

**Telecommunications Authority
of Trinidad and Tobago**

**Financial Statements
September 30, 2009**

Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago

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**Independent Auditors' Report
to the Shareholders of
Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago**

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago, which comprise the statement of financial position as at September 30, 2009 and the statement of income, statement of income and expenditure – public sector investment programme and statement of changes in reserves, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and for such internal control as management determines necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements 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 judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls 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 of the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of 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 opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at September 30, 2009 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS.

Deloitte & Touche
Port of Spain
Trinidad, West Indies.

March 10, 2014

Deloitte & Touche

Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago

Statement of financial position

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	<u>Notes</u>	As at September 30,	
		<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	5	14,568,920	14,109,037
Current assets			
Receivables	6	44,123,177	27,533,086
Cash and cash equivalents	7	<u>123,924,911</u>	<u>109,571,688</u>
Total assets		<u>182,617,008</u>	<u>151,213,811</u>
LIABILITIES			
Reserves			
Reserves: Universal Fund	8	45,700,000	32,500,000
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred income	9	25,158,825	30,480,623
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accruals	10	5,649,769	3,394,055
Amount due to Consolidated Fund		<u>106,108,414</u>	<u>84,839,133</u>
Total liabilities		<u>182,617,008</u>	<u>151,213,811</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements

On March 10, 2014 these financial statements were authorised for issue by the Executive Management.



 Chief Executive Officer



 Executive Officer Finance & Administration

Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago

Statement of income

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	Notes	Year ended September 30,	
		2009	2008
		\$	\$
Income			
Fees		29,043,282	18,718,131
Licenses		50,790,585	49,649,666
Bank interest		1,364,673	1,207,413
Other income		688,213	1,620,941
Amortization of deferred income		3,305,702	4,170,145
Total income		85,192,455	75,366,296
Expenses			
Communications, marketing and policy expenses	11	3,202,762	4,349,829
Fees	12	2,520,323	2,324,854
Training	13	1,582,496	1,727,296
Utilities		532,623	578,085
Rent and lease expenses	14	3,576,014	1,090,278
Staff costs	15	11,253,986	9,341,681
Repairs and maintenance		188,501	178,836
Other administrative costs	16	6,110,407	4,177,050
Depreciation		3,949,905	4,264,085
Total expenses		32,917,017	28,031,994
Net surplus for the year		52,275,438	47,334,302

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Statement of income and expenditure - public sector investment programme

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	Year ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Income		
Government Subvention	500,000	5,000,000
Deduct: Fixed assets purchased / commitment	(473,352)	(3,763,547)
Net surplus for the year – public sector investment programme	26,648	1,236,453

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Statement of Changes in Amount Due to Consolidated Fund

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	\$	\$
Amount Due to Consolidated Fund beginning of the year	84,839,133	62,933,489
Payment to Consolidated Fund	<u>(17,832,805)</u>	<u>(14,665,111)</u>
	67,006,328	48,268,378
Net surplus for the year	52,302,086	48,570,755
Transfer to Universal Services Fund (Note 8)	<u>(13,200,000)</u>	<u>(12,000,000)</u>
Net Amount for the Period Due to Consolidated Fund	<u>39,102,086</u>	<u>36,570,755</u>
Net Amount Due to Consolidated Fund end of year	<u>106,108,414</u>	<u>84,839,133</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	Year ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net surplus for the year	52,302,086	48,570,755
Adjustment for non-cash items:		
Amortization of deferred income	(3,305,702)	(4,170,145)
Amortization of deferred income-license fees	(2,489,446)	(2,489,446)
Depreciation	3,949,905	4,264,085
Gain from sale of fixed asset	(12,548)	-
Adjustment to fixed assets	13,234	-
	<u>50,457,529</u>	<u>46,175,249</u>
Changes in:		
Increase in receivables	(16,590,092)	(3,001,321)
Increase in accounts payable and accruals	<u>2,255,714</u>	<u>1,079,245</u>
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>36,123,151</u>	<u>44,253,173</u>
Cash flow from investing activities		
Acquisition of plant and equipment	(4,435,476)	(4,912,041)
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(4,410,476)</u>	<u>(4,912,041)</u>
Cash flow from financing activities		
Amount paid to Consolidated Fund	(17,832,806)	(14,665,111)
Proceeds from government grant	<u>473,352</u>	<u>3,763,547</u>
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(17,359,454)</u>	<u>(10,901,564)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	14,353,223	28,439,568
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year	<u>109,571,688</u>	<u>81,132,120</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>123,924,911</u>	<u>109,571,688</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended September 30, 2009

