	33,655
Total current liabilities	4,291,294

Non-current liabilities:

Bonds payable	695,936,617
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TOTAL LIABILITIES

700,227,911

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

700,227,911

NET POSITION - UNRESTRICTED

\$ (568,828,763)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

EXPENSES

Current:

Bank fees	\$ 12,104
Professional services	42,729

Debt Service:

Bond issuance costs	3,201,206
Interest expense	27,801,244
Total expenses	<u>31,057,283</u>

GENERAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS

Tobacco settlement revenue	74,970,225
Miscellaneous revenue	1,540
Interest income	154,806
Intergovernmental transfer	(59,701,679)
Total general revenues and transfers	<u>15,424,892</u>

Change in net position (15,632,391)

Net position, beginning of year (as restated) (553,196,372)

Net position, end of year \$ (568,828,763)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION
DEBT SERVICE FUND BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2014**

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 1,050,056
Investments	74,635,089
Accrued interest receivable	<u>3,252</u>

TOTAL ASSETS 75,688,397

LIABILITIES

Fees payable	<u>33,655</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES 33,655

FUND BALANCE

Fund balance - restricted	<u>75,654,742</u>
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND
FUND BALANCE** \$ 75,688,397

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE DEBT SERVICE FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2014**

Total fund balance - Debt Service Fund	\$	75,654,742
Revenues collected more than 45 days after year-end and are not available to pay current period expenditures:		
Tobacco settlement receivable - restricted		42,473,845
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund:		
Accrued interest payable		(4,257,639)
Deferred amount on refunding		13,236,906
Bonds payable (net of unamortized premium)		(695,936,617)
		(686,957,350)
Total net position at June 30, 2014 - Governmental Activities	\$	(568,828,763)

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION
DEBT SERVICE FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

REVENUES

Tobacco settlement revenue	\$ 84,851,734
Miscellaneous revenue	1,540
Interest income	154,806
Total revenues	85,008,080

EXPENDITURES

Current:

Bank fees, rating service fees and other	12,104
Professional services	42,729

Debt Service:

Bond issuance costs	3,201,206
Principal payments on debt	738,300,000
Interest	36,415,891
Total expenditures	777,971,930

Excess of expenditures over revenues (692,963,850)

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

Transfers out	(59,701,679)
Proceeds from the issuance of refunding bonds	659,745,000
Premium on bond	44,326,777
Total other financing sources (uses)	644,370,098

Net change in fund balances (48,593,752)

Fund balance beginning of year 124,248,494

Fund balance end of year \$ 75,654,742

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE DEBT SERVICE FUND STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2014**

Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ (48,593,752)
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Amounts reported in the statement of activities are different because:

The change in revenues not collected within 45 days of year-end that are not considered "available" and therefore not recognized as revenues in the governmental fund:

Tobacco settlement revenue	(9,881,509)
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The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal on long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of a governmental fund. Neither transaction, however has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities.

Proceeds from the issuance of refunding bonds	(659,745,000)
Principal payments on debt	738,300,000
Premium on bond	(44,326,777)
Accrued interest payable	1,141,332
Amortization of premium on bond	8,135,160
Amortization of deferred amount on debt refunding	(661,845)
	(15,632,391)
Change in net position	\$ (15,632,391)

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

The Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation (referred to as the Corporation or TSFC) was created by Act 1145 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Louisiana State Legislature codified under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes (R.S.) 39:99.1 through 39:99.20. The Corporation is a special purpose, public corporate entity, an instrumentality independent of the state.

On November 23, 1998, the State of Louisiana entered into a Master Settlement Agreement with the major United States tobacco product manufacturers that should result in Louisiana receiving substantial monies in perpetuity. The Corporation is authorized and empowered to, among other things, (1) purchase the state's allocation of monies to be received as a result of the master settlement agreement and receive, or authorize the indenture trustee to receive the tobacco settlement payments when they become due; (2) issue bonds; (3) determine the amounts of the residual interests, and pay and transfer such residual interests to the state treasurer, semiannually, in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statutes noted above; and (4) do any and all other acts and things necessary, convenient, appropriate or incidental in carrying out the provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statutes noted above.

