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The Vice Chancellor Benue State University Centre for Food Technology and Research Makurdi.

Sir,

### CENTRE FOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2023

We are pleased to inform you that we have completed the audit of the above accounts.

Listed below are our observations, comments and recommendations on issues we feel should be brought to your attention.

These points were first discussed with the staff concerned, where necessary, their comments have been included.

The audit procedures were designed primarily to enable us form an opinion on the accounts. Consequently, the observations, comments and recommendations may not include all that would have been revealed had a special review of the whole system been carried out.

However, our work was conducted in such a way that all significant errors must have been uncovered during the audit.

2. BSU CEFTER INVENTORY

We observed the followings while reviewing the Center's inventory as at 31 December, 2023:

- a. The inventory list as of December 31, 2023, had numerous items without assigned costs or prices.
- b. Bin Cards not regularly updated.

These could lead to:

- Inaccurate financial reporting
- Difficulty in determining the value of inventory ii.
- Potential overstatement or understatement of assets of the Center. iii.
- Inefficient inventory management
- Potential for inventory discrepancies and losses V.

#### Recommendations:

We recommend that the centre should;

- Immediately update bin cards to reflect accurate inventory levels
- Assign costs or prices to all inventory items ii.
- Implement regular inventory counts and reconciliations iii.
- Develop and enforce robust inventory management procedures. iv.

Management Response

Management noted this recommendation and Bin Cards have been updated.

#### 3. PAYMENT VOUCHER NUMBERING

We observed many discrepancies in payment voucher numbering between manual and system-generated records. Some of these Vouchers are:

Date	PV NO. Manual Written	PV NO. Software Generated	AMOUNT N
30.01.2023	089	0127	937,274.55
10.02.2023	093	0128	910,000.00
10.02.2023	091	0129	936,500.00
20.04.2023	252	0172	5000.00
27.04.2023	257	0181	210,000.00

This may lead to;

Potential errors, fraud, or duplicate payments, inadequate internal controls and reconciliation issues.

#### Recommendations:

We recommend that the centre should;

- Investigate and reconcile the discrepancies in voucher numbering
- Implement a consistent and centralized payment voucher numbering ii. system
- Enhance internal controls and reconciliation processes iii.
- Conduct regular audits and reviews to ensure accuracy and compliance iv.

Management Response

Management stated that the correction will be made to agree manual vouchers with the software.

#### STATEMENT OF **EXPENDITURE** 4. NON-GENERATION OF REPORTS

We observed non-generation of Statement of Expenditure (SOE) reports by the software (Flexible Accounting) as at the time of this exercise.

**Implication** 

- It will be difficult to track and monitor expenditure transactions
- It may be difficult to prepare accurate financial statements ii.
- There may be limited visibility into expense trends and patterns iii.
- Possibility of errors or fraud going undetected iv.
- Non-compliance with financial reporting requirements v.

#### Recommendations:

We recommend that the centre should;

- a) Investigate and resolve software issues preventing SOE generation
- b) Manually prepare SOE reports until software issues are resolved
- c) Review and verify accuracy of expenditure transactions
- d) Develop procedures to ensure timely and accurate SOE generation.

Management Response

Management stated that this is done by National Universities Commission (NUC) and not by the Centres

5. BANK RECONCILIATIONS

We observed discrepancies between the General Ledger balance and the Bank Statement balance in the reconciliations of Zenith Bank Naira Account and Stanbic IBTC Account (ACE Operational (Naira) Account).

We also observed that transactions on these banks are merged in a single cash book by the software and the bank reconciliations generated by the software. We feel this is not good enough as evidenced in the reconciliation of December, 2023 giving rise to a difference of \$\frac{1}{2}\$173,360.74.

See details below:

58,931,006.75 Balance as per Reconciliation (A)

58,757,646.01 Balance as per Bank Statement 31/12/2023 (B)

173.360.74 Difference (A-B)

Recommendations:

The Center should immediately identify and verify the cause of the

Ensure accurate and timely recording of all transactions ii.

Perform regular checks on reconciliations so as to address any discrepancies

Management Response

Management stated that the reconciliation is done correctly except that there is a software error.

6. INSURANCE FOR CEFTER'S ASSETS

The Center has not taken insurance policies to cover risks related to damage, loss, or disruption of CEFTER's assets.

This exposes the Center to significant financial risk in the event of unforeseen events or disasters.

#### Recommendations

We recommend that the centre should;

- Procure appropriate insurance coverage for CEFTER assets
- Ensure that the insurance policies are comprehensive and adequate ii.
- Develop a risk management plan to mitigate potential losses iii.

Management Response

Management has been insuring the vehicles of the Centre. However, management will li-aise with the University management to ensure the insurance of other assets of CEFTER.

