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Chairman Report

On behalf of the Board Members and Management of the St Antoine Planters Co-operative

Trust, I am privileged once again to associate myself with this Annual Report for the period July

2020 to June 2021.

This Report highlights the achievements of the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust (SAPCT)

during the period under review and gives an insight of its objectives, its mandate, its staffing

structure and the framework within which the operations were carried out.

The SAPCT operated in conformity with the objectives set in the St Antoine Planters Co-

operative Trust Act, 1994 and in line with the principles of good governance. The SAPCT Board

Members and Management staff of the SAPCT fully support and are committed to the practices

of business integrity, transparency and professionalism, responsibility and ongoing compliance

with the Code of Corporate Governance.

Despite a drastic fall in revenue from investment of the SAPCT Fund due to the fall in the Repo

Rate set by the Central Bank of Mauritius in the wake of COVID-19. The SAPCT has

maintained the financial grants in term of Schemes for Cutting Loading and Transport and

Purchase of Sprayers to planters of the Ex-Saint Antoine Factory Area.

We look forward with much confidence to sustain the Trust's growth and the well being of the

Ex-Saint Antoine Sugar Factory Planters. To all my Board's colleagues, I would like to place on

record my sincere thanks and appreciation for their unflinching support and contribution for the

period under consideration. I would like to assure them that their dedication to the various

responsibilities entrusted to them is very much appreciated.

I am confident that this Trust will consistently deliver the servicers with excellence and hope that

this Annual Report will, no doubt, enlighten the readers about the activities carried out by the

SAPCT.

C. DABYDOYAL

Chairman SAPCT

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Statutory Information

Setting up of the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust

The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust (SAPCT) was set up by an Act of Parliament in the year 1994 with the objective of assisting sugarcane planters of Ex-St Antoine Sugar Factory Area for the enhancement and development of their sugarcane plantation.

The Office Address

The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust Office is located on the 2nd Floor, NPF Building, Goodlands.

Business Hours of the SAPCT:

During Week Days: 09:00 hrs. till 16:00 hrs. On Saturday: 09:00 hrs. till 11:00 hrs.

Objectives of the SAPCT

- To receive and manage the funds obtained from the Societé Usinière de St Antoine and from any other organizations including the Government.
- ➤ To provide loan facilities to planters for de-rocking, mechanization and any other allied agricultural activities.
- > To devise and implement irrigation projects for the benefit of the planters.
- ➤ To finance schemes for providing assistance to the planters for cutting, loading and transport of sugarcane.
- > To assist planters in the acquisition of light farm equipments, implements and tools.
- > To provide support services to Agricultural Co-operatives Societies in which the planters are members.
- ➤ To finance any other activities and schemes aimed at assisting planters to improve the production level and efficiency generally.

Vision

The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust was set up in the view to help or assist sugarcane planters of the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area to achieve continuous and sustainable development of their sugarcane plantations.

Mission Statement

In line with its statutory objectives, the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust shall:

- a) Partner with the sugarcane planting community of the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area by providing the necessary support and assistance for the planters to prosper.
- b) Formulate new strategies/plans to help planters of the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area to improve sugarcane production.

Strategic Plan 2020-2024

The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust has always played a significant and supportive role in the development of the sugarcane sector in the Saint Antoine Factory region.

The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust will continue to provide the necessary assistance and support to the sugarcane planters in the Ex Saint Antoine Factory Area.

The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust will manage its fund in a sustainable manner so that planters of the Ex St Antoine Factory Area can benefit from the Special Support Schemes introduced since 2016.

The SAPCT reserves the right to amend/cease operation of these schemes depending on the availability of funds.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Act

The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust is governed by the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust Act 1994 and it operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives.

The Board of the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust consists of:

- (i) A Chairman;
- (ii) A representative of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives;
- (iii) A representative of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development;
- (iv) A representative of the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security;
- (v) A representative of Mauritius Cane Industry Authority;
- (vi) A representative of the Mauritius Co-operative Agricultural Federation Ltd;
- (vii) Four Planters representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies operating in the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area; and
- (viii) A representative of Individual Planters operating in the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area.