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

1. Incorporation and principal activities

The Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago is an independent regulatory body, established by the Telecommunications Act No. 4 of 2001. The Authority is charged with the responsibility for the liberalization and regulation of the telecommunications and broadcasting sectors. These functions were previously performed by the Telecommunications Division of the Ministry of Public Administration and Information. The Authority became operational on July 1, 2004. It was located at BEN Court, 76 Boundary Road, San Juan.

The Authority relocated on August 29 2008 to 5 Eighth Avenue Extension off Twelfth Street Barataria.

The Authority reports to the Ministry of Public Administration and Information.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below:

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's policies.

a) Application of new and revised International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs)

(i) Standards and Interpretations adopted with no effect on financial statements

- IFRIC 12, Service Concession Arrangements (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2008);
- IFRIC 13, Customer Loyalty Programmes (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2008);
- IFRIC 14, IAS 19 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their interaction (effective January 1, 2008);
- IFRIC 16, Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2008).
- IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, Reclassification of financial assets (effective from November 1, 2008);
- IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, Consequential disclosures arising from amendments to October 2008 amendments to IAS 39 (effective from November 1, 2008).

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

(a) Application of new and revised International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) (continued)

(ii) Standards and Interpretations in issue not yet adopted

- IFRIC 15, Agreements for the construction of Real Estate (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009)
- IFRIC 17, Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009)
- IFRIC 18, Transfer of assets to Customers (effective for the accounting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2009)
- IFRS 1, First-Time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards – Amendment relating to cost of an investment on first-time adoption (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009)
- IFRS 3, Business Combinations – Comprehension revision on applying the acquisition method (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2009)
- IFRS 8, Operating Segments (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009)
- IAS 23, Borrowing Costs, Comprehensive revision to prohibit immediate expensing and amendments resulting from May 2008 improvements to IFRSs (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009)
- IAS 27, Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements: Consequential amendments arising from amendments to IFRS 3 (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2009)
- IAS 28, Investments in Associates: Consequential amendments arising from amendments to IFRS 3 (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2009)
- IAS 31, Interests in Joint Ventures: Consequential amendments arising from amendments to IFRS 3 (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2009).
- IAS 32, Financial Instruments: Presentation: Amendments relating to puttable instruments and obligations arising on liquidation (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009)
- IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement: Amendments for eligible hedged items (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2009)
- "Improvements to IFRSs" was issued in May 2008 and its requirements are effective over a range of dates, with the earliest effective date being for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009. This comprises a number of amendments to IFRSs, which resulted from the IASB's annual improvements project.

The Company is currently assessing the impact and expected timing of adoption of these amendments on the Company's results and financial position.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

b) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Company are measured using currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in Trinidad and Tobago dollars, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

(ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of income.

c) Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

- i) Fees charged by the Company are recognised as income when services are provided.
- ii) Income from licenses is recognised on a straightline basis over the license period.
- iii) Interest income is recognised as it accrues, unless collectibility is in doubt.
- iv) Income is also recognised from receipt of government grants. See note 2(e) for government grants.

d) Plant and equipment

All plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items of plant and equipment. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance costs are charged to the statement of income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Plant and equipment are depreciated on the reducing balance basis at rates estimated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their useful lives. Current rates of depreciation are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	20%
Computer equipment and software	25%
Office furniture and equipment	20%
Motor vehicles	25%
Books	10%
Telecommunication equipment and related software	25%

