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TERMINAL DISTRICT**
Cameron, Louisiana

**General Purpose Financial Statements
With Independent Auditor's Report
As of and for the Year Ended
December 31, 1996**

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Independent Auditor's Report

**EAST CAMERON PORT, HARBOR, AND
TERMINAL DISTRICT**
Cameron, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of East Cameron Port, Harbor, and Terminal District, a component unit of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 1996, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of East Cameron Port, Harbor, and Terminal District's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. These standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of East Cameron Port, Harbor, and Terminal District as of December 31, 1996, and the results of operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(OVERVIEW)**

**EAST CAMBRON PORT, HARBOR
AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**
Cameron, Louisiana
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1996

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND	ACTIVITY GROUP - GENERAL FUNDS ASSETS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$177,397		\$177,397
Receivables	34,798		34,798
Land		\$1,000,000	1,000,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$212,195	\$1,000,000	\$1,212,195
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities - accounts payable	\$1,173	NONE	\$1,173
Fund Equity:			
Investment in general fixed assets		\$1,000,000	1,000,000
Fund balance - unreserved - undesignated	761,013		761,013
Total Fund Equity	761,013	1,000,000	1,761,013
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$762,186	\$1,000,000	\$1,762,186

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

EAST CAMERON PORT, HARBOR
AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
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GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

REVENUES	
Ad valorem taxes	\$36,155
Intergovernmental - state revenue sharing (net)	354
Use of money and property - interest earnings	<u>28,081</u>
Total revenues	<u>64,590</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current - public works - operating services	38,928
Intergovernmental	<u>8,172</u>
Total expenditures	<u>47,100</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	17,490
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>733,553</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$751,043</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**EAST CAMERON PORT, HARBOR, AND
TERMINAL DISTRICT**
Cameron, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 1996

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

East Cameron Port, Harbor, and Terminal District was created under Louisiana Revised Statute 34:2301. The district has all the rights, privileges, and immunities granted to corporations in Louisiana. The district is governed by a five-member board of commissioners who are appointed by the Cameron Parish Police Jury and who serve without compensation. The board of commissioners has the power to regulate the commerce and traffic of the district in such a manner as will be in the best interest of the state.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Cameron Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Cameron Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Cameron Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or;
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.

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2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury appoints all board members of the district and can impose its will on the district, the district was determined to be a component unit of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

B. FUND ACCOUNTING

The district uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by separating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities (general fund assets and general long-term obligations) that are not recorded in the "Trust" because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources. They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position, not with the measurement of results of operations.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types." Governmental funds are used to account for a government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public as opposed to proprietary funds where the focus of attention is on measuring the cost of providing services to the public or other agencies through service charges or user fees. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held for others. The district's current operations require the use of only governmental funds (General Fund). All financial resources of the district are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

C. FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures (capital outlay) in the General Fund and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. The only fixed asset of the district, a 3.7-mile channel, is valued at historical cost. No depreciation has been provided on this general fixed asset.

The account group is not a fund. It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position and does not involve measurement of results of operations. The district has no long-term debt at December 31, 1996.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements for these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting all governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The district uses the following practices in recognizing and reporting revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

All valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded in the year the taxes are due and payable. All valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and attach as an enforceable lien and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. Louisiana Revised statute 47:995 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. All valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

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Interest income on interest bearing demand deposits is recorded at the end of the month when credited by the bank. Interest income on time deposits is recorded when the time deposits have matured and the interest is available.

Based on the above criteria, ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing have been treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

K. BUDGET PRACTICES

Louisiana law exempts all special districts created before December 31, 1974, from the requirements of the Local Government Budget Act. East Cameron Port, Harbor, and Terminal District was created in 1962 and, accordingly, is exempt from the budgetary requirements. Management has determined that, due to the amount and nature of the expenditures, the adoption of a budget is not required for control purposes. Accordingly, the district did not adopt a budget for the year ended December 31, 1996; therefore, the accompanying financial statements do not include a comparison of revenues and expenditures to budget.

L. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under state law, the district may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The district may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 1996, the district has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$727,387, as follows:

Demand deposits	\$77,387
Time deposits	<u>650,000</u>
Total	<u>\$727,387</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at December 31, 1996, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	\$728,907
Federal deposit insurance	\$280,000
Pledged securities (unencumbered)	544,838
Total	\$1,553,745

Because the pledged securities are held by a custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank rather than the name of the district, they are considered unencumbered (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Codification C20, 106; however, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1279 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the district that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

**4. VACATION/SICK LEAVE POLICY
AND PENSION PLAN**

The district has no employees; therefore, the district does not have a formal policy on vacation and sick leave and does not contribute to a pension plan.

**II. TOTAL COLUMBIA ON
BALANCE SHEET**

The total column on the balance sheet is captioned Memorandum Only (see review) to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

2. LENTIED TAXES

The district has an authorized tax millage of 1.00 mill for general maintenance and operation of the

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

district. The tax expires with the 1998 tax roll. For the year ended December 31, 1996, the district levied .98 mill as a result of reassessment of taxable property as required by Article 7, Section 18 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974. The following are the principal taxpayers for the parish and their 1996 assessed valuation (amounts expressed in thousands):

	1996 Assessed Valuation	Percent of Total Assessed Valuation
Trident MGL, Incorporated	\$8,071	6.33%
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America	7,840	6.15%
ARCO Pipeline Company	7,678	6.02%
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline	4,173	3.27%
Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation	3,721	2.92%
Arcoco	3,495	2.74%
Higdon Towing	3,008	2.38%
Tenneco	3,001	2.37%
MDC Energy, Incorporated	2,882	2.28%
Cameron Telephone Company	2,013	1.58%
Total	<u><u>124,864</u></u>	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>

3. RECEIVABLES

The General Fund receivables of \$34,388 at December 31, 1996, are as follows:

Class of Receivable	
Ad valorem taxes	\$34,434
State income sharing	<u>—354</u>
Total	\$34,388

4. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The district is not involved in any litigation at December 31, 1996, nor is it aware of any unasserted claims.

**Independent Auditor's Reports Required
by Government Auditing Standards**

The following independent auditor's reports on internal control structure and compliance are presented in compliance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide*, issued by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.



**Independent Auditor's Report
on Internal Control Structure**

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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EAST CAMBRON PORT
BARBOUR

**EAST CAMBRON PORT, BARBOUR, AND
TERMINAL DISTRICT**
Cameron, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of East Cameron Port, Harbor, and Terminal District, a component unit of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 1996, and for the year then ended, and have issued my report thereon dated March 6, 1997.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. These standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of East Cameron Port, Harbor, and Terminal District is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are recorded in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, project of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

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**EAST CAMBRIEN PORT, HARBOR, AND
TERMINAL DISTRICT**

Cameron, Louisiana
Independent Auditor's Report
on Internal Control Structure
December 31, 1996

In planning and performing my audit of the general purpose financial statements of East Cambrien Port, Harbor, and Terminal District, for the year ended December 31, 1996, I obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, I obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and I assessed control risk in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

I noted the following matter involving the internal control structure and its operation which I consider to be a reportable condition under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in my judgment, could adversely affect the district's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements.

All accounting functions of the district, i.e., depositing and posting receipts and preparing, posting and issuing checks are performed by one individual. Such functions are not compatible and should be performed by separate individuals, however, because of the size of the district and its limited revenues, it is not economically feasible to correct this deficiency.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

My consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, I do not consider the reportable condition described above to be a material weakness.

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on Internal Control Structure
December 31, 1998

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West Monroe, Louisiana
March 4, 1999

EAST CAMBON PORT, HARBOR, AND
TERMINAL DISTRICT
Cameron, Louisiana
Independent Auditor's Report
on Compliance, Etc.
December 31, 1996

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West Monroe, Louisiana
March 6, 1997