The Chairman and the Members of the Board are appointed by the Minister responsible for the subject of co-operatives and hold office for a period of two years and shall be eligible for reappointment.

The Trust has Secretary/Manager appointed by the Board. The Secretary/Manager works under the direct supervision of the Board and is responsible for the execution of the Board's policies and for the day to day management of the affairs of the Trust.

Board Trustees' Remuneration

The remuneration and other benefits received by the members of the Board of Trustees for the financial year 2020/21 amounted to Rs 345,175 as compared to Rs 368,185 for the financial year 2019/20.

Risk Management

The Organization Risk Management Framework, operational since 2014 is now an essential strategic tool to ensure that SAPCT achieves its objectives. Risk Management is now embedded in both SAPCT operations and organization's culture.

The SAPCT Board has the ultimate responsibility for risk management. This responsibility is then delegated to the Secretary/Manager for day—to-day management. This exercise is done on a regular basis by the Secretary/Manager. Result of this exercise is then discussed with the SAPCT Board and necessary action is taken as per Board decision.

The three top risks identified and being constantly managed and monitored at Board and management level are:

(i) Fund Investment Risk

Investing all the funds with one banking institution is quite risky. To reduce the risk the Board had set up an investment threshold that should be respected whenever an investment is being made.

(ii) Risk of events which may affect business continuity

There are many events that can prevent the organization from continuing its normal operations. The SAPCT has identified events for which it is prepared.

(iii) Risk of non-compliance to statutory requirements

The SAPCT Act and Statutory Bodies (Account & Audit) Act lays down the statutory requirement in respect of submission of statements to assess the efficiency of the organization, submission of an Annual Report including the financial statements within four month of the end of the financial year to the Director of Audit. Given the existence of various constraints which may hamper the achievement of these statutory obligations, SAPCT has recognized same as a risk that should be managed.

Management responsibility for the Internal Control System

The management is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal systems relevant to the SAPCT functions including controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

Such systems should ensure that all functions are in line with best practices, that all transactions are authorized and recorded and that any material weaknesses or irregularities are detected and rectified within reasonable time-frame. Controls are reviewed on an on-going basis by the management and Board.

The Board is kept informed of the progress on the implementation of the recommendations either through feedback reports from management or by follow-up exercise.

C. DABYDOYAL

Chairman SAPCT

R. RUNNOO

Secretary/Manager SAPCT

Directors of the Trust

The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust is managed by a Board of Trustees and comprises of eleven (11) Board members.

Board of Trustees for the year ended 30 June 2021

S/N	Names	Representative
1	Mr. Nackchhed Vijay	Chairman SAPCT (Appointed by the Hon. Minister as from February 2020)
2	Mr. Sobnath Devanand / Alt. Mrs. P. Basanta Lala- Balgobin (till September 2020)	Representative of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division).
3	Mr. Cyparsade Bheesam Sharma (September 2020 till June 2021)	Representative of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division).
4	Miss Kishtoo Hilda Alt. Mrs. Dilmamode Shabneez	Representative of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development.
5	Mrs. D. Takoory / Alt. Mr. Dahal Hayman Coomar (Till April 2020)	Representative of the Ministry of Agro Industry & Food Security.
6	Miss Raggoo Deenishabye (As from 21 April 2021)	Representative of the Ministry of Agro Industry & Food Security.
7	Mr. Jhurry Luckraj Alt. Mrs. Cahoolessur Kumari	Representative of the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority.
8	Mr. Goburdhun Dineshsing Alt. Mr. Seeam Kamless	Representative of the Mauritius Cooperative Agricultural Federation Ltd
9	Mr. Appanah Virendranath	Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area
10	Mr. Ramsurrun Kessordath	Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area
11	Mr. Bholah Arun Kumar	Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area
12	Mr. Joommun Muhammad N.	Representative of Individual Planters
13	Mr. Toofanee Kesswar	Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area