Income of the Corporation and bond proceeds, if any, not previously paid to the state that are in excess of the Corporation's requirements to pay its operating expenses, debt service, sinking fund requirements, reserve fund requirements, and any other contractual obligations to the holders or that may be incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds shall be transferred and paid by the Corporation to the state treasurer for deposit in and credit to the Millennium Trust.

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence; provided, however, the board shall dissolve and terminate the existence of the Corporation no later than two years after the date of final payment of all outstanding bonds and the payments or satisfaction of all other outstanding obligations and liabilities of the Corporation. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, title to all assets and properties of the Corporation shall vest in and become the property of the State of Louisiana and shall be deposited in and credited to the Millennium Trust.

At June 30, 2014, the Corporation was governed by a board consisting of 13 members as follows: (i) the Governor or his/her designee; (ii) the State Treasurer or his designee; (iii) the Attorney General or his designee; (iv) the President of the Senate or his designee; (v) the Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee; (vi) six members appointed by the Governor from each of the six congressional districts; and (vii) two additional members appointed from the state. The State Treasurer serves as the secretary-treasurer of the Corporation and the board. The TSFC is a blended component unit of the state and is included in the state's financial statements.

Operations of the Corporation were funded initially with a portion of bond proceeds but are now funded with Tobacco Settlement Revenues and investment income. The Corporation has no employees. R.S. 39:99.8(A) states the staff of the Department of the Treasury, including that of the State Bond Commission, may, pursuant to a cooperative endeavor agreement, serve as staff to the Corporation under the supervision of the state treasurer.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. REPORTING ENTITY

Using the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section 2100, the Division of Administration, Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy, has defined the governmental reporting entity to be the State of Louisiana. The Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy considers the Corporation to be a blended component unit of the State of Louisiana because the state has financial accountability for fiscal matters as follows: (1) a majority of the members of the governing board are appointed by the governor; (2) the state has control and exercises authority over budget matters; (3) no later than two years after the full payment of tobacco settlement asset-backed bonds principal and interest, the board shall dissolve and terminate the existence of the Corporation; and (4) services are provided entirely to the primary government. Annually, the State of Louisiana issues financial statements, which include the activity contained in the accompanying financial statements. Those financial statements are audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

B. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental entities and promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*.

The accompanying governmental fund financial statements are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available to fund current operations. Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt which is recognized when due.

The accompanying government-wide statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when the related liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Reconciliations are provided to facilitate the comparisons between the governmental fund and the government-wide financial statements. These reconciliations are presented separately in the Reconciliation of the Debt Service Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position and in the Reconciliation of the Debt Service Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The activities of the Corporation are accounted for in a Debt Service Fund. Debt Service Funds account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal and interest. The Corporation's Debt Service Fund balance sheet portrays the current assets and current liabilities of the Corporation with the difference being fund balance restricted for debt service.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash consists of demand deposits. Investments consist of money market funds. Under state law, the Corporation may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States.

In accordance with L.R.S. 39:99.6(E), funds held by the Corporation or by the indenture trustee may be invested in direct U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government agency obligations or in eligible mutual funds that invest in these securities, direct repurchase agreements, time certificates of deposit, guaranteed investment contracts, investment grade commercial paper, and direct obligations issued by a state of the United States of America other than Louisiana. The Corporation's investments, which consist solely of money market mutual funds, are stated at fair value.

E. RESTRICTED ASSETS

Restricted assets represent resources set aside for the purpose of funding debt service payments or providing reserve amounts in accordance with bond resolutions.

F. NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources with liabilities and deferred inflows of resources.

The following fund balance classifications are defined by GASB Statement No. 54 *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definition* and describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- Nonspendable fund balance – amounts that are not in spendable form or are required to be maintained intact;
- Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, enabling legislation, indentures of trust, or other external means;
- Committed fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level of action to remove or change the constraint;
- Assigned fund balance – amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported in the general fund only.

