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To the Board of Directors of the  
Cortland Tobacco Asset  
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Cortland, New York

Professional standards established by the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) require the auditor to communicate certain matters related to the conduct of the audit to those who have responsibility for oversight of the financial process. The standards require the auditor to ensure that the oversight committee of the Board of Directors receives additional information regarding the scope and the results of the audit that may assist in the supervising of the financial reporting and disclosure process for which management is responsible.

THE AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED  
AUDITING STANDARDS

It is the auditor's responsibility to conduct an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. These standards require the auditor to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the 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.

See independent auditor's report on the financial  
statements SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The auditor should determine that the oversight committee is informed about the initial selection of, and change in, significant accounting policies or their application, and the methods used to account for significant, unusual transactions or the effect of significant accounting policies for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

No significant accounting policy changes were noted.

#### MANAGEMENT JUDGMENTS AND ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Accounting estimates are an integral part of financial statement presentation and are based upon management's current judgments.

No estimates of account balances were noted.

#### DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT

The auditor should discuss with the oversight committee any disagreements with management regarding the application of accounting principles to the entity's specific transaction and events; the basis for management's judgments about accounting estimates; the scope of the audit; disclosures in the financial statements and the wording of the auditor's report, whether or not satisfactorily resolved, that could be significant to the Organizations's financial statements or the auditor's report.

No disagreements with management related to the matters above.

#### CONSULTATION WITH OTHER ACCOUNTANTS

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. When the auditor is aware that such consultation has occurred, he should discuss with the oversight committee his views about significant matters that were the subject of such consultation.

No consultation by management with other accountants was noted.

#### MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED WITH MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO RETENTION

The auditor should discuss with the oversight committee any major issues discussed with management in connection with the initial or recurring retention of the auditor.

No major issues were discussed with management prior to retention.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

The auditor should inform the oversight committee of any serious difficulties encountered in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.

I did not encounter any serious difficulties in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.

Communication of Internal Control

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements of the Cortland Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2015, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, I considered the Organization's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that result in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

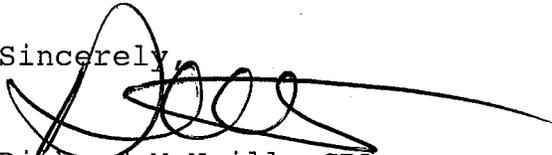
My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, others within the entity and the New York State Authority Budget Office and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

I thank you for the opportunity to be of service to Cortland Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation and if I can be of any service in regards to the issues mentioned above, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard McNeilly', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Richard McNeilly CPA

CORTLAND TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION

(A Blended Component Unit of  
the County of Cortland, New York)

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

CORTLAND, NEW YORK

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors  
Cortland Tobacco Asset  
Securitization Corporation  
Cortland, New York

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Cortland Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, a blended component unit of the County of Cortland, New York (the Corporation) as of December 31, 2015 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I 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. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

#### Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of the Corporation, as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

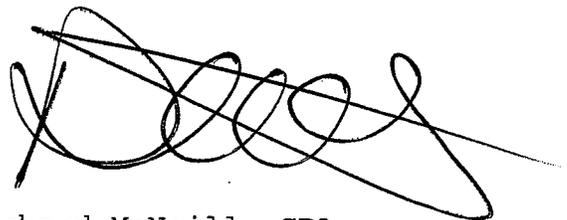
#### Report on Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statement in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical content. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information, and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated March 1, 2016, on my consideration of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of the audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

March 1, 2016



Richard McNeilly CPA

CORTLAND TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Our discussion and analysis of the Cortland Tobacco Securitization Corporation's (the Corporation) financial performance provides an overview of the Corporation's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2015. This document should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's financial statements. The financial statements present only the information for the year ended December 31, 2015.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

As discussed further in the notes to the financial statements, the Corporation was formed to acquire from the County of Cortland, New York all future right, title, and interest in the Tobacco Settlement Revenues (TSRs) under the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) with respect to tobacco related litigation among various states and participating manufacturers. The Corporation is a component unit of Cortland County, New York and, accordingly, is included in the County's financial statements as a blended component unit. The Corporation is classified as a special-purpose government under GASB Statement No. 14 and consists of one governmental fund. The fund and government-wide financial statements are presented together and include a reconciliation of the individual line items between the two statement types in a separate column.

#### USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the activities of the Corporation as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Corporation's finances. Fund financial statements tell how the governmental activity's services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

#### REPORTING THE CORPORATION AS A WHOLE

##### The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities report information about the Corporation as a whole and about its activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Corporation's net position and changes in them. You can think of the Corporation's net position the difference between assets and liabilities - as one way to measure the Corporation's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Corporation's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. In the statement of net position and statement of activities, the Corporation's only activities relate to governmental activities.

Below is a condensed version of the government-wide financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31:

	2015	2014
Assets	\$ 1,703,661	\$ 1,817,647
Liabilities	12,802,143	12,687,860
Net Position	(11,098,482)	(10,870,213)
Revenues	617,650	938,847
Expenses	845,919	786,288
Change in Net Position	(228,269)	152,559

The Corporation's assets decreased by \$113,986. The Corporation's liabilities increased by \$114,283. Net position decreased by \$228,269.

Under the Master Settlement Agreement, the tobacco companies are required to make annual payments to the Corporation. During 2015, approximately \$565,000 in tobacco revenues were received and \$890,000 was received in 2014. In 2015, approximately \$845,000 in expenses were incurred and \$785,000 was incurred in 2014.

During 2015, no new bonds were issued and no distribution was made to the County. However, during 2015 interest expense of approximately \$356,000 was accreted on the Series 2005 bonds, compared to \$293,000 in 2014.

No residual payments have been made to the County since 2003 due to the trapping events that occurred. Under a trapping event, those monies that would have been paid out to the County are now required to fund a trapping reserve as required by the Corporation's indenture. In addition, as a result of the issuance of the 2005 Series Bonds, the County relinquished the right to use these monies for anything other than Corporation debt retirement. The trapping event that was in effect at year-end 2008 has been satisfied and will be further discussed below as will the new trapping event.

The recognition of the bonds payable liability in 2001 and 2005 has created a deficit in the Corporation's net assets. The deficit is expected to be satisfied over time as the tobacco settlement proceeds are received and the bond liabilities are paid.

#### FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A governmental entity can have various types of funds such as governmental and proprietary. The Corporation only has one fund, which is a governmental fund.

Governmental funds focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the corporation's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Corporation's programs.

Below is a condensed version of the fund financial statement as of and for the years ended December 31,:

	Governmental Activities	
	2015	2014
Assets	\$ 967,628	\$ 962,418
Liabilities	-0-	16,000
Fund Balance	967,628	946,418
Revenues	732,096	846,739
Expenditures	710,886	819,309
(Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	21,210	27,430

The most significant variances in comparing years were debt service payments of \$ 667,081 in 2015 versus \$ 787,281 in 2014.

The debt service fund has two distinct fund balances: reserved for debt service and unreserved-undesignated. Unreserved-undesignated fund balance is generated from general operations and is not restricted in use. Fund balance reserved for debt service results from monies set aside for future payment of the bond principal and interest.

Unlike the government-wide statements, in the fund financial statements, the bond payable is not recognized as a liability as it is long-term in nature. Because of this, there is not the issue of large fund balance deficit under this methodology that is present in the government-wide presentation.

## Long-Term Debt Activity

The Corporation issued debt, which will be repaid by its purchases from the County of the future right, title and interest in the Tobacco Settlement Revenues. Serial Bonds principal payments are due annually and interest semi-annually. At December 31, 2015, the Corporation had \$12,765,828 in bonds outstanding. There was a decrease from the prior year as a result of payments of \$225,000 on the 2001 issue and \$-0- on the 2005 issue. There was also interest accretion of \$356,332 on the 2005 issue.

## Analysis of Overall Financial Position

Under the government-wide methodology, the Corporation showed a decrease to its net position. This decrease results from the tobacco settlement proceeds and interest income providing less than enough revenue to meet the Corporation's current expense demands. Specifically, the government-wide financial statements show a decrease to the Corporation's net position of \$228,269.

## Budget

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 requires an analysis of the original budget and final budget and between the final budget and actual results. Management only prepares a budget for its operating expenses and no changes are made to it. Because the budget is not a complete budget, comparison to current operations could be misleading. As a result, it has not been presented in this report.

## Other Facts

In accordance with Section 6.4(d)(6) of the Indenture and Sections 4.1(iv)(F) and (G), and to the extent contained in the "Calculations for the Tobacco Litigation Master Settlement Agreement" report, as of the Next Distribution Date, three Trapping Events have occurred. One is still occurring. According to the MSA report, the amount shown as relevant shipments for the year 2010 was less than the shipment amount specified, and therefore, a consumption Decline Trapping Event has occurred and is continuing.