Profile of Board Members

- Mr. Vijay NACKCHHED, Advisor in Cooperative Matters at the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives.
- Mr. Devanand SOBNATH, Ag. Secretary for Cooperative Development and is the representative of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division).
- Mr. Bheesam Sharma CYPARSADE Assistant Permanent Secretary and is the representative of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives (Cooperatives Division).
- Miss Hilda KISHTOO/Mrs. Shabneez DILMAMODE, Analyst/Senior Analyst is the representative of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development.
- Mrs. Damyantee TAKOORY/Mr. Hayman Coomar DAHAL, Assistant Permanent Secretary and is the representative of the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.
- Miss Deenishabye RAGGOO Assistant Permanent Secretary and is the representative of the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.
- Mr. Luckraj JHURRY, Manager, Planning and Policy Unit, is the representative of the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority.
- Mr. Dineshsing GOBURDHUN, General Manager, representative of the Mauritius Co-operative Agricultural Federation Ltd.
- Mr. Virendranath APPANAH, Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area.
- Mr. Kessordath RAMSURRUN, Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area.
- Mr. Arun Kumar BHOLAH, Secretary of Gandhi Co-operative Credit Society and Planter, representing the Interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area.
- Mr. Muhammad Naadir JOOMMUN, Planter is the representative of Individual Planters of the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area.
- Mr. Kesswar TOOFANEE, Planter representing the Interest of Co-operative Credit Societies operating in the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area.

Profile of the Secretary/Manager

• Mr. Ritesh RUNNOO is bearer of a Master in Business Administration in Financial Risk Management.

Board Meetings and Committees

During the financial year 2020/21, the Board of Trustees met in session **six times** to regulate the affairs of the Trust and the attendances were as follows:

S/N	Names	Position	No. of Meeting Held	No. of Meeting Attended	Board Fees (Rs)
1	Mr. Vijay Nackchhed	Chairman, SAPCT	6	5	234,360
2	Mr. Devanand Sobnath	Representative of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives.	6	2	1,780
3	Mr. Bheesam Sharma Cyparsade	Representative of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives.	6	4	3,560
4	Mrs. Damyantee Takoory	Representative of the Ministry of Agro – Industry and Food Security.	6	1	890
5	Mr. Luckraj Jhurry	Representative of the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority.	6	6	5,340
6	Miss Kishtoo Hilda	Representative of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development.	6	6	5,340
7	Miss Deenishabye Raggoo	Representative of the Ministry of Agro – Industry and Food Security.	6	1	890
8	Mr. Virendranath Appanah	Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex St Antoine Factory Area.	6	4	3,560
9	Mr. Kessordath Ramsurrun	Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex St Antoine Factory Area.	6	6	5,340
10	Mr. Arun Kumar Bholah	Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex St Antoine Factory Area.	6	6	5,340

Board Meetings and Committees (cont'd)

S/N	Names	Position	No. of Meeting Held	No. of Meeting Attended	Board Fee (Rs)
10	Mr. Naadir M.	Representative of Individual	6	4	3,560
	Joommun	planters.			
11	Mr. Kesswar	Planter representing the			
	Toofanee	interest of Co-operative Credit			
		Societies, operating in the Ex	6	3	2,670
		St Antoine Factory Area.			
12	Mr. Dineshsing	Representative of the			
	Goburdhun	Mauritius Co-operative	6	5	4,450
		Agricultural Federation Ltd			
Total	Board Fees paid du	ıring the year			277,080

Major Decisions taken by the SAPCT Board of Trustees

During the financial year 2020/21 the Board met on several occasions to monitor the activities of the Trust. The following major decisions were taken by the Board.

- (i) Decision to maintain the Grant Schemes but at a reduced rate due to a drastic fall in SAPCT revenue.
- (ii) Development of the SAPCT Web Site (sapctmu.com).
- (iii) To extend the deadline for application of SAPCT Grant Schemes till 30th June 2021.
- (iv) Formulate new strategies to support sugarcane planters of Ex-St Antoine Factory Area.

Sub-Committee

In discharging its duties, the Board delegates specific responsibilities to the Sub-Committee. These Sub-Committees operate within clearly defined terms of reference. The structure under which the Trust operates ensures effectiveness in the operation of the Trust. Report of the Sub-Committee meetings are presented to the Board for consideration and where required, for further deliberation.