All of the Corporation's fund balance is considered restricted based on enabling legislation under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:99.1 through 39:99.20.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

G. FUTURE SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS PURCHASED FROM THE STATE AND REVENUE RECOGNITION

As described more fully in Notes 4 and 5, the Corporation initially purchased 60% of the future revenues to be received under the Master Settlement Agreement with bond proceeds. The Corporation follows GASB Technical Bulletin 2004-1 as amended by GASB Statement No. 48 *Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues* in establishing accounting policy for the purchase of future settlement collections which, for the Corporation, require no asset recognition.

In accordance with GASB Technical Bulletin 2004-1, settlement payments to be received by the Corporation are recognized as revenue as the underlying tobacco product sales occur.

H. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. A significant estimate contained within the financial statements is the tobacco settlement revenue receivable of \$42,473,845 (Note 5).

I. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. *Deferred inflows of resources* represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

The deferred outflow of resources on the statement of net position is a result of a deferred charge on the current refunding of the 2001B Series bonds (Note 4) which results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. The deferral is being amortized in a systematic manner over the remaining life of the new debt.

J. CURRENT YEAR ADOPTION OF NEW STANDARDS AND RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION

TSFC adopted GASB Statement No. 65 – Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2014. The net effect to the Statement of Net Position for the prior period from the adoption of GASB 65 is as follows:

	Governmental Activities
Total Net Position, June 30, 2013	
as previously reported	\$ 547,756,852
Bond issuance costs not expensed as of 6/30/2013	5,439,520
Total Net Position, June 30, 2013, restated	\$ 553,196,372

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2. CASH

For deposits in financial institutions, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of failure of the financial institution, TSFC will not be able to recover the value of its deposits.

At June 30, 2014, the Corporation has cash totaling \$1,050,056 held in a demand deposit account. The deposits (collected bank balances) are secured from risk by federal deposit insurance up to \$250,000. The Corporation does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk for cash.

3. INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2014, investments of \$74,635,089 consisted of the following:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Reported Amount</u>	<u>Credit Quality Rating</u>	<u>% of Investments</u>	<u>Years to Maturity Less Than 1</u>
Morgan Stanley Prime INSTL	\$ 74,635,089	Aaa-mf **	100.00%	\$ 74,635,089
Total Investments	<u>\$ 74,635,089</u>		<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 74,635,089</u>

** Credit quality rating obtained from Moody's Corporation (short-term rating)

Of the total investment balance of \$74,635,089, a total of \$57,374,651 is held in a separate account to satisfy the Liquidity Reserve requirements set forth in the bond trust indenture. The Corporation met its reserve balance requirement at June 30, 2014.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, TSFC will not be able to recover the value of its investment that are in the possession of an outside party.

The \$74,635,089 of money market mutual funds are not exposed to custodial credit risk because their existence is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

Credit Risk: This risk is defined as the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment transaction will not fulfill its obligations. The Corporation does not have a formal credit risk policy. However, in practice, credit risk is minimized by investing in money market funds containing underlying securities which are guaranteed by the U.S. government and commercial paper of corporations rated no less than A-1+ by Standard & Poor's or its equivalent.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The Corporation does not have a policy for this type of risk, which is defined as the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Corporation's investment in a single issuer. As indicated in the listing of investments above, the Corporation's portfolio contains concentrations in single debt issuers in excess of 5% of its total portfolio.

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3. INVESTMENTS (continued)

Interest Rate Risk: This risk is defined as the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Corporation is not exposed to interest rate risk and does not have a formal interest rate risk policy.

4. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt is composed of the following:

Series 2013A (Tax Exempt) Term Bonds due May 15, 2023, with interest of 5.00% due semiannually on May 15 and November 15, commencing on May 15, 2013	\$ 199,270,000
Series 2013A (Tax Exempt) Term Bonds due May 15, 2033, with interest ranging from 5 -5.50% due semiannually on May 15 November 15, commencing on May 15, 2013	378,550,000
Series 2013A (Tax Exempt) Term Bonds due May 15, 2035, with interest of 5.25% due semiannually on May 15 and November 15, commencing on May 15, 2013	<u>81,925,000</u>
Total bond debt	659,745,000
Add: unamortized bond premium	<u>36,191,617</u>
Total bond debt, net of unamortized bond premium	<u><u>\$ 695,936,617</u></u>

The following is a summary of the debt obligation transactions for the year ended June 30, 2014:

	Debt Payable at June 30, 2013	Additions	Deductions	Debt Payable at June 30, 2014	Amounts Due Within One Year
Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed bonds:					
Series 2001B (Tax Exempt) due May 15, 2030	\$ 48,895,000	\$ -	\$ 48,895,000	\$ -	\$ -
Series 2001B (Tax Exempt) due May 15, 2039	689,405,000	-	689,405,000	-	-
Series 2013A (Tax Exempt) due May 15, 2023	-	199,270,000	-	199,270,000	-
Series 2013A (Tax Exempt) due May 15, 2033	-	378,550,000	-	378,550,000	-
Series 2013A (Tax Exempt) due May 15, 2035	-	81,925,000	-	81,925,000	-
Total	738,300,000	659,745,000	738,300,000	659,745,000	-
Less: unamortized bond discount	(13,898,751)	-	(13,898,751)	-	-
Add: unamortized bond premium	-	44,326,777	8,135,160	36,191,617	-
Total, net of unamortized premium (discounts)	\$ 724,401,249	\$ 704,071,777	\$ 732,536,409	\$ 695,936,617	\$ -

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4. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

On November 7, 2001, the Corporation issued \$1,202,770,000 in Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds. The bonds were issued to finance the Corporation's purchase of 60% of the state's future receipts from the Master Settlement Agreement with participating cigarette manufacturers. In July 2013, the Corporation current refunded the outstanding 2001B bonds totaling \$738,300,000 through the issuance of \$659,745,000 Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A (Series 2013 Bonds) with an original issue premium of \$44,326,777 and available funds of \$102,487,230. The bonds are secured by the Corporation's claim to 60% of these future receipts. The claim is on parity with the claim of the state to the ownership of the remaining 40% of all amounts expected to be paid to the state under the Master Settlement Agreement. In addition, the bonds are secured by all earnings on investments held in certain accounts established under an indenture of trust.

Under the terms of the indenture, a separate "Supplemental" account will be established and funded from pledged TSRs in excess of those required to make deposits required by the indenture. Amounts deposited in this account prior to May 15, 2016 will be paid to the state provided they do not exceed \$83,492,210. Any other amounts deposited are required to be used to pay the optional redemption or purchase price of the bonds.

The bonds state that the Series 2013 Bonds shall not be deemed to be nor constitute a debt or obligation of the state or a pledge of the full faith or credit of the state or any political subdivision thereof. The Corporation has no taxing power. No assets or revenues of the state or any political subdivision thereof is or shall be obligated or pledged to the payment of the principal of or interest on the bonds.

The proceeds of this issue totaling \$659,745,000 plus the original issue premium of \$44,326,777 and other available funds of \$102,487,230 were used for the following:

Refunding of Series 2001 Bonds	\$	745,858,560
Liquidity reserve accounts		57,369,112
Costs of issuance and underwriters discount		3,201,206
Total Bond Proceeds	\$	<u>806,428,878</u>

Cash Flow Difference:

Total of payments under old debt (if not refunded)	\$	1,688,267,450
Total of payments under new debt	(<u>1,130,147,181)</u>
Cash flow difference	\$	<u>558,120,269</u>

Economic Gain on Refunding:

Present value of old debt service cash flows	\$	876,809,633
Present value of new debt service cash flows		<u>700,870,571</u>
Economic gain	\$	<u>175,939,062</u>

The difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt will be systematically recognized over the life of the new bonds and is recognized as deferred outflow in the amount of \$13,898,751 on the government-wide financial statements. As of June 30, 2014, \$661,845 of the deferred outflow was amortized resulting in a deferred amount on refunding of \$13,236,906 on the government-wide statement of net position as of June 30, 2014.

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4. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

The official bond documents provide several schedules for the repayment of principal: the Optional Redemption and the Mandatory Sinking Fund Installment. A description of each of the re-payment schedules and the requirements of the Corporation with respect to those schedules is as follows:

Optional Redemptions are the amounts maturing on or after May 15, 2014 which have not been purchased by the Corporation from moneys in the Supplemental Account that are subject to redemption at any time on or after the dates set forth in the indenture, in each case in whole or in part from any money in the Supplemental Account available therefor, or from the proceeds of refunding obligations of the Corporation, at the direction of the Corporation, which direction will specify the maturities of the Series 2013 Bonds to be subject to such redemption at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount being redeemed, plus interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, without premium.