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the statement of income.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

e) **Government grants**

Government grant related to fixed assets is deferred in the balance sheet and amortised over the estimated useful lives of the assets to which it relates.

f) **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks.

g) **Accounts receivable**

Trade receivables are carried at original invoice amount less provision made for impairment of these receivables. A provision for impairment of Trade receivables is established based on a review of all outstanding amounts at the year end. Bad debts are written off during the year in which they are identified.

h) **Trade payables**

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest yield method.

i) **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligations and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

j) **Reserves**

In accordance with the Telecommunications Act (2001) Section 28 (3), the Board has approved the establishment of Reserves for the Universality Services. The Board also approved Reserves for the future development of the Authority.

k) **Financial assets**

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the statement of financial position date, which are classified as non-current assets.

The Company assesses at each statement of financial position date whether there is objective evidence of impairment of its financial assets.

The company's loans and receivables comprise cash and cash equivalents and receivables in the statement of financial position (notes 2(f) and 2(g))

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

l) Impairment of financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Company's assets are reviewed at each statement of financial position date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of income.

i) Calculation of recoverable amount

The recoverable amount of other assets is the greater of their net selling price and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

ii) Reversals of impairment

An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

m) **Related parties**

A number of transactions are entered into with related parties in the normal course of business. These transactions were carried out on commercial terms and conditions at market rates, except loans to officers (See Note 19).

n) **Leases**

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account over the period of the lease.

o) **Comparatives**

Where necessary comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation in the current year.

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3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Commission's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, management of the Commission are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Key sources of uncertainty, which requires the use of estimates, include:

Useful lives and residual values of leasehold improvements and equipment

The estimates of useful lives as translated into depreciation rates are detailed in the leasehold improvements and equipment policy above. These rates and the residual lives of the assets are reviewed annually taking cognizance of the forecasted commercial and economic realities and through benchmarking of accounting treatments within the industry.

Contingent liabilities

Management applies its judgement to the facts and advice it receives from its attorneys, advocates and other advisors in assessing if an obligation is probable, more likely than not, or remote. Such judgement is used to determine if the obligation is recognised as a liability or disclosed as a contingent liability.

4. Financial risk management

The Company's activities do not expose it to any significant financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

a) *Market risk*

i) *Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk*

As the Company has no significant interest bearing assets, the Company's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates.

b) *Credit risk*

Credit risk arises from cash and deposits with banks and financial institutions. For banks and financial institutions, only those with good standing and with a sound reputation are used.

c) *Liquidity risk*

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying business, the Company aims to maintain flexibility in funding by keeping committed credit lines available.

The table below analyses the Company's financial liabilities based on the remaining period at the balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 1 year equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

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4. Financial risk management (Continued)

c) Liquidity risk (continued)

At September 30, 2009

Accounts payables and accruals

Less than
1 year
\$

5,649,769

At September 30, 2008

Accounts payables and accruals

3,394,055

d) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. All financial instruments are denominated in Trinidad and Tobago dollars, thus, the Company is not exposed to currency risk.

5. Plant and equipment

	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment & Software	Office Furniture & Equipment	Books	Motor Vehicles	Telecom. Equipment and Related Software	Total
Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
At October 1, 2008	76,554	5,006,932	1,055,021	1,809	655,534	14,301,745	21,097,595
Additions for the year	83,135	1,283,692	610,886	-	-	2,457,763	4,435,476
Disposal for the year	(9,387)	-	(23,103)	-	-	(13,234)	(45,724)
Adjustments	-	(34,002)	34,002	-	-	-	-
At September 30, 2009	150,302	6,256,622	1,676,806	1,809	655,534	16,746,274	25,487,347
Depreciation							
At October 1, 2008	(36,902)	(2,020,691)	(449,657)	(579)	(287,242)	(4,193,487)	(6,988,558)
Disposal for the year	4,709	-	15,327	-	-	-	20,036
Adjustments	-	23,510	(23,510)	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	(24,487)	(867,810)	(183,429)	(1,230)	(92,073)	(2,780,876)	(3,949,905)
At September 30, 2009	(56,680)	(2,864,991)	(641,269)	(1,809)	(379,315)	(6,974,363)	(10,918,427)
Net Book Value							
At September 30, 2008	39,652	2,986,241	605,364	1,230	368,292	10,108,258	14,109,037
At September 30, 2009	93,622	3,391,631	1,035,537	-	276,219	9,771,911	14,568,920