7. CONCLUSION

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We thank management and staff for the cooperation given to us during the audit. If there are any areas in this report or Accounts that need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully, Iyornumbe Ime & Co DANUMBE IME & CO.

## BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2023



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#### CORPORATE INFORMATION

**MANAGEMENT TEAM** 

Dr. Barnabas A. Ikyo - Centre Leader

Dr. Ogbene Igbum - Deputy Centre Leader

Dr. Sylvester Adejo - Deputy Director

Mr. Simon T. Danbeki - Project Accountant

Mr. Celestine Saawuan - Auditor

Mrs. Patience H. Iorun - Budget Officer

Esther E.Onazi - Procurement Officer

Dr. Comfort Soomiyol - Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

**IN ATTENDANCE** 

Dr. Scholastica N. Banka - Secretary

**BANKERS** 

Stanbic IBTC Zenith Bank PLC Fidelity Bank PLC

#### **AUDITORS**

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#### REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH

We have audited the Financial Statements set out on pages 4 to 8 which have been prepared in accordance with Accounting Policies set out on page 3.

#### Respective Responsibilities of the Centre and Auditors

The Centre is responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit of these statements and report our opinion to you.

#### **Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our Audit in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards. An Audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Centre in the preparation of the Financial Statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Centre's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free from material misstatements whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the Financial Statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the Financial Statements have been drawn up in conformity with the Generally Accepted Accounting Standards in Nigeria, comply with the Benue State University Edict Amendment Act of 1993 and give a true and fair view of the state of the Centre's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and its Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

MAKURDI, NIGERIA

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Other Offices

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following is a summary of the significant Accounting Policies adopted by the Centre in the preparation of the Financial Statements.

#### 1. ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The Financial Statements have been prepared on cash basis.

#### 2. INCOME

This represents money received from World Bank and various fees from students.

#### 3. DEPRECIATION

Fixed Assets have been depreciated on a straight –line basis at the following rates calculated to write – off the cost or valuation of the Assets concerned over their estimated useful lives.

1986	%
Motor Vehicles	20
Furniture/Fittings	20
Office Equipment	25
Plant and Machinery	25
Buildings	5

No Depreciation is provided on Fixed Assets until they are brought into use.

#### 4. FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSLATIONS

The balance of the foreign exchange at the end of the period has been translated to Naira using the exchange rate as at 31/12/2023

## BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 2023

		2023	3	2022
ACCETC FAIRLOVER		N	N	N N
ASSETS EMPLOYED NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Property, Plant and Equipment				
r roperty, Flant and Equipment	1		444,880,724	268,457,497
CURRENT ASSETS				
Inventory	2	891,000		
Account Receivables	3	150,000		-
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	80,709,419		148,110,377
		81,750,419		148,110,377
CURRENT LIABILITIES				110,110,011
Accounts payable	5	92,876,600		2,876,600
Accruals	6	1,500,000		1,500,000
		94,376,600		4,376,600
NET CURRENT ASSETS//LABILITIES				
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			(12,626,181)	143,733,777
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES			100 051 511	
The second secon			432,254,544	412,191,274
FINANCED BY:		ů.		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	7	**	100 054 544	
· Mr. Loi	1		432,254,544	412,191,274
CONCEPT.				
MANAGEMENT				
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			432,254,544	412,191,274

The Accounting Policies on page 3 and the notes on pages 7 and 8 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

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## BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2023

