

# Republic of the Philippines COMMISSION ON AUDIT Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City CORPORATE GOVERNMENT SECTOR CLUSTER 1 – BANKING AND CREDIT

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors
Land Bank of the Philippines
Manila

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), and its subsidiaries (referred to as the "Group") which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2014, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in capital funds 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 Philippine Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is 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 Philippine Public Sector Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan 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 judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control 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 on 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 **Group** as at December 31, 2014, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards.

# **Emphasis of Matter**

We draw attention to Note No. 10 to the Financial Statements which disclosed, among others, that the LBP's Available-for-sale-Domestic-Private investments account includes unrestored 3,366,800 MERALCO shares with fair value of P861.901 million. Likewise, the corresponding cash and property dividends earned of P169.448 million and 9,488,394 shares of stock in Rockwell Land Corporation, respectively, were still unpaid to LBP.

To compel MERALCO to comply with the Supreme Court decision, LBP filed the Petition to Cite MERALCO and other Respondents in Indirect Contempt before the Supreme Court on April 14, 2015.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of the above matter.

**COMMISSION ON AUDIT** 

14 August 2015

CORA D/MARQUEZ Supervising Auditor