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5. Plant and equipment (Continued)

	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment & Software	Office Furniture & Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Telecom. Equipment and Related Software	Total
Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
At October 1, 2007						
Additions for the year						
Disposal for the year						
Adjustments						
At September 30, 2008	76,554	5,006,932	1,055,021	655,534	14,301,745	21,095,786
Depreciation						
At October 1, 2007						
Disposal for the year						
Adjustments						
Charge for the year						
At September 30, 2008	(36,902)	(2,020,691)	(449,657)	(287,242)	(4,193,487)	(6,987,979)
Net Book Value						
At September 30, 2007						
At September 30, 2008	39,652	2,986,241	605,364	368,292	10,108,258	14,107,807

6. Trade and other receivables

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	40,201,120	25,334,101
Less provision for impairment	(1,766,943)	(795,799)
Trade receivables-net	38,434,177	24,538,302
Staff loan	99,911	95,176
Staff loan (Vehicle)	713,001	725,310
Staff loan (Corporate mobile)	2,896	1,704
VAT receivable	2,438,447	862,298
Other receivables/prepayments	115,525	1,310,296
Goods in transit	2,319,220	-
	44,123,177	27,533,086

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7. Cash and cash equivalents

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	\$	\$
Cash at bank (TT\$ account)	72,186,833	57,579,786
Cash at bank (US\$ account)	29,474,667	31,960,255
Universal Fund (TT\$ account)	22,260,411	20,028,647
Cash on hand (TT\$ account)	3,000	3,000
	<u>123,924,911</u>	<u>109,571,688</u>

8. Appropriation of reserves: Universal Fund

In accordance with Section 53(d) of The Telecommunications Act, 2001, the Board has approved the amount of \$45,700,000 (2008:\$32,500,000) for the Universal Fund.

Due to Universal Services Fund

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	\$	\$
Balance at October 1	32,500,000	20,500,000
Transfer from Reserves	13,200,000	12,000,000
	<u>45,700,000</u>	<u>32,500,000</u>

The following have been charged in arriving at the amount due to the Consolidated Fund:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	\$	\$
Staff costs (Note 16)	11,253,986	9,341,681
Directors fees and expenses (Note 19)	583,769	450,730
Depreciation (Note 5)	3,949,905	4,264,085

9. Deferred income

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	\$	\$
Government grant relating to fixed asset	13,527,835	17,224,628
Amortization	(3,305,702)	(4,170,145)
	10,222,133	13,054,483
Deferred income-cellular mobile fees	14,936,692	17,426,140
	<u>25,158,825</u>	<u>30,480,623</u>

10. Accounts payable and accruals

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	\$	\$
Deferred revenue	46,200	43,200
Outstanding commitments	5,591,997	3,341,595
Other current liabilities	11,572	9,260
	<u>5,649,769</u>	<u>3,394,055</u>

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11. Communications, marketing and policy expenses

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	\$	\$
Promotions, publicity and printing	2,037,822	1,960,091
Official overseas travel	29,966	66,274
Remuneration to board members	583,769	450,730
Hosting conferences/ seminars	551,205	1,872,734
	<u>3,202,762</u>	<u>4,349,829</u>

12. Fees

These fees comprise mainly of legal fees incurred in compliance and enforcement, opinions from Senior Counsel and Judicial review from The Authority's providers.

