

Report on the Republika Srpska part of the Project
Financial Statements of the

**BANKING SECTOR STRENGTHENING
PROJECT**

of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and
Herzegovina

Financed by:
- Loan No. 8741-BA
For the year ended 31 December 2019

REPUBLICA SRPSKA RAILWAY RESTRUCTURING PROJECT
of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The State of Bosnia and Herzegovina, through its Ministry of Treasury has obtained a Credit from the International Bank for reconstruction and Development.

The objective of the Project is to improve the soundness of the banking sector by enhancing bank regulation, supervision and resolution capacity and by enhancing the governance of the Entity Development Banks.

1.1.1 Description of the Project

The project has the following parts:

Part B.1 Strengthening Banking Sector Regulation and Supervision Aligned with Basel III Regime, Tailored to the Level of Development of the Banking Sector

Providing financing for an RS Eligible Expenditure Program to support the BARS to: (i) strengthen capital and liquidity requirements for banks to withstand solvency and liquidity shocks; (ii) introduce a risk appetite framework and an internal capital adequacy assessment process; and (iii) introduce a revised supervisory risk-based methodology aligned with SREP.

Part B.2 Addressing Weaknesses in the Banking Sector

Providing financing for an RS Eligible Expenditure Program to support the BARS to: (i) enhance the terms of reference for AQRs; (ii) carry out outstanding AQRs; and (iii) enforce the results of AQRs that have been carried out.

Part B.3 Support BARS in the Implementation of the Bank Resolution Framework set forth in the RS Law on Banks

Providing financing for an RS Eligible Expenditure Program to support the BARS to: (i) prepare and adopt bylaws and decisions on bank recovery and resolution; (ii) establish and operationalize a dedicated bank resolution unit; and (iii) adopt an internal assessment methodology for recovery plans and subsequent assessment of recovery plans to be submitted by all banks to BARS.

Part B.4 Strengthening Institutional, Corporate Governance and Supervisory Arrangements of IRBRS

Providing financing for an RS Eligible Expenditure Program to support: (i) the RS definition and approval of the strategic vision for IRBRS; (ii) the transfer of identified Funds' assets aligned with IRBRS' strategy to IRBRS; and (iii) IRBRS' full compliance with BARS bylaw governing the application of banking regulations to IRBRS.

Part B.5 Technical Assistance

Providing technical assistance to support RS' achievement of DLRs.

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1. Introduction (continued)

1.2 Financing of the Project

The State of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("B&H") is the borrower of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development Loan No. 8741-BA amounting to the equivalent of EUR 56,600,000.

Under the terms of a subsidiary finance agreement between B&H and RS, funds of the equivalent of EUR 28,300,000 have been lent to RS.

Categories of cost items to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit, the allocation of the amounts of the Credit to each category and the percentage of expenditure for cost items so to be financed in each category are as follows:

Item		Amount of the Credit allocated (in XDR)	% of expenditure to be financed
(3)	RS Eligible Expenditure Program	27,279,250	100%
(4)	Goods, non-consulting services, consultants' services, Training and incremental operating costs for Part B.5 of the Project	950,000	100%
(3)	Front-end fee	70,750	
Subtotal			

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2. Independent Auditor's Report

To the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Ministry of Finance and Treasury
Attn. of Minister of Finance and Treasury H.E. Mr. Vjekoslav Bevanda

Report on the Project Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying project financial statements of the Republika Srpska part of the Banking Sector Strengthening Project (the "Project"), which comprise of Summary of sources and uses of funds, Balance sheet, Designated account statement, Statement of loan withdrawals as of and for the year ended 31 December 2019, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the year then ended, financed under IDA Credit No. 8741- BA.

In our opinion, the accompanying project financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Project as of 31 December 2019, and of the funds received and disbursed during the year then ended, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting based on International Public Sector Accounting Standard ("IPSAS"), as described in Note 4.1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and "Guidelines: Annual Financial Reporting and Auditing for World Bank – Financed Activities" issued by FMSB. 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 Ministry of Finance and Treasury 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 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 opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Project Financial Statements

The management of project coordination unit is responsible for the preparation of these project financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting based on IPSAS, as described in Note 4.1., and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of project 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 Project'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 management either intends to liquidate the Project or to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process.

Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the project 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 judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the project 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 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 Project'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 the 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 Project'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 Project to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the project 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 those charged with governance 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.

Report on other requirements

In addition, with respect to the SoE withdrawal schedule, adequate supporting documentation has been maintained to support claims to the World Bank for reimbursements of expenditure incurred; and all expenditure included in withdrawal applications and reimbursed against are eligible for financing under the project.