		0000	
	N	2023 N	2022 N
INCOME	1,033		13.1
Receipts from World Bank and Federal Govt.		685,259,11	5 619,894,128
Other Income		1,858,00	
School Fees			
Foreign Exchange Gains		54,130,69	
		8,644,51	
OVERHEAD EXPENSES		749,892,32	634,673,634
ADMINISTRATION			
International Training			
Depreciation	11,119,115		30,700,935
Staff Allowances/wages	81,759,098		97,323,878
Printing and Stationery	14,810,630		51,763,469
Advert and Publicity	8,629,915		18,566,150
Motor and Floridity	4,444,900		8,354,430
Water and Electricity	7,883,680		1,392,400
Audit Fees and Expenses	1,500,000		1,647,500
Postage and Telephone Expenses	460,122		152,044
Students' Internship Expenses	46,613,610		24,182,656
Transport, Travels and Accommodation	19,431,965		47,120,062
Financial Consultancy Services	4,399,000		3,245,734
Consultancy and Professional Expenses	.,,,		
Repairs and Maintenance Building	(179)		323,300
Remittance of VAT Deductions	107 201 050		11,248,822
Rent of Office Accomodation	107,391,059		
Fuelling and Maintenance of Vehicles	18,750,600		19,387,314
General Repairs and Maintenance	4,090,680		512,800
Medical Consultancy	18,225,873		30,274,526
Operating Cost	was Interest		1,333,476
Information Tech. Cosultancy	177,519,961		
Archtectural Consulting Services	2		17,064,065
Purchases of Disaster Services	54,093,531		
Purchases of Diesel and servicing	-		8,078,100
Research and Experiment	16,358,170		10,278,303
Seminars/ Local Training	10,988,812		19,622,115
Honorarium	43,414,120		4,339,800
Legal Services Cosultancy			856,250
Security Expenses	952,500		-
Registration and Licenses	940		4,718,671
Books and Journals			2,639,600
Insurance Expenses	555,300		2,000,000
Software Charges/Licence Renewal			755,500
Internet Subcription	2,398,500		6,150,300
Magazine and Periodicals	2,965,000		0,130,300
Waste Disposal Expenses			2 004 505
Scholarship	1,200,000		3,201,535
Partnership Funding			4,550,000
Grant Paid	1,000,000		120
Engineering Consulting Services	3,300,000		No. Store a market
Surveying Consulting Services	5,913,844		1,819,500
			752,000
Agric Consulting Services	4,271,700		3,950,100
Rent of Student Hostel			5,429,841
Maintenance of Office Building	7,428,055		45,672,979
International Travels	34,326,979		45,110,984
Team Building	•		13,637,250
Teaching Aids	50,000		6,312,400
Accreditation Expenses	2,584,500		3,724,291
Laboratory Consumables	2,621,000		352,000
Office Expenses	7,531,250		302,000
Subscription to Professional Bodies	260,000		
	729,243,468		-
FINANCIAL	123,243,400		556,545,080
Bank Charges	F0F F00		
bank charges	585,588		922,849
TOTAL OVERHEAD EXPENDITURE		(729,829,056)	(557,467,929)
EXCESS/(DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPEND	ITURE	20.063.270	
		20.005.270	77.205.705
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#### VALUE ADDED STATEMENT

	202	23	2022	
	N	%	N	%
INCOME	749,892,325	27	634,673,634	70
Less: Goods and Services Bought in	599,577,001		407,457,733	
VALUE ADDED	150,315,325	100%	227,215,901	100%
APPLIED AS FOLLOWS:  To Pay Employees  Employment and Training of Technical Staff	22 11		· ·	
	47,907,369	31.87	51,763,469	22.78
To Pay Providers of Funds Bank Charges	585,588	0.39	922,849	0.41
Retained for Future Replacement of Assets and Expansion of the CENTRE				
Depreciation Income and Expenditure	81,759,098 20,063,270 150,315,325	54.39 13.35 100%	97,323,878 <u>77,205,705</u> 227,215,901	42.83 33.98 100%

Value added represents the additional wealth which the Centre has been able to create by its own and its employees efforts. This statement shows the allocation of that wealth among employees, owners and that retained for future creation of more wealth.

# NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

	As at 31 December, 2023 As at 31 December, 2022	CARRYING AMOUNT	Balance as at 31 Dec 2023	Charge in the Year	DEPRICIATION	Balance as at 31 Dec, 2023		Additions	COSTIVALUATION Balance as at 1/1/2023	1 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	NOTE
<u> </u>	44.450.547	53,394,360	16,085,857	37,308,503		97,844,907		97,844,907	MOTOR <u>VEHICLES</u> ₦		
32,400,362	12.396,577	113,940,479	24,723,762	89,216,717		126,337,056	4,719,977	121,617,079	& FITTINGS		
34,028.682	57,815,425	93,070,864	27,760,177	65,310,687	1000,000	150.886 289	51,546,920	99,339,369	OFFICE EQUIPMENT N		
10.931,404	6,197,568	12,737,775	4,733,836	8,003,939	10,333,343	18 035 343	i	18,935,343	PLANT & MACHINERY ₩		
130,560,645	124,807,948	44,751,844	8,455,467	36,296,377	767,866,197		2,702,770	166,857,022	BUIL <b>DIN</b> G		
	199,212,659				199,212,659		199,212,659	e	BUILDING/ CONSTRUCTION N		
268,457,497	444,880,724	317,895,321	81,759,098	236,136,223	762,776,046		258 182 326	504,593,720	TOTAL N		

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#### NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