Debt service requirements, including interest to maturity that includes the optional redemption schedule, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	Optional Redemption Maturities	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2015	\$ 34,120,000	\$ 34,061,113
2016	51,980,000	32,355,113
2017	86,245,000	29,756,113
2018	63,200,000	25,443,863
2019	64,750,000	22,094,238
2020-2024	359,450,000	51,376,188
Totals	<u>\$ 659,745,000</u>	<u>\$ 195,086,628</u>
Unamortized premium	<u>36,191,617</u>	
Total plus unamortized bond premium	<u>\$ 695,936,617</u>	

Sinking fund installments represent the amount of principal that the Corporation will pay according to the terms of the indenture. The Corporation is required to make these payments to the extent that funds are available for payment. Failure by the Corporation to make a sinking fund installment according to the terms of the indenture will constitute an event of default. The amount of any sinking fund installments made will be credited against term maturities in ascending chronological order. Debt service requirements, including interest to maturity under the mandatory sinking schedule, are as follows:

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4. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	Sinking Fund Maturities	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2015	\$ -	\$ 34,061,113
2016	12,800,000	34,061,113
2017	13,980,000	33,421,113
2018	25,275,000	32,722,113
2019	26,575,000	31,458,363
2020-2024	154,760,000	135,945,063
2025-2029	187,545,000	93,255,188
2030-2034	156,885,000	42,319,725
2035	81,925,000	4,301,063
Totals	\$ 659,745,000	\$ 441,544,854
Unamortized premium	36,191,617	
Total plus unamortized bond premium	\$ 695,936,617	

5. PLEDGED TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUES AND RECEIVABLE

Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, a special purpose public corporate entity and an instrumentality independent of the State, issued \$1,202,770,000 of tobacco settlement asset-backed bonds in 2001. The revenue bonds were issued to finance the Corporation's purchase of the pledged tobacco settlement revenues (TSRs). The pledged TSRs consist of 60% of all amounts required to be paid to the State after the issuance of the Series 2001 Bonds. Participating cigarette manufacturers (PMs) entered into a Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) with 46 states and six other U.S. jurisdictions in 1998. The MSA requires the PMs to make certain initial, annual and strategic contribution payments to each entity included in the MSA. The Corporation's claim to pledged TSRs is on parity with the State's claim of the remaining 40% of all amounts payable to the State. In July 2013, the Corporation refunded the outstanding 2001 bonds and issued the 2013A Series as described in Note 4. The Bonds are secured by and payable from (i) the pledged TSRs and all investment earnings on the amounts on deposit in certain collection accounts, (ii) amounts held in a liquidity reserve account, and (iii) all amounts, if any, on deposit in other accounts established. The Corporation received \$84,467,736 in pledged revenues and investment earnings for fiscal year 2014. The bonds, payable through 2035, have total principal outstanding of \$659,745,000. The interest paid for debt service in the current year was \$36,415,891.

Tobacco Settlement Revenues (TSRs) consist of the amounts to be received under the terms of a Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) among participating cigarette manufacturers and 46 states and six other U.S. jurisdictions (Settling States). The MSA is an industry wide settlement of litigation between the Settling States and the Original Participating Manufacturers (OPMs) and was entered into between the attorneys general of the Settling States and the OPMs on November 23, 1998. The MSA provides for other tobacco companies, referred to as Subsequent Participating Manufacturers (SPMs), to become parties to the MSA. The four OPMs together with the 30+ SPMs are referred to as the Participating Manufacturers (PMs). The settlement represents the resolution of a large potential financial liability of the

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5. PLEDGED TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUES AND RECEIVABLE (continued)

PMs for smoking-related injuries, the cost of which have been borne and will likely to continue to be borne by cigarette consumers. Pursuant to the MSA, the Settling States agreed to settle all their past and future smoking-related claims against the PMs in exchange for agreements and undertakings by the PMs concerning a number of issues. These issues include, among other things, making payments to the Settling States, abiding by more stringent advertising restrictions and funding educational programs, all in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the MSA. Distributors of the PMs are also covered by the settlement of such claims to the same extent as the PMs.

