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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DEC, 2024







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The Executive Secretary,
National Human Rights Commission (NHRC),
No. 19, Aguiyi Ironsi Street,
Maitama, Abuja.

MANAGEMENT LETTER ARISING FROM THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (NHRC) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024

Dear Sir,

We do hereby submit our observations on control weaknesses observed in our review of the Financial Records and Accounts of the Commission and the Management's response thereon for the year ended 31st December, 2024. Details are as below:

AUDIT OBSERVATION.

1. RE-REVALUATION OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION VEHICLE:

The sum of N6,057,315.00 provisioned in the financial statement from 2016 - 2024 is twice (10 years) above the 5 years useful life of the assets.

RISK INVOLVED

Overstatement of the PPE in the Financial Statements.

RECOMMENDATION

Revaluation of the vehicles is necessary to determine the current value of the assets in line with the Federal Government assets policy while the Statutory Auditors should verify all the assets of the Commission to establish existence, ownership and utilization to void misleading statements.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

The Management has noted this observation and will work towards the revaluation of the Commission's vehicle.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICY - BUILDING

Depreciation Rates as stated for Buildings at 5% is estimated for 20 years useful life. IPSAS 45: Provides the frame work to estimate the useful life of PPE. In the case of the Building housing the Headquarter of the Commission; the building was commissioned and occupied in 2006; by the current policy, the Building will reach (20 years) end of life by the year 2025, i.e. fully depreciated and available for write-off!

RISK INVOLVED

Misinformation in the financial statement.

RECOMMENDATION

There should be Change in accounting policy and Revaluation of the building after running integrity tests on the structure and renovation of dilapidated parts of the building to determine effective useful life and the Carrying Value for adoption in the Financial Statements.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

The Management will look into giving the headquarters of the Commission a facelift and thereafter revalue it. We shall also consider a change in the accounting policy from 5% to 2% on the building for effective useful life.

3. AUDIT OBSERVATION

MISSING PAYMENT VOUCHERS

Recorded in the cashbook, but vouchers not found

DATE	CLASSIFICATION		AMOUNT
2-5-24 TO 6-5-24	MAY 001	- MAY 069	18,906,425.70
8-4-24 TO 12-4-24	ARIL 001	- ARIL 071	44,165,447.39
6-11 -24 TO 14-11 -24	NOV 064	-NOV 168	22,974,643.52
			86,046,516.61

RISK INVOLVED

Possibility of unapproved payments and dry posting into accounting books.

RECONMENDATION

Payment Vouchers should be batched and cross-referenced to the relative cashbook for proper audit trail.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

The Management has looked into this issue and realized that no payment vouchers were missing. The vouchers under reference were fished out and handed over to the audit team for their use, and the team acknowledged sighting the payment vouchers.

Yours faithfully,

Managing Partner

For: Samuel Njoku & Co.