Signed on behalf of Baker Tilly Re Opinion d.o.o. Sarajevo

Nihad Fejzić, Director and Certified Auditor

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
5 June 2020



Ezita Imamović, Certified Auditor

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3. Project financial statements for the year 2018

3.1 Summary of sources and uses of funds under Loan No. 8741-BA

	Actual 2019	Cumulative 2019	Cumulative 2018	Cumulative budget	Cumulative variance
FINANCING					
Loan – 8741 - BA	17,839,250	17,839,250	-	28,229,250	10,390,000
Front – end fee (from direct payments)	70,750	70,750	-	70,750	-
TOTAL FINANCING	17,910,000	17,910,000	-	28,300,000	10,390,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURE					
<i>By Category</i>					
Eligible Expenditure Program	17,839,250	17,839,250	-	27,279,250	9,440,000
Goods, non-consulting services, consultants' services, Training and incremental operating costs for Part B.5 of the Project	-	-	-	950,000	950,000
Front – end fee	70,750	70,750	-	70,750	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	17,910,000	17,910,000	-	28,300,000	10,390,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURE					
<i>By Component</i>					
DLR				27,279,250	
DLR 1.1	1,319,250	1,319,250	-		
DLR 1.2	2,360,000	2,360,000	-		
DLT 1.3	2,360,000	2,360,000	-		
DLR 2.1	2,360,000	2,360,000	-		
DLR 2.2	2,360,000	2,360,000	-		
DLR 3.1	2,360,000	2,360,000	-		
DLR 3.2	2,360,000	2,360,000	-		
DLR 3.3	2,360,000	2,360,000	-		
Goods, non-consulting services, consultants' services, Training and incremental operating costs for Part B.5 of the Project	-	-	-	950,000	
Front – end fee	70,750	70,750	-	70,750	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	17,910,000	17,910,000	-	28,300,000	10,390,000

* The funds were paid into a single treasury account of the Republika Srpska.

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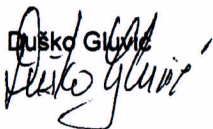
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3. Project financial statements for the year 2019 (continued)

3.1 Balance sheet as of 31 December 2019 showing accumulated funds of the Project and bank balances concerning World Bank funding

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
ASSETS		
Project expenditure under Loan	17,910,000	-
Designated account	-	-
Total assets	17,910,000	-
LIABILITIES		
Loan No. 8741-BA	17,910,000	-
Total liabilities	17,910,000	-

Person for the tasks of financial management

Duško Glumac




MINISTER


Zorica Vidović

Banja Luka, 5 June 2020

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4. Notes to the project financial statements

4.1 Basis of preparation and accounting records

These project financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standard: "Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting" issued by the Public Sector Committee of the International Federation of Accountants, and incorporate the accounting policies below, which have been consistently followed in all material respects and comply with the "Guidelines: Annual Financial Reporting and Auditing for World Bank – Financed Activities", issued by the Financial Management Sector Board.

4.2 Accounting policies

The Project's fiscal year is 1 January to 31 December for the recording of all transactions.

Cash basis of accounting

All receipts and expenses under Loan No.8741-BA are recorded on actual receipt and payment basis of accounting as per approved categories.

Direct payments

Direct payments concern the amounts paid directly from the Credit account of the World Bank.

Statement of Expenditure (SoE)

Statements of Expenditure are used by the PCU to state the expenditure under the Loan during a certain period. These statements are sent to the World Bank's disbursement department who authorises the payment of the expenditure through the Special account.

Currency conversions

The reporting currency is Euro (EUR). Sources and use of funds (payments to suppliers and contractors) in currencies other than EUR have been converted to EUR using the currency rate at the moment of the disbursement or transaction.

Bank balances, recorded on the balance sheet at reporting date, have been converted at reporting date rate.

Designated account

This is the total amount of the withdrawals from the Credit account for the Project. Loan account is in EUR.

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4. Notes to the project financial statements (continued)

4.2 Accounting policies (continued)

Interest on Designated account

Interest earned on the Designated account belongs to the Borrower.

Interest on Credit account

Interest earned on the Credit account belongs to the Borrower.

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APPENDIX B		SoE Withdrawal Schedule of Loan No. 87841-BA for the year ended 31 December 2019				
		<i>(all amounts in EUR, unless otherwise stated)</i>				
Previous period	Initial deposit	Goods, non-consulting services, consultants' services, Training and incremental operating costs for Part B.5 of the Project	Eligible expenditure program	Front – end fee	Total application	Total replenished
Front – end fee	-	-	-	70,750	70,750	70,750
Application 1	-	-	-	-	4,139,250	4,139,250
Application 2	-	-	4,139,250	-	8,980,000	8,980,000
Application 3	-	-	8,980,000	-	2,360,000	2,360,000
Application 4	-	-	2,360,000	-	2,360,000	2,360,000
Total 2019	-	-	17,839,250	70,750	17,910,000	17,910,000
Cumulative 2019	-	-	17,839,250	70,750	17,910,000	17,910,000

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APPENDIX C Reconciliation between World Bank's disbursement statements in EUR and Loan account in EUR according to the balance sheet; SoE Withdrawal Schedule of Loan No. 8741-BA

	Changes in Loan (in EUR)
Original amount	28,300,000
Front end-fee	70,750
Withdrawal 1	4,139,250
Withdrawal 2	8,980,000
Withdrawal 3	2,360,000
Withdrawal 4	2,360,000
Total disbursed in 2019	17,839,250
Total disbursed	17,910,000
Calculated undisbursed balance as of 31 December 2019	10,390,000
Undisbursed balance as per World Bank Summary for December 2019	10,390,000