1. Sub Finance Committee

During the financial year 2020/21, **two** Sub Finance Committee Meetings were held. The Members of the Sub Finance Committee were:

S/N	Names	Position	No. of Meeting Held	No. of Meeting Attended	Sub Committee Fee (Rs)
1	Miss Hilda Kishtoo	Representative of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development	2	2	2,240
2	Mr. Devanand Sobnath	Representative of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives.	2	1	815
3	Mr. Bheesam Sharma Cyparsade	Representative of the Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives.	2	1	815
4	Mr. Naadir M. Joommun	Representative of Individual planters.	2	1	1,630
5	Mr. Kessordath Ramsurrun (Alternate)	Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex St Antoine Factory Area.	2	1	815
Total Sub Committee Fee paid during the year					

2. Technical Sub-Committee

During the Financial Year 2020/21, **one** Technical Sub-Committees were held. Members of the Technical Sub-Committee were:

S/N	Names	Position	No. of Meeting Held	No. of Meeting Attended	Technical Sub Committee Fee
1	Mr. Dineshsing Goburdhun	Representative of the Mauritius Co-operative Agricultural Federation Ltd	1	1	1,120
2	Mr. Kesswar Toofanee	Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex Saint Antoine Factory Area.	1	1	815
3	Mr. Kessorduth Ramsurrun	Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex Saint Antoine Factory Area.	1	1	815
4	Mr. Virendranath Appanah	Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex Saint Antoine Factory Area.	1	1	815
5	Mr. Arun Kumar Bholah	Planter representing the interest of Co-operative Credit Societies, operating in the Ex Saint Antoine Factory Area.	1	1	815
Total	Technical Sub Con	nmittee Fee paid during the year	•	•	4,380

During the financial year ended 30^{th} June 2021, a total amount of Rs 345,175 had been disbursed for Board fees and allowances.

Particulars	Amount (Rs)
Board Fees for FY 2020-21	277,080
Sub Finance Committee	5,500
Sub Finance Committee accrued for FY 2019/20	815
Technical Sub Committee	4,380
Total Board and Committee Fees	287,775
Travelling Refund	47,800
Phone and Internet Allowance	9,600
Total Board Fees and Allowances	345,175

Staffing of the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust

The current staffing of the SAPCT comprises of a full time Secretary/Manager and a part-time cleaner.

Auditors of the Trust

The National Audit Office is the mandated auditor as per Section 7(3) of the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust Act 1994.

Bankers of the Trust

The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust had invested funds in the following Financial Institutions:

- (i) State Bank of Mauritius Ltd (SBM Ltd);
- (ii) MAU Bank Ltd;
- (iii) Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd;
- (iv) Bank One Ltd;
- (v) ABSA Bank (Mauritius) Ltd (Previously known as Barclays Bank Ltd);
- (vi) SBI Mauritius Ltd; and
- (vii) Bank of Baroda

Schemes operated by SAPCT for planters of the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area

A. Loan Schemes

S/N	Schemes	Interes t Rate	Repayment Period	Amount per	Maximum Limit (Rs)
1	NI Di	t Kate	Periou	Acre (Rs)	` ′
1	New Plantation with	3%	6 Years	Cane:	Cane:
	Bulldozing for Sugarcane and Interline/Rotational Food	3%	o rears	50,000 Food Crop:	750,000
	crops Cultivation.			30,000	Food Crop: 450,000
2	New Plantation without			Cane:	Cane:
	Bulldozing for Cane			40,000	600,000
	Cultivation and	3%	6 Years	Food Crop:	Food Crop:
	Interline/Rotation Food Crop	370	0 Tears	30,000	450,000
	Cultivation			30,000	450,000
3	One year Crop Loan	0%	1 Year	15,000	225,000
	(up-keep of canes)				,
4	Loan for Irrigation Purposes	3%	6 Years	100,000	500,000
5	De Rocking Loan	3%	6 Years	40,000	600,000
6	Loan to Co-operative	3%	Depending		Depending on
	Societies		on type of	-	type of Loan
			loan		
7	Loan for the Purchase of light				
	Agricultural Equipments,	3%	6 Years	50,000	100,000
	Implements and Tools				
8	Loan for Fencing of	3%	6 Years	100,000	500,000
_	Sugarcane Fields				
9	Loan for the Purchase of		6 Years	Motor Cycles	50,000
	Motor Cycles, Single Cab	3%		Single Cab	400,000
	open box and Sugarcane			Double Cab	500,000
4.0	Transport (Lorry/Vehicle)			S.C Transport	500,000
10	Extension of Moratorium	Repayment Period			
	period to two years in case of	The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust will, on case			
	Flood, Drought and Fire for	basis, consider the extension of the Moratorium Period to			
	New Plantation and /or Re-	a maximum of Two Years in case of Flood, Drought and Fire for New Plantation and/or Re-Scheduling of the			
	Scheduling of Loan				eduling of the
	Repayment Period	Loan Rej	payment period		

