

March 24, 2021

To the Board of Directors

Town of Babylon Industrial Development Agency
Babylon, New York

Re: Auditors' Communication with Those Charged with Governance

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Babylon Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") a component unit of the Town of Babylon, New York, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated March 24, 2021. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated October 15, 2020. This letter provides additional required communications related to our audit.

## Our responsibility under professional standards

Our responsibility is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements, which are the responsibility of management, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP"). Those individuals charged with governance of the Agency are responsible for the oversight of the financial reporting process, and our audit does not relieve management and those charged with governance of their respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility for the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

With respect to such supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with US GAAP, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

## Qualitative aspects of significant accounting practices

Significant accounting policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Agency are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during the reporting period that had a significant impact on the financial statements. No matters have come to our attention that would require us to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions, and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

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Significant accounting estimates

Accounting estimates made by management are an integral part of the financial statements and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statements and their susceptibility to change. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Agency's financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of the other postemployment benefits liability (OPEB) is reported in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, it represents the sum of expected future benefit payments which may be attributed to past service (or "earned) discounted to the end of the year based on certain assumptions included in an actuarial valuation.
- Management's estimate of the Agency's depreciation expense on its capital assets is based on the
  estimated useful lives of the assets in accordance with its capitalization policy.
- The estimate of the Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System is based on an actuarial valuation as of March 31, 2020. The Agency's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Agency's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members based on an actuarial calculation.

Financial statement disclosures

The financial statement disclosures are consistent and clear.

## Significant difficulties encountered during the audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

#### Uncorrected and corrected misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management.

We are required to communicate to you misstatements that remain uncorrected, including any related to prior periods, and the effect, if any, that they may have on the opinion in our report, and request their correction. There are no such financial statement misstatements that remain uncorrected.

In addition, we are required to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. None of the misstatements identified by us and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

# Disagreements with management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning financial accounting, reporting, or auditing, which could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

### Representations requested from management

We have requested certain written representations from management in a separate letter date March 24, 2021.

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## Management's consultations with other accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to the best of our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

### Other matters discussed with management

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

We generally discuss with management a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, business conditions affecting the Agency, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed and our responses thereto were a condition to our retention as auditors.

### **Auditor independence**

We affirm that PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP is independent with respect to the Agency in accordance with the AICPA's Code of Professional Conduct.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, Audit Committee, and management of the Agency and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Yours sincerely,

Hauppauge, New York March 24, 2021