Under the MSA, the PMs are required to pay to the Settling States (i) five initial payments all of which has been paid; (ii) annual payments required to be made on April 15, commencing April 15, 2000, and continuing in perpetuity (Annual Payments) and (iii) ten annual payments required to be made on each April 15, commencing April 15, 2008, and continuing through April 15, 2017 (Strategic Contribution Payments). Prior to the formation of the Corporation, the PMs made the first of the three required Initial Payments and the Annual Payments due April 15, 2000 and 2001, none of which the Corporation had any right to receive.

The TSRs due under the MSA are subject to numerous adjustments, some of which may be material. Such adjustments include, among others, reductions for decreased domestic cigarette shipments, reductions for amounts paid by PMs to four states which had previously settled their claims independently of the MSA, and in the case of Annual Payments and Strategic Contribution Payments, increases related to inflation of not less than 3% per annum. Furthermore, TSR's are subject to a Nonparticipating Manufacturer (NPM) adjustment which may be triggered by, among other occurrences, the determination that the MSA has contributed to market share loss. In recent years the PM's have applied these adjustments in determining their annual payments to be remitted and those adjustments have resulted in lesser payments than would otherwise have been made. In fiscal year 2013, as a result of arbitration proceedings, a settlement was made with respect to the NPM adjustment to the Settling States. As part of the settlement, Louisiana and the other signatory states, gave a credit to the Participating Manufacturers against their annual MSA payment obligations for years 2014-2017. The settlement also includes a distribution of proceeds from the disputed payment account. The Corporation's share of these proceeds received since the settlement date totals approximately \$51,800,000.

Much of the TSRs represent a portion of future sales of tobacco products. GASB Technical Bulletin No. 2004-1 clarified guidance relating to the recognition of revenues and receivables. Specifically, the bulletin allows for the recognition of revenue based on the shipment of domestic cigarettes. The receivable recognized in the financial statements represents an estimate of the shipments made through June 30, 2014.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The State of Louisiana's Division of Administration performs certain accounting and administrative services for the Corporation for which it receives no compensation. The value of such services was immaterial to the Corporation's financial statements.

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7. CONTINGENCIES

Certain smokers, consumer groups, cigarette manufacturers, cigarette importers, cigarette distributors, Native American tribes, taxpayers, taxpayers' groups and other parties have instituted litigation against various tobacco manufacturers, including the PMs, as well as certain Settling States, including Louisiana, and other public entities. The lawsuits allege, among other things, that the Master Settlement Agreement or "MSA" as well as 'tobacco' statutes, including both escrow and complementary legislation in MSA states, violates certain provisions of the United States Constitution, state constitutions, the federal antitrust laws, federal civil rights laws, state consumer protection laws and unfair competition laws, while other suits allege breach of the MSA. These actions, if ultimately successful, could result in a determination that the MSA is void or unenforceable. The lawsuits have sought, among other things, an injunction against one or more of the Settling States from collecting any monies under the MSA and/or a determination that the MSA is void or unenforceable. In addition, class action lawsuits have been filed in several federal and state courts alleging that under the federal Medicaid law, any amount of tobacco settlement funds that the Settling States receive in excess of what they paid through the Medicaid program to treat tobacco-related diseases should be paid directly to Medicaid recipients. To date, no such lawsuits challenging the MSA or state escrow statute(s) have been successful. The enforcement of the terms of the MSA may, however, continue to be challenged in the future. In the event of an adverse court ruling, the corporation may not have adequate financial resources to make payment on the Bonds.