B. Grant Schemes

S/N	Schemes		Amount Per(Rs) Maximum Limit (1				
1	Grant	Scheme	for	the	50% of the cost of one	Up to a Maximum amount of	
	Purchas	e of Spraye	r		Sprayer per planter every	Rs 1,800 per planter every	
					five years	five crop years	
2	Grant Purchas	Scheme e of Fertiliz	for ers	the	Phosphate or other recommended fertilizers up to a		
					maximum of 5 bags per Arpent every crop year; or A Grant of Rs 75 per 25 kg bag of 17-8-25/Triple Super Phosphate or other recommended fertilizers up to a maximum of 10 bags per Arpent every crop year.		
3	Grant Loading Sugarca	-	or Cutt insport	ting, of	A Grant of Rs 60 per ton of	Sugarcane every Crop Year.	

C. Projects

1	Road Mending	The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust undertakes
	Schemes/Projects	Road Mending works for eligible planters in the Ex-St
		Antoine Factory Area to ease and facilitate access to
		fields and transportation of Sugarcane to Sugar Mills. The
		SAPCT fully funds the expenses incurred in the Road
		Mending Process.

Contact with Planters of the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area

Planters of the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area call at the SAPCT Office to seek information on the schemes being operated by the SAPCT.

SAPCT Loan Disbursement and Management

Request for loans are processed by the Board of SAPCT and approved for submission to the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd (DBM) for consideration. The DBM further examines the application for loan and make the disbursement for those satisfying all the eligibility criteria.

These loan disbursements to planters are made by the DBM out of a Saving Deposit Account of the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust.

The Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd also manages the repayment of loans disbursed to planters of the Ex-St Antoine Factory Area.

A Management Fee of 2% per annum is paid to the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd by the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust on the sanctioned loan amount.

Disbursement of Loans by the SAPCT

Hereunder is a comparative table showing the trend in the demand for loan.

Comparative Statistic for Loan disbursed for the last 14 years.

Financial Years	Loan Disbursed (Rs)
Year 2005-2006	573,800
Year 2006-2007	225,425
Year 2007-2008	396,200
Year 2008-2009	150,000
Year 2009-2010 (18 Months)	484,500
Year 2011	42,300
Year 2012	77,500
Year 2013	90,000
Year 2014	50,000
Year 2015	-
Year 2016-2017 (18 Months)	-
Year 2017/18	-
Year 2018/19	-
Year 2019/20	-
Year 2020/21	-

Loan Beneficiaries

As at 30 June 2021, 215 planters benefited from loan facilities, amounting to a total of Rs 3,296,725 under different Schemes operated by the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust since its establishment.

Decline in Loan demand

There has been a decline in loan demanded by planters. The reasons may be attributed to:

- (i) Decrease in the price of sugar;
- (ii) Shortage of man-labour;
- (iii) High cost of transport of sugarcane to factory;
- (iv) High costs of fertilizers and labour; and
- (v) Frequent fire break-outs in sugarcane fields.
- (vi) Decreasing return from sugarcane

Comparative Statistics for Loan Debtors

Financial Year Ended	Debtors Balance
	Rs
30.06.2005	3,661,000
30.06.2006	3,461,000
30.06.2007	2,540,000
30.03.2008	2,086,000
30.06.2009	1,928,000
31.12.2010 (18 Months)	1,623,393
31.12.2011	1,153,211
31.12.2012	712,687
31.12.2013	505,282
31.12.2014	357,922
31.12.2015	226,303
30.06.2017 (18 Months)	58,540
30.06.2018	58,540
30.06.2019	58,540
30.06.2020	58,540
30.06.2021	58,540

Amount disbursed by the SAPCT for the year ended 30 June 2021 on SAPCT Grant Schemes.