## Contacting the Corporation's Financial Management

This financial report is designated to provide to the readers of these financial statements an overview of the Corporation's finances and to show the Corporation's accountability for money it received. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Corporation's President at 60 Central Avenue, Cortland, New York 13045.

CORTLAND TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION  
(A Blended Component Unit of the County of Cortland, New York)  
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET/STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Debt Service Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash			
Equivalents	145,375	\$	\$ 145,375
Prepaid Assets	3,357		3,357
Restricted Cash Equivalents	818,896		818,896
Total Current Assets	<u>967,628</u>		<u>967,628</u>
Tobacco Settlement			
Receivables	-0-	679,016	679,016
Bond Discount, Net	-0-	57,017	57,017
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 967,628</u>	<u>\$ 736,033</u>	<u>\$ 1,703,661</u>
Current Liabilities			
Current Portion			
of Long-Term Debt		\$ 375,000	\$ 375,000
Accounts Payable	-0-		-0-
Accrued Interest Payable	-0-	36,315	36,315
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-0-</u>	<u>411,315</u>	<u>411,315</u>
Bonds Payable	-0-	12,390,828	12,390,828
Total Liabilities	<u>-0-</u>	<u>12,802,143</u>	<u>12,802,143</u>
Fund Balance			
Restricted	818,896	(818,896)	-0-
Unassigned	148,732	(148,732)	-0-
Total Fund Balance	<u>967,628</u>	<u>(967,628)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>967,628</u>		
Net Position			
Restricted for Debt Service		818,896	818,896
Unrestricted Net Position		(11,917,378)	(11,917,378)
Total Net Position		<u>(11,098,482)</u>	<u>(11,098,482)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION		<u>736,033</u>	<u>\$ 1,703,661</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

CORTLAND TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION  
(A Blended Component Unit of the County of Cortland, New York)  
STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE/STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITY  
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Debt Service Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
Operating Revenues			
Tobacco Settlement			
Proceeds	\$ 679,016	(114,446)	\$ 564,570
Interest Revenue	53,080		53,080
Total Operating Revenue	<u>732,096</u>	<u>(114,446)</u>	<u>617,650</u>
Operating Expenses			
Insurance	4,035	-	4,035
Audit Fee	5,000	-	5,000
Legal Fees	5,250	-	5,250
Trustee Fees	800	-	800
Rating Agency Fee	15,054	-	15,054
Administrative	13,666	-	13,666
Debt Principal	225,000	(225,000)	-0-
Interest	442,081	360,033	802,114
Total Operating Expenses	<u>710,886</u>	<u>135,033</u>	<u>845,919</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	21,210	(21,210)	
Change in Net Position			(228,269)
Fund Balance/Position Beginning of Year	<u>946,418</u>	<u>(11,816,631)</u>	<u>(10,870,213)</u>
Fund Balance/Position End of Year	<u>967,628</u>	<u>\$ (12,066,110)</u>	<u>\$ (11,098,482)</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

CORTLAND TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Organization

Cortland Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (The Corporation) is a bankruptcy-remote local development corporation created in July, 2001 under Section 1411 of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. The Organization was formed to raise funds by issuing bonds, use those funds to acquire rights to future proceeds from the settlement agreement with various tobacco companies payable to the County of Cortland, and remain in existence during the term of the bonds to collect the tobacco settlement proceeds and service the debt.

The Organization is an instrumentality of, but separate and apart from Cortland County, New York (the County). The Corporation has a board of directors comprised of three directors, all but one of whom shall be one or more of the following: an employee of the County, an elected official of the County or a member of the County legislature; and one director who shall be independent. Although legally separate from the County, the Corporation is a component unit of the County, and, accordingly, is included in the County's financial statements as a blended component unit.

Pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with the County, the County sold to the Corporation all of its future right, title, and interest in the tobacco Settlement Revenues (TSRs) under the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) and the Decree and Final Judgement (the Decree). The MSA resolved cigarette smoking-related litigation between the settling states and claimants. The MAS provides for a continuing release of future smoking-related claims, in exchange for certain payments to be made to the settling states, as well as certain tobacco advertising and marketing restrictions, among other things. The Decree, which was entered by the Supreme Court of the State, allocated to the County a share of the TSRs under the MSA. The future right, title, and interest of the County's share were sold to the Corporation.

