

Independent auditor's report

To the members of ZECO Holdings Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

We have audited the financial statements of **ZECO Holdings (Private) Limited** set out on pages **13 to 37** which comprise the statement of financial position as at **December 31, 2018**, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Zimbabwe, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Adverse opinion

In our opinion, except for the effect of such adjustments, if any, as might have been deemed to be necessary to the significant non-compliance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 21 and property, plant and equipment including land and buildings had we been able to satisfy ourselves with respect to items described in the paragraph below, financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of **ZECO Holdings (Private) Limited** as at **December 31, 2018** and of the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, (IFRS) and in the manner required by the Companies Act, (Chapter 24:03) and the relevant statutory instruments.

Basis for Adverse opinion

Non-compliance with IAS 21

As described on note 20 on page 27 in the financial statements, there was significant non-compliance with International Accounting Standard (IAS 21), (The Effects of Changes in Foreign Currency) as well as with the principles embedded in the IFRS Conceptual Framework. This has resulted in the accounting treatment adopted by the company in 2018 Financial Statements being different from that which the board would have adopted if the company had been able to fully comply with International Accounting Standard 21.

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Property, plant and equipment

We draw your attention to **note 25** which shows the property, plant and equipment including land and buildings previously revalued at **US\$45,654,000** in 2010. A recent valuation report could show a different balance, and no adjustments have been included in the financial statements to that effect.

Report on legal and other regulatory requirements

In our opinion, except for the noted non-compliance with taxation legislature, the financial statements of ZECO Holdings (Private) Limited have in all material respects complied with the disclosure requirements of the ZECO Holdings (Private) Limited and the other relevant statutory requirements.

Emphasis of matter

We draw your attention to **page 14** in the financial statements which indicates that the company has a negative retained earnings of **US\$19,067,414** for the year ended **December 31, 2018** and, as of that date, as indicated on **page 14** in the financial statements the company's current liabilities exceeded its total current assets by **US\$4,490,883**. These conditions may indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

Material uncertainty related to going concern

The company incurred a net deficit of **US\$1,914,189** in the prior year (current year, deficit of **US\$1,426,014**) which resulted in negative retained earnings of **US\$19,067,414** as at **December 31, 2018**, (2017 : negative US\$17,480,086). We draw your attention to **note 23** where further details on going concern have been disclosed. As stated in **note 23**, these events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in **note 23**, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

The following are summaries of how the matter was addressed in the audit:

- We evaluated the company's going concern assessment by challenging the underlying data used to prepare the key assumptions applied within the company's cash flows;
- Our evaluation included an assessment of the savings made by the cutting of employee costs to improve the overall profitability and cash flows, and its effect on the timing of the company's cash flows;
- We performed audit procedures to identify events subsequent to year end in order to

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- identify revenues that have been received and evidence further of cost cutting measures.
- We have considered the adequacy of going concern disclosures as set out in **note 23**.

We considered the conclusion reached by the company to prepare the financial statement on the basis of a going concern, and the resultant disclosures, to be appropriate.

Key audit matters

We summarise below the matters that had the greatest effect on our audit, our key audit procedures and our findings from those procedures in order that the company's management as a body may better understand the process by which we arrived at our audit opinion. Our findings are the result of procedures undertaken in the context of and solely for the purpose of our audit opinion in the company's financial statements.

In addition to the matter described in the "Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern" section, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report. The key audit matters below relate to the audit of financial statements.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
Statutory deductions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group has increasing statutory obligations owing to Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA), National Social Security Authority (NSSA) and Zimbabwe Manpower Development Fund. The company's outstanding balances are \$501,927; \$219,579 and \$47,803 respectively. 	<p>Our audit procedures focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the company's plans to make payments to the authorities to clear this balance. • Discussing with the management the extent of adherence to payment plans in place to avoid penalties and garnishes.
Non compliance with IAS 21	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was significant non compliance with IAS 21, (The Effects of Changes in Foreign Currency) as well as with the principles embedded in the Conceptual Framework. 	<p>Our audit procedures focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing with management about which currency they used in the preparation of financial statements • Prepared a sensitivity analysis to determine the effects of the exchange rates.

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Revaluation of land and buildings	
<p>The last asset valuation report used to compile the financial statements was done in 2010. A recent valuation would certainly show a significantly lower figure than the reported \$45,654,000.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing with the management on the need to conduct a property valuation during this 2018 calendar year. • Modifying our audit opinion with a qualification as shown on page 7.

Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Companies Act, (Chapter 24:03), and for such internal control as the management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide

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a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

We also provide management with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with management, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in

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extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Fanuel Pange.

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May 28, 2019