Additionally, the State of Louisiana, along with other states, has participated in a multi-state arbitration against various manufacturers, including Liggett, Commonwealth and Lignum. Over the past several years, Liggett has withheld funds from its MSA payments due because Liggett disputes the Independent Auditor's Decision to change the units used to measure the total domestic cigarette market and each Participating Manufacturer's payment obligation from gross to net. A letter notifying Liggett, Commonwealth and Lignum of the intent to pursue arbitration was sent by the participating states in August, 2011. Subsequent to the notice of arbitration being sent, the PMs notified the states that they also wished to simultaneously arbitrate the "RYO" conversion issue. On January 21, 2013, a panel of three retired federal judges issued an order in the arbitration matter. Liggett subsequently sought to have the arbitration panel "correct" the award. The parties subsequently notified the arbitration panel that they are engaging in settlement discussions in hopes of amicably resolving the matter. Recently the arbitration panel was advised that the negotiations were unsuccessful and the parties requested a hearing on Liggett's Motion to correct the final award so that all remaining issues in the arbitration may be resolved. A hearing was held on Claimant Liggett Group LLC's Motion to Correct the Final Award on September 16, 2014. Oral argument was provided by Liggett and the States at the hearing. The arbitrators took the matter under advisement and a corrected award was issued by the panel on October 8, 2014. The corrected award provides that Liggett is entitled to have its Grandfathered Market Share (GFMS) calculated on a gross basis, with the Independent Auditor utilizing its prior calculation of Liggett's GFMS applicable to its payment due on or about March 30, 2000, and further provided that the Independent Auditor is to compute Liggett's Market Share for all years after March 30, 2000, on a net basis, with a computation adjustment to approximate a gross assessment by using actual product return data in accordance with a hypothetical procedure attached to the corrected award. Subsequently, on November 4, 2014, the panel issued an Amended Corrected Final Award that clarified the panel's determination that the Independent Auditor shall use 0.0325 ounces of roll-your-own (RYO) tobacco to be the equivalent of one cigarette in computing payments from the PMs who sell RYO tobacco.

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7. CONTINGENCIES (continued)

The Corporation is also exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of assets, and errors and omissions that could occur in the normal course of business. The corporation retains the risk of loss in the event of any judgments against it. As of August 26, 2014, no known asserted or unasserted claims or judgments were against the corporation. Members of the board and persons acting on the corporation's behalf, while acting within the scope of their duties or employment, shall not be subject to any personal liability resulting from carrying out the powers and duties conferred on them pursuant to R.S. 39:99.5 and shall have the indemnification rights provided in R.S.13:5108.1 with respect to such actions.

8. UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION

The negative net position is a result of bonds payable and other liabilities exceeding recognized assets and deferred outflows of resources. The bonds are recognized as a liability, while the resources to repay the bonds, consisting of future TSR's are not recognized as assets until the underlying sales of tobacco products are known.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION
CONTINUING DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS
JUNE 30, 2014

Estimated Debt Service Coverage:

	Estimated Debt Service Coverage for Series 2013 Bonds	Actual Debt Service Coverage for Series 2013 Bonds
2014	<u>2.52</u>	<u>2.93</u>

Projection of Annual Payments to be Received by the Corporation:

	Projected Total Annual Payments to the Corporation	Actual Total Annual Payments to the Corporation
2014	<u>\$ 74,887,580</u>	<u>\$ 74,178,792</u>

Projection of Strategic Contribution Payments to be Received by the Corporation:

	Projected Strategic Contribution Payments to the Corporation	Annual Strategic Contribution Payments to the Corporation
2014	<u>\$ 10,905,352</u>	<u>\$ 10,672,942</u>

Projection of Total Payments to be Received by the Corporation:

	Projected Total Payments to the Corporation	Actual Total Payments to the Corporation
2014	<u>\$ 85,792,932</u>	<u>\$ 84,851,734</u>

OTHER REPORT REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Exhibit A

The following pages contain our report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance with laws, regulations, and other matters as required by *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. This report is based on the audit of the financial statements and includes, where appropriate, any significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses in internal control or compliance and other matters that would be material to the presented financial statements.



LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
DARYL G. PURPERA, CPA, CFE

January 7, 2015

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*

Independent Auditor's Report

**TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FINANCING CORPORATION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

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 the debt service fund and the governmental activities of the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation (Corporation), a blended component unit of the state of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2015. Our report was modified to include an emphasis of matter paragraph regarding financial statement comparability.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Corporation's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Corporation's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Respectfully submitted,



Daryl G. Purpera, CPA, CFE
Legislative Auditor

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