	FY 202	20-21	FY 201	19-20
Grant Schemes	No of Beneficiaries	Amount Disbursed (Rs)	No of Beneficiaries	Amount Disbursed (Rs)
Cutting, Loading, Transport	138	549,423.30	148	886,797.75
Purchase of Sprayers	5	8,000.30	3	4,650
Total	143	557,423.60	151	891,447.75

The amount disbursed as Grant Schemes for the financial year 2020/21 has experienced a fall compared to the previous year. The reasons for this fall are:

- (i) A decrease in the rate paid as grant on Cutting, Loading and Transport from Rs 75 per Ton to Rs 60 per Ton of Sugar cane produced.
- (ii) Fall in applications received due to COVID Pandemic.

Statement of Management Responsibilities

- The accounting policies used by The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust are as stated in the financial statements and are consistent with those of previous year.
- Adequate accounting records and an effective system of internal controls and risk management have been maintained.
- We have made available to the National Audit Office all books of account and supporting documentations and all minutes of meetings and no such information has been withheld.
- To our knowledge the financial statements are free of material misstatements including omissions. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements.
- We have no plans that may alter materially the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
- Except as disclosed in the financial statements, the result of operations for the year were not materially affected by transactions of an extraordinary or abnormal nature or of a sort not usually undertaken by the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust or items relating to a prior year.
- The Code of Corporate Governance has been adhered to.
- The external auditors are responsible for reporting on whether the financial statements are fairly presented.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf.

Mr. C. DABYDOYAL

Mr. R. RUNNOO

Chairman

Secretary/Manager

Date: 30th March 2022



REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT

On the Financial Statements of the St. Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust for the year ended 30 June 2021

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

ST ANTOINE PLANTERS CO-OPERATIVE TRUST

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in net assets/equity, cash flow statement and statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust as at 30 June 2021, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs).

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). 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 am independent of the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust in accordance with the INTOSAI Code of Ethics, together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Mauritius, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in my professional judgment, were of most significance in my audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of my audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming my opinion thereon, and I do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

I have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in my report.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report of the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust, but does not include the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs), 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust'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 intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible of overseeing the St Antoine Planters Cooperative Trust's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are 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 ISSAIs, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatement 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 ISSAIs, I exercise professional judgement 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 St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of 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 St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust'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 St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust 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.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. I describe these matters in my auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or, when, in extremely rare circumstances, I determine that a matter should not be communicated in my report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to overweight the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Management's Responsibilities for Compliance

In addition to the responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements described above, management is also responsible to ensure that the St Antoine Planters Cooperative Trust's operations are conducted in accordance with the provision of laws and regulations, including compliance with the provisions of laws and regulations that determine the reported amounts and disclosures in an entity's financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibilities

In addition to the responsibility to express an opinion on the financial statements described above, I am also responsible to report to the Board of Trustees whether:

- (a) I have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit;
- (b) the Statutory Bodies (Accounts and Audit) Act and any directions of the Minister, in so far as they relate to the accounts, have been complied with;
- (c) in my opinion, and as far as could be ascertained from my examination of the financial statements submitted to me, any expenditure incurred is of an extravagant or wasteful nature, judged by normal commercial practice and prudence;
- (d) in my opinion, the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust has been applying its resources and carrying out its operations fairly and economically; and
- (e) the provisions of part V of the public Procurement Act regarding the budding process have been complied with.

I performed procedures, including the assessment of the risks of material non-compliance, to obtain audit evidence to discharge the above responsibilities.

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

Statutory Bodies (Account and Audit) Act

I have obtained all information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief

were necessary for the purpose of my audit.

As far as it could be ascertained from my examination of the relevant records:

(a) the St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust has complied with the Statutory Bodies (Account

and Audit) Act; and

(b) no direction relating to the accounts has been issued by the responsible Minister to the St

Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust.

