

ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL
IRRIGATION COMMISSION LIMITED FOR THE YEAR
ENDED MARCH 31, 2019

1. **PURPOSE**

The matter for tabling in the Houses of Parliament is the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the National Irrigation Commission Limited (NIC) for the year ended March 31, 2019, in accordance with Section 3 of the Public Bodies Management and Accountability Act.

2. **COMPANY PROFILE**

The National Irrigation Commission Ltd. (N.I.C.) which is an agency within the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries was established in 1986 and became operational in May 1987 with the following stipulated objectives:

- To manage, operate, maintain and expand existing and future irrigation schemes and systems.
- To fix the rates or charges and to collect payments for the use of such water.

The Commission maintains an island-wide presence through seven (7) District Offices located in key irrigation areas.

3. **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS**

It should be noted that for the period under review, the NIC through its departments, focused on the following areas for improvement:

3.1. **Water Production**

The volume of water produced during the review period was 65,050,882 cubic metres. However, this was 14.6% less than the previous year with 76,167,370 cubic metres being produced.

3.2. **Water Sales and Drainage**

During the financial year 2018/2019, water sales and drainage charges increased by approximately 22.8% or \$108.83M, resulting in collection exceeding the target by \$58.98M. The increase in water sales and drainage charges was as a result of the Department's drive to increase the volume of water sold, as well as increased demand by customers. Revenue from new customers accounted for approximately \$2.64M of the water sales and drainage charges. For the review period the total volume of water sold amounted to 43,074,120.38 cubic metres.

3.3. **Irrigation Project Development**

The National Irrigation Commission Limited (NIC) continued work over the period on the development and implementation of major projects which are at various stages of implementation, along with updating of the National Irrigation Development Plan (NIDP).

The projects included:

- Essex Valley Agricultural Development Project (EVADP);

- Southern Plains Agricultural Development (SPAD) Project;
- Pedro Plains Agricultural Development Project (PPADP).

In addition to the above projects, six additional projects covering in excess of 1,000 hectares were identified for development. At the end of the review period two of these project concepts were submitted to the Public Investment Management Secretariat (PIMSEC).

3.4. Analysis of Income & Expenditure

For the 2018/19 financial year, the Commission recorded total operating revenue of \$1.81 billion. This figure represents an increase of \$0.24 billion over the previous year's revenue of \$1.58 billion. The increase in revenue was due primarily to an increase in water sales and drainage charges (\$108.88M or 22.8%) to address the higher demand during the dry period, as well as increased GOJ subsidy (\$129.8M). The Government subsidy of \$1.22 billion to the Commission represents 67.5% of total revenue.

3.5. Staff Development

The Training and Development Unit, in collaboration with the Head of Departments, implemented capacity building programmes for staff throughout the period. These training and development initiatives were designed to support and strengthen the strategic direction and needs of the organisation. Over the review period there was a total thirty-four (34) training events in which three hundred and sixty-five (365) participants were trained in various disciplines and across all categories of staff. These initiatives were in the form of in-house training sessions as well as external seminars, including overseas training.

4. SALARIES AND EMOLUMENTS

The compensation of the Directors and Senior Executives are set out at appendices I and II respectively.

5. AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Financial Statements were audited by KPMG Chartered Accountants and they have stated that in their opinion the financial statements gave a true and fair view of the financial position of the National Irrigation Commission as of March 31, 2019 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the Jamaican Companies Act.

6. RECOMMENDATION

The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the National Irrigation Commission Limited for the year ended March 31, 2019 are hereby submitted to be tabled in the Houses of Parliament.



Floyd Green, MP.

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

May 17, 2021

NATIONAL IRRIGATION COMMISSION LTD

DIRECTORS COMPENSATION 2018/2019

| Position of Director | Fees (\$) | Motor Vehicle Upkeep/Travelling or Value of Assigned Motor Vehicle (\$) | Honoraria (\$) | All Other Compensation including Non- Cash Benefits as applicable (\$) | Total (\$) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Chairman- Senator Aubyn Hill | 138,750.00 | 47,580.20 | - | - | 186,330.20 |
| Deputy Chairman - Dr. Horace Charoo | 117,262.50 | 95,137.50 | | | 212,400.00 |
| Mr. Anthony Masters | 142,162.50 | 191,230.00 | - | - | 333,392.50 |
| Mrs. Genille Attalla | 20,662.50 | 38,188.00 | - | - | 58,850.50 |
| Mr. George Wright | 13,725.00 | 42,102.00 | - | - | 55,827.00 |
| Mr. Harvey D'Aguilar | 66,150.00 | 232,085.00 | - | - | 298,235.00 |
| Mrs. Jacqueline McKenzie Pink | 95,137.50 | 67,403.00 | - | - | 162,540.50 |
| Mr. Joseph Handal | 45,412.50 | 18,302.40 | - | - | 63,714.90 |
| Mr. Krishan James | 71,700.00 | 209,448.00 | - | - | 281,148.00 |
| Mr. Nigel Myrie | 181,012.50 | 495,030.60 | - | - | 676,043.10 |
| Mr. Raiden Ballanfante | 82,300.00 | 153,593.00 | - | - | 235,893.00 |
| Mr. Rupert Williams | 20,662.50 | 12,747.60 | - | - | 33,410.10 |
| Mrs. Sharon Williamson | 64,762.50 | 14,119.20 | - | - | 78,881.70 |
| Mr. John Plummer | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mr. Douglas Cupidon | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ms. Theresa Turner | 90,975.00 | 74,962.00 | - | - | 165,937.00 |
| Total | 1,150,675.00 | 1,691,928.50 | - | - | 2,842,603.50 |

Notes

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SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

| Position of Senior Executive | Year | Salary (\$) | Gratuity or Performance Incentive (\$) | Traveling Allowance or Value of Assigned Motor Vehicle (\$) | Pension or Other Retirement Benefits (\$) | Other Allowances (\$) | Non-Cash Benefits (\$) | Total (\$) |
|--|---------|----------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Mr. Joseph Gyles - Chief Executive Officer | 2018/19 | 6,456,879.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 6,456,879.00 |
| Dir. Finance & Corporate Planning - Mr. Edgar Watson | 2018/19 | 5,441,236.00 | 8,320.00 | 1,542,866.00 | - | - | - | 6,992,422.00 |
| Dir. Of Commercial Operation-Mr. Wayne Barret | 2018/19 | 5,441,239.00 | 96,890.00 | 1,542,866.00 | - | - | - | 7,080,995.00 |
| Project Director - Mr. Milton Henry | 2018/19 | 5,941,780.00 | 89,758.00 | 1,542,866.00 | - | 464,269.00 | - | 8,038,673.00 |
| Dir. Administration & Human Resources - Ms. Viola Cammock | 2018/19 | 5,221,717.00 | 800.00 | 1,542,866.00 | - | - | - | 6,765,383.00 |
| Dir. Of Engineering & Technical Services (Acting)- Mr. Rohan Stewart | 2018/19 | 4,157,759.00 | 931,848.00 | 1,482,090.00 | - | 371,830.00 | - | 6,943,527.00 |
| Total | | 32,660,610.00 | 1,127,616.00 | 7,653,554.00 | - | 836,099.00 | - | 42,277,879.00 |

Notes

1. Other Allowances refer to reimbursement of toll charges, payment of motor vehicle charges and acting allowances.