

## **Selendiva Investments Limited and its subsidiaries -2021**

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### **1. Financial Statements**

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#### **1.1 Opinion**

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The audit of the financial statements of the Selendiva Investments Limited (“Company”) and the consolidate financial statements of the company and its subsidiaries (“Group”) for the year ended 31 December 2021 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with provisions of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018. My comments and observations which I consider should be report to Parliament appear in this report.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.

#### **1.2 Basis for Opinion**

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I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

#### **1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

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Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting, and for such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of 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 Company’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 intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company’s financial reporting process.

As per Section 16(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the Company is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Company.

#### **1.4 Audit Scope**

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My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards 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 Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 my 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 Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the 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 Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

The scope of the audit also extended to examine as far as possible and as far as necessary the following;

- Whether the organization, systems, procedures, books, records and other documents have been properly and adequately designed from the point of view of the presentation of information to enable a continuous evaluation of the activities of the Company, and whether such systems, procedures, books, records and other documents are in effective operation;
- Whether the Company has complied with applicable written law, or other general or special directions issued by the governing body of the Company;
- Whether the Company has performed according to its powers, functions and duties; and
- Whether the resources of the Company had been procured and utilized economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the applicable laws.

**1.5 Audit Observations on the preparation of Financial Statements**

**1.5.1 Internal Control over the preparation of financial statements.**

Entities are required to “devise and maintain” a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that , transactions are executed in accordance with management’s general or specific authorization, transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with the applicable reporting standards , and to maintain accountability for assets, access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management’s general or specific authorization, and the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences

**1.6 Non-compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations and Management Decisions etc.**

<b>Reference to Laws, Rules Regulations etc.</b>	<b>Non-compliance</b>	<b>Management Comment</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
(a) Section No.7.4.1 of the public Enterprises Circular No.PED/12 of 02 June 2003	The Audit and management committee should meet regular basis at least once in three months, no any committee meeting had been held during the year under review.	Due to the Fundamental Rights application SC/FR/182/2021 against Selendiva Investments Ltd, the consolidation of institutions under Selendiva, was deferred until the Case was dismissed. Hence the scope of the Chief Internal Auditor of Selendiva Investments Ltd was restricted to carrying out the Internal Audit function.	Circular instructions should be followed.

- (b) Section No.9.5.2 of Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants August 2007 A transaction advisor had been appointed and had been paid Rs.4,092,000 without entering into a formal contract of agreement. The Consultancy Agreement was formalized by the Letter of Award which was duly acknowledged by Acuity Partners (Pvt)Ltd and was binding on both parties. Circular instructions should be followed.

## 2. Financial Review

### 2.1 Financial Result

The operating result of the year under review amounted to a loss of Rs7,689,511 and the corresponding loss in the preceding year amounted to Rs.423,325. Therefore an deterioration amounting to Rs.7,266,186 of the financial result was observed. The reason for the deterioration is increasing in administrative expenses.

## 3. Operational Review

### 3.1 Operational Inefficiencies

<b>Audit Issue</b>	<b>Management Comment</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
The Company was incorporated on 03 July 2020 and no any business activity has been commenced up to end of the year under review.	With the incorporation of Selendiva Leisure Investments Ltd on 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2021, it was decided to consolidate the following institutions under Selendiva Leisure Investments Ltd: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Hilton Colombo</li> <li>ii) Grant Hyatt</li> <li>iii) Grant Oriental Hotel</li> </ul>	Management should direct the company to achieve its objectives.

However this could not be achieved due to the following reasons:

- a. Filing of the Fundamental Rights application SC/FR/182/2021

The said Fundamental Rights Application is filed on the premise that his Fundamental Rights guaranteed under Article 12 of the Constitution of Sri Lanka has been purportedly violated. The violation alleged by him is that several State-owned Assets are being systematically and/or strategically divested to the private sector.

- b. Commercial High Court Case No HC (civil) 754/2018/MR