

# AUDITORS' REPORT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF DASHEN BANK SHARE COMPANY

We have audited the financial statements of Dashen Bank Share Company at 30 June 2009, the Profit and Loss Account, the Cash Flow Statement, and the related notes for the year then ended. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The directors' are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Their responsibilities include: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit and whether the financial statements are properly prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Commercial Code of Ethiopia and the Banking Business Proclamation No. 592/2008. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

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## Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

## Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements present fairly, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 2009 and its result for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Commercial Code of Ethiopia, the Banking Business Proclamation No. 592/2008 and the directives of the National Bank of Ethiopia.
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

We have no comment to make on the report of your directors in so far as it relates to these financial statements and pursuant to Article 375 of the 1960 Commercial Code of Ethiopia, recommend approval of the above-mentioned financial statements.



A.W. Thomas & Co.  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
(Auditors of the Dashen Bank S.C.)

Addis Ababa  
18 September 2009