The purchase price of the County's future right, title, and interest in the TSRs has been financed by the issuance of serial bonds. Excess TSRs not required by the Corporation to pay various expenses, debt service, or required reserves with respect to the bonds are transferred to the CTASC Residual Trust (the Trust), as owner of the Residual Certificate. The County is the beneficial owner of the trust and thus the funds received by the Trust will ultimately transfer to the County. A Residual Certificate exists which represents the entitlement to receive all amounts required to be distributed after payment of the debt service, operating expense, and certain other costs as set forth in the indenture. Payments of the Residual Certificate from TSR collections are subordinate to payments on the bonds and payments of certain other costs specified in the indenture.

CORTLAND TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles for government entities as prescribed by the Governmental Financial Accounting Standards Board as a blended component unit of the County.

Government-Wide Statements

The statement of net assets and statement of activities present financial information about the Corporation's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the Corporation.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the Corporation's fund. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds.

The Corporation reports the debt service fund as its major governmental fund. This fund is used to account for and report on the accumulation of resources to be used for redemption of general long-term indebtedness and supports the operations of the Corporation.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place.

The fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Corporation considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 60 days after the end of the year. Liabilities expected to be paid in more than twelve months are considered to be long-term liabilities.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Proceeds of long-term debt are reported as other financing sources.

CORTLAND TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

Net Position

Generally accepted accounting principles require that resources be classified for accounting purposes into applicable net position categories. Unrestricted net position is the residual net position that is not restricted, but which may be internally designated by the Board of Directors. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the amount of unrestricted net position was (11.9) million and (10.8) million, of which none were internally designated.

Net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on its use are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted net position of the corporation are restricted based on externally imposed conditions and include amounts restricted for debt service and bond issuance costs.

Fund Balance

GASB requires more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of constraints place on a government's fund balances more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints applicable to the Corporation:

Restricted Fund Balances - These are amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments. The Corporation has \$818,896 of restricted fund balance for debt service at December 31, 2015.

Unassigned Fund Balance - These are all other spendable amounts.

Concentrations

The Corporation maintains cash in bank deposit accounts at a financial institution. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. The balances, at times, may exceed federally insured limits.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Corporation considers all short-term highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

CORTLAND TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes

The Corporation is exempt from income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Corporation has also been classified by the Internal Revenue Service as an entity that is not a private foundation. The Corporation is also exempt from Federal reporting requirements under Internal Revenue Service Procedure 9548, 1995-2 C.B. 418 as a governmental unit or affiliate of a governmental unit described in the procedure.

Revenue Recognition

Future tobacco settlement collections are contingent upon future tobacco products sales subject to various adjustments as outlined in the MSA. The Corporation recognizes revenue from tobacco proceeds settlement collections as the collections are received. In addition, an estimated receivable is accrued at year end for estimated product sales from the preceding year.

NOTE 2 - Explanation of Certain Differences Between Fund Statement and Government-Wide Statement

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the fund statement and the government-wide statement, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic focus on the statement of activities, compared with the current financial resources on the statement of governmental fund revenue, expenditures and change in fund balance.

Total Fund Balances of the Fund Statement versus Net Assets of Government-Wide Statement

Total fund balances of the Corporation's fund statement differs from the net assets of government -wide statement reported in the statement of net assets. This difference primarily results from additional long-term economic focus on the statement of net assets versus the solely current financial resources focus on the fund balance sheet.

CORTLAND TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

Explanation of differences between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Assets:

Fund Balance-Governmental Fund	\$ 967,628
The tobacco receivable is not considered to be available to meet current needs.	679,016
Costs associated with bond discounts are recorded as assets on the statement of net assets.	57,017
Bonds payable are reported in the statement of net assets, but are not reported in the governmental funds.	(12,765,828)
Accrued interest payable is reported in the statement of net assets, but not in the governmental funds.	<u>(36,315)</u>
Net Position of Government-Wide Activities	<u>\$ (11,098,482)</u>

Differences between the statement of governmental fund revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance and the statement of activities fall into one of three broad categories. The amounts shown below represent:

Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 21,210
The amount of change in the tobacco receivable affects the revenue in the statement of activities, whereas in the governmental fund it is shown as received.	(114,446)
The amount charged to interest for the amortization of bond discount fees are expenses in the statement of activities and have already been shown in the year of issuance in the governmental fund.	(4,751)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental fund financial statements but it reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets, and does not affect the statement of activities.	225,000
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental financial statements interest expenditures are reported when due.	<u>(355,282)</u>
Change in Net Deficit-Statement of Activities	<u>\$ (228,269)</u>

CORTLAND TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents and Credit Risk

The Corporation considers bank deposit accounts and all highly liquid debt instruments with remaining maturities, when purchased, 12 months or less to be cash equivalents and these are stated at fair value.