13. Training

In accordance with Section 18(n) of the Act, the Authority is committed to continuous training of its personnel to ensure that the industry standards are in compliance with:

- i) International standards of the Telecommunications Union Convention
- ii) Testing and certifying of telecommunications equipment
- iii) Other relevant training necessary to achieve the objectives of the Act as outlined in Section 3 of the Act.

14. Rent/lease expenses

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	\$	\$
Office accommodation	3,525,614	1,059,536
Vehicle and equipment	50,400	30,742
	<u>3,576,014</u>	<u>1,090,278</u>

15. Staff costs

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	\$	\$
Salaries	10,756,566	8,629,368
Short term employment	424,900	662,622
Other personnel expense	72,520	49,691
	<u>11,253,986</u>	<u>9,341,681</u>

Total number of employees as at September 30, 2009 was 52 (2008: 45).

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16. Other administrative costs

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	\$	\$
Security	439,230	439,044
Janitorial services	216,843	117,723
Supplies	493,024	439,213
Other contracted services	3,717,554	2,101,995
Bad debt expenses	971,144	795,799
Other administrative costs	272,612	283,276
	<u>6,110,407</u>	<u>4,177,050</u>

17. Contingent liabilities and assets, commitments

- i) In September 2006, Dr John Prince, Executive Director filed suit against the Authority for alleged breach of Contract of Employment and restraining the Authority from terminating his employment. Judgement was rendered in favour of the Authority in this matter in August 2009.
- ii) In September 2009, Dr John Prince, filed a subsequent suit against the Authority seeking injunctive relief.
- iii) Proceedings commenced by the Authority under Section 65 of the Act alleging broadcasting without a licence by Radio Vision Limited.
- iv) TATT vs Sidewalk-TATT commenced proceeding as against Sidewalk for breach of concession. As part of the proceedings TATT confiscated a transmitter from Sidewalk which was being used illegally. Judgement was rendered in favour of Sidewalk in this matter.
- v) TATT vs Sidewalk (Appeal Proceedings) against the decision rendered in the matter referred to item (iv) above.
- (vi) Sidewalk vs TATT-Sidewalk commenced Judicial Review proceedings against TATT in relation to the matter referred to in item (iv)
- viii) Sidewalk vs TATT-Sidewalk sought Judicial Review of the decision of the Panel in the preliminary hearing of dispute 4/7/07/2 (Trini Bashment vs Sidewalk Radio).
- ix) In November 2009, the Authority commenced proceedings in the magistrate court against Life Radio, 21st Century Arts and Entertainment and Hansley Ajodha for inter alia the transfer of ownership or control of a broadcasting concession without the required approval of the Authority.
- x) In July 2009, the Authority initiated proceedings against five (5) persons for the operation of a public telecommunications service without a concession granted by the Minister.

The Authority is a party to the above suits and proceedings. However the disposition of these matters is not likely to have a materially adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operation.

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18. Related party transactions

a) Identity of related party

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other part in making financial decisions.

Key management personnel are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Authority.

A number of transactions are entered into with related parties in the normal course of business. Those transactions were carried out on commercial terms at market rates, except for certain loans made available to officers. Loans deemed to be below market rates, in accordance with personal income tax legislation are taxed as required in law.

b) Related party transactions and balances

Balances and transactions with related parties and key management personnel during the year were as follows:

Personnel costs

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	\$	\$
Directors fees and expenses	<u>583,769</u>	<u>450,730</u>

19. Financial instruments by category

The accounting policies for financial instruments have been applied to the line items below:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	\$	\$
<u>Loans and receivables</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	123,924,911	109,571,688
Receivables	<u>41,684,730</u>	<u>26,672,018</u>
	<u>165,609,641</u>	<u>136,243,706</u>
<u>Other financial liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable and accruals	5,649,769	3,394,055
Amount due to Consolidated Fund	<u>106,108,414</u>	<u>84,839,133</u>
	<u>111,758,183</u>	<u>88,233,188</u>

20. Events after the reporting date

No significant events occurred after the reporting date affecting the financial performance, position or changes therein for the reporting year presented in these annual financial statements.