2	INVENTORY		2023 N	2022 N
	Stationery		891,000	-
3	ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES Staff Advance		<u>150,000</u>	-
4	CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS Fidelity Bank PLC (Naira A/C 2)		12,402,720	804,739
	Fidelity Bank PLC (Dollar A/C) Exchange Rate at Balance Sheet Date	1,674.72 \$=746.45	1,250,095	221,827
	Stanbic IBTC (Naira A/C)		952,061	1,033,763
	Zenith Bank PLC (Naira A/C)		57,805,638	146,050,048
	Zenith Bank PLC (A/C) Exchange Rate at Balance Sheet Date	9,600.00 \$=746.45	7,165,920	*
	Zenith Bank PLC (EURO A/C) Exchange Rate at Balance Sheet Date	605.55 €=1,871.00	1,132,984 80,709,419	- 148,110,377
5	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CEFTER Yoghurt Factory Benue State University, Makurdi.		2,876,600 90,000,000	2,876,600
	Yoghurt Factory This represents balance of an advance obt Yoghurt factory	tained from CEF1	<u>92,876,600</u> ER	2,876,600
	Benue State University, Makurdi. This represents balance of SHORT TERM from Benue State University, Makurdi. The Loan is interest free.	LOAN obtained	a w	
6	ACCRUALS Audit Fees		1,500,000	1,500,000
7	ACCUMULATED FUNDS  Balance brought forward  Excess /(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure i  Balance carried forward	in the year	412,191,274 20,063,270 432,254,544	334,985,569 77,205,705 412,191,274
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## BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2023

		2022	
RECEIPTS	N	2023 N	2022 N
Balance B/F World Bank/NUC		148,110,37	77 95,141,729
Other Income		685,259,11	
Loan Received		1,908,00	
School Fees		110,000,00	
Advance from Yoghurt Factory		54,130,69	
Foreign Exchange Gain		• "	2,876,600
Total Cash Available		8,644,5	<u> 11</u> -
		1,008,052,70	3 732,691,963
PAYMENTS Building & County of			
Building & Construction	188,736,094	4	10.353.540
Maintenance of Office/ IT Equipment Bank Charges	11,590,875		10,252,510
Staff Allowances	585,588	3	922,849
Printing and Stationery	14,810,630	)	51,763,469
Advert and Publicity	9,378,415	5	18,566,150
Electricity and Water	4,444,900	)	8,354,430
Audit Fees and Expenses	7,883,680		1,392,400
Postages and Telephone Expenses	1,410,000		1,647,500
Students costs	460,122		152,044
Purchase of Office Equipment	46,613,610		24,182,656
Purchase of Office Furniture and Citions	54,418,397		31,301,438
wallitenance of office Furniture	2,511,000		4,320,000
Maintenance of office Buildings	598,000		
Transport, Travel and Accompdation	10,130,825		45,672,979
Purchase of Motor Vehicles	11,281,465		47,120,062
Consultancy and Professional Expenses			80,063,586
manual consultacy services	4 200 000		323,300
Information Tech, consulting	4,399,000		1,745,735
Legal services consulting			17,064,065
Engineering consulting services	5,913,844		856,250
Surveying consulting services			1,819,500
Agric consulting services	4,271,700		752,000
Medical consulting services	-		3,950,100
Repairs and Maintenance of Plant	11,590,875		1,333,476
Workshops and Seminars	3,340,800		11,248,822
Rent of student hostel Rent of office Accomodation			5,429,841
Fuelling and Vehicle Maintenance	18,750,600		19,387,314
General repairs	4,666,080		512,800
International Travels	1 <b></b> 1		30,274,526
International Training	34,326,979		45,110,984
Partnership Funding	11,119,115		30,700,935
Office Expenses	1,000,000		
Cleaning and Fumigation	7,531,250		•
Team Building	1,611,700		3,201,535
Purchase of Diesel and Servicing	3,340,800		13,637,250
Research and Development/ Experiment	16,358,170		8,078,100
Local Training	6,528,800		10,278,303
Teaching Aids	50,000		19,622,115
Honorarium/Christmas Gifts	43,414,120		6,312,400 4,339,800
Students Scholarships	1,200,000		4,550,000
Local Travels	8,150,500		4,550,000
Staff Advance	200,000		
Insurance and Licenses	555,300		4,718,671
Architechtural Consulting Services	54,093,531		
Magazine and Periodicals BSU Loan Repayment	2,965,000		*
Operating Cost (ACE-1)	20,000,000		•
Books	177,519,961		
Grant Paid			2,639,600
Internet Subscription	3,300,000		1 ( <del>-</del> 7
Subscription of Professional Bodies	2,398,500		6,150,300
Security Equipent and Expenses	260,000		
Software/Lience Renewal	952,500		. P
TAX Deductions Remittances	107 484 050		755,500
Accreditation Expenses	107,481,059		-
aboratory Consumables/Reagent	2,584,500 2,615,000		3,724,291
	F10 10,000	(927,343,284)	352,000
Bank Balance at the end of the Year		80,709,419	(584,581,586)
	-	20.1.00.413	148.110.377