At December 31, 2015, the carrying amount and the bank balance on the Corporation's deposits totaled \$145,375 which is totally covered by FDIC insurance.

NOTE 4- Deposits and Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. The Corporation's trustee holds investments for the funds included in the financial statements. The Corporation invests in authorized investments as described in the bond resolution such as commercial paper or finance company paper; special time deposit accounts; certificates of deposit and obligations of the United States of America.

All investments are insured, registered or held by the Corporation's trustee in the Corporation's name.

At December 31, 2015, investments are stated at fair value, which approximate cost, and consist of the following:

Cash and money market funds	\$ 818,896
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Note that fair value measurements under FASB ASC 820-10, which establishes a framework for measuring fair value, is under the highest priority. Such priority is level 1 measurements, which use unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

NOTE 5 - Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Receivable

This asset represents the value of the tobacco settlement proceeds that the Organization has recognized based upon the domestic shipment of cigarettes (sales) at December 31, 2015 for the following year. The receivable is estimated based upon actual tobacco settlement payments received in 2014 since this is the method which will most closely estimate the actual payments to be received in the following year. One downgrade and trapping event occurred in 2011, and is still occurring, which could possibly affect the amount of tobacco payments in 2016.

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NOTE 6 - Liquidity Reserve Requirement

Per the indenture, the liquidity reserve requirement is defined as the "maximum annual scheduled Debt Service on the Senior Bonds in the then current or any future Fiscal Year". The liquidity reserve requirement as calculated by the Organization's consultant is \$776,831 and the amount of the reserves at December 31, 2015 are \$776,831.

NOTE 7 - Restrictive Securities Held in Trust

Tobacco proceeds are held in trust by Manufacturer's and Trader's Trust (M&T) on behalf of the Corporation. M&T invests the proceeds in a highly liquid, interest bearing securities, and performs the transfer of the debt obligations upon the instruction of Bond Logistix, the administrator retained by the Corporation.

Note 8 - Bond Trapping Reserve Requirement

In accordance with Section 6.4(d)(g) of the indenture and Section 4.1(F) and (G), and to the extent contained in "Calculations for the Tobacco Litigation Master Settlement Agreement" report, as of the next distribution date, three trapping events have occurred and one is still occurring. Consequently, the trapping reserve requirement at December 31, 2015 is \$1,913,750 of which \$13,183 of funds have been set aside for. A consumption decline trapping event has occurred for the 2011 year end.

NOTE 9 - Bonds Payable

The first bonds issued were issued on August 3, 2001 as part of the New York Tobacco Trust/Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bond Series 2001. Face value of the bonds issued was \$10,640,000. The bonds were sold at a discount of \$123,538, for a net issue price of \$10,516,462. The discount will be amortized over the maturity period of the bonds using the straight-line method. For the year ended 2015 the discount amortized amounted to \$4,751. The unamortized discount was \$ 57,017 for the year ended December 31, 2015. The bonds mature from June 1, 2006 until June 1, 2043 under term restructuring and from June 1, 2002 until June 1, 2027 under the super sinker payment schedule. Interest on the bonds ranges from 4.27% to 5.75%

The second bond issue was issued November 29, 2005 and are capital appreciation bonds. These bonds are subordinate bonds to the original issue bonds detailed above and cannot be defeased until the original issue bonds are paid in full. These bonds were issued in different series with different interest and maturity rates. These bonds shall accrue interest at their stated rates from the Series 2005 Delivery Date, which interest shall accrue and not be payable, compounded semiannually, until maturity. Interest accrued for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$356,332. During 2014 no principal or interest payments were made. The value of the bonds increase based upon the interest accrued over the life of the bonds. The total value of the bonds issued at November 29, 2005 were \$4,185,259.

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The total bonds outstanding at December 31, 2015 are as follows:

	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Interest Rate	Balance December 31, 2015
Series 2001	8/01	6/27	4.3- 5.75%	\$ 7,655,000
Series 2005	11/05	6/60	6.0- 7.15%	2,827,986
Add: Accretion				2,282,842
Value of 2005 Bonds				5,110,828
Total				<u>\$ 12,765,828</u>

Note that the defeasance of these bonds is expected to occur before the stated maturity dates based upon the expected revenue stream from the tobacco settlement proceeds. These bonds can be defeased on or after June 1, 2015. There is a prepayment premium for payment before May 31, 2016 of 102% of the accredited value and for payment between June 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017 a premium of 101% of the accredited value. After May 31, 2017 there is no premium for prepayment.

The annual activity for 2015 is as follows:

	Series 2001	Series 2005	Total Bonds Payable
Balance 12/31/14	\$ 7,880,000	\$ 4,754,495	\$ 12,634,495
Principal Payments	(225,000)	-0-	(225,000)
Accretion, net of interest paid		356,333	356,333
Balance 12/31/15	<u>\$ 7,655,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,110,828</u>	<u>\$ 12,765,828</u>

Future debt service requirements for the 2001 bonds are shown under the Super Sinker payment schedule, which the Corporation has used since the beginning of the debt retirement. The non Super Sinker payment schedule is not shown since it has not been used. The future debt service requirements under the Super Sinker payment schedule is as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ 375,000	\$ 448,050	\$ 823,050
2017	390,000	425,100	815,100
2018	500,000	398,400	898,400
2019	530,000	367,500	897,500
2020	555,000	334,950	889,950
2021-2025	3,310,000	1,116,300	4,426,300
2026-2027	1,995,000	133,050	2,128,050
	<u>\$ 7,655,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,223,350</u>	<u>\$10,878,350</u>

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The cost of issuing the bonds has been expensed because its provides no future benefit to the Organization. The total costs of the original bond issuance were \$337,672 and these costs were expensed in the period ending December 31, 2001. The total costs of the 2005 issue were \$165,459 and these costs were expensed in the period ending December 31, 2005.

The series 2005 Bonds are capital appreciation bonds, upon which the investment return on the investment principal is reinvested at a compounded rate until maturity. There are no scheduled principal and interest payments on these bonds other than their respective maturity dates, at which time a single payment is made representing principal and investment return. Such payments are as follows:

		Principal	Interest	Total
Series S1 payable	June 2038	\$ 713,160	\$ 2,947,369	\$ 3,660,529
Series S2 payable	June 2050	730,966	9,197,816	9,928,782
Series S3 payable	June 2055	649,493	16,117,354	16,766,847
Series S4A Payable	June 2060	734,367	32,192,723	32,927,090
Total		<u>\$2,827,986</u>	<u>\$60,455,262</u>	<u>\$ 63,283,248</u>

The following is a summary of the amount of accretion on the Series 2005 capital appreciation bonds assuming the projected debt service amortization:

2016	\$ 333,766
2017	355,822
2018	379,340
2019-2023	2,308,002
2024-2028	3,180,536
2029-2033	4,385,207
2034-2038	5,829,666
2039-2043	7,036,867
2044-2048	9,773,058
2049-2053	10,924,919
2054-2058	9,449,013
2059-2060	4,216,224
Future Total Accretion	<u>58,172,420</u>
Cumulative Interest 12/31/15	2,282,842
Principal 12/31/15	<u>2,827,986</u>
Estimated Total Debt Service	<u>\$63,283,248</u>

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NOTE 10 - Concentration of Credit Risk

During 2001, The Corporation purchased the rights to receive TSRs from the County of Cortland, New York. There are a number of risks associated with receipts of such TSRs, including litigation affecting participating manufacturers and possible bankruptcy as a result thereof, and future adjustments to the calculation of the TSRs. The Corporation's financial existence is contingent upon receiving TSRs from the tobacco manufacturers.

NOTE 11 - Commitments and Contingencies

There is litigation challenging the master settlement agreement. An adverse ruling in one or more of the litigation cases could have a material adverse effect on the amount of tobacco revenues available to the corporation to pay the Series 2005 TASC Bonds.

NOTE 12 - Subsequent Events

The organization has conducted an evaluation of potential subsequent events occurring after the statement of net position date through March 1, 2016, which is the date the financial statements are available to be issued. No subsequent events requiring disclosure were noted.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors of the  
Cortland Tobacco Asset  
Securitization Corporation  
Cortland, New York

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Cortland Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (the Corporation) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated March 1, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis by the Corporation's internal control. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

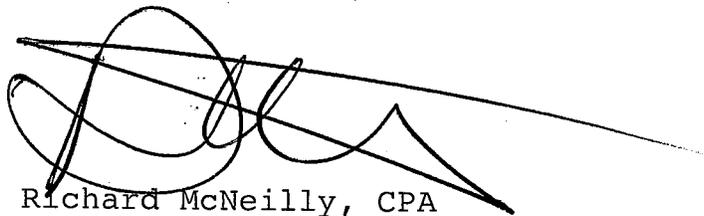
My consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Corporation's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

March 1, 2016



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