Based on my examination of the records of St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust, nothing has

come to my attention that causes me to believe that:

(a) expenditure incurred was of an extravagant or wasteful nature, judged by normal commercial

practice and prudence; and

(b) the Trust has not applied its resources and carried out its operations fairly and economically.

Public Procurement Act

In my opinion, the provisions of Part V of the Act have been complied with as far as it could be

ascertained from my examination of the relevant records.

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Director of Audit

National Audit Office

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Air Mauritius Centre

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13 April 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
ASSETS		Rs	Rs
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalent	6	7,282,902	4,357,087
Trade and other receivables	4	1,129792	3,990,524
Loan Receivables	5	58,540	58,540
Investments	3	60,000,000	70,000,000
Total Current Assets		68,471,234	78,406,151
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	2	7,257	9,135
investments	3	20,000,000	10,000,000
Total Non-Current Assets		20,007,257	10,009,135
TOTAL ASSETS		88,478,491	88,415,286
LIABILITIES	•		
Current liabilities		-	-
Total liabilities		-	_
Net Assets		88,478,491	88,415,286
Net Assets/Equity			
General fund		88,478,491	88,415,286
Total Net Assets/Equity		88,478,491	88,415,286

The Financial Statements have been prepared in compliance with the Accrual International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs).

Approved in Board Meeting held on 30th March 2022

Mr. C. DABYDOYAL

Chairman

Mr. V. APPANAH
Board Member

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
Revenue from Exchange Transactions		Rs	Rs
Interest Income	7	1,586,630	2,918,095
Refund (Secretary Travelling Allowance for April 2020)		-	4,160
Stale cheque credited back to income		255	-
Total Revenue		1,586,885	2,922,255
Expenses			
Administrative Expenses	8	445,771	511,642
Staff Costs	9	518,608	493,436
Depreciation		1,878	1,612
Payment of Grant Schemes		557,423	891,447
Internal Audit Fee		-	10,200
Total Expenses		1,523,680	1,908,337
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		63,205	1,013,918

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

General Fund	Rs
General fund as at 1st July 2019	87,401,368
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	1,013,918
Balance as at 30 th June 2020	88,415,286
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	63,205
Balance as at 30 th June 2021	88,478,491

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	Rs	Rs
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	63,205	1,013,918
Non Cash Movements		
Depreciation	1,878	1,612
	65,083	1,015,530
(Increase) / Decrease in Trade Receivables	2,860,732	(1,301,659)
Increase / (Decrease) in Trade Payables	-	(100)
Net cash flow from operating activities	2,925,815	(286,229)
Cash flow from investing activities		
Purchase of equipment	-	(2,900)
Net cash used in investing activities		(2,900)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Investments matured during the Financial Year	70,000,000	33,000,000
Investments during the Financial Year	(70,000,000)	(35,000,000)
Net cash flow from financing activities		(2,000,000)
Net Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,925,815	(2,289,129)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	4,357,087	6,646,216
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	7,282,902	4,357,087

STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Original Budget	Actual Amount	Difference: Budget and Actual
Revenue	Rs	Rs	Rs
Revenue	4,335,000	4,447,362	112,362
Expenses (excluding depreciation)			
Administrative expenses	550,000	445,771	104,229
Staff costs	510,000	518,608	(8,608)
Grant Schemes	1,300,000	557,423	742,577
Total Expenses	2,360,000	1,521,802	838,198
Budgeted / Actual Surplus/(Deficit)	1,975,000	2,925,560	950,560

Material differences are explained at Note 10.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 REPORTING ENTITY

The St Antoine Planters Co-operative Trust (SAPCT) was set up by an Act of Parliament in the year 1994 with the objective of assisting sugarcane planters of Ex - Saint Antoine Sugar Factory Area for the enhancement and development of their sugarcane plantation.

The main objectives of the SAPCT are:

- (a) To receive and manage the funds obtained from the Societé Usinière de St Antoine and from any other organizations including the Government;
- (b) To provide loan facilities to planters for de-rocking, mechanization and any other allied agricultural activities;
- (c) To devise and implement irrigation projects for the benefit of the planters;
- (d) To finance schemes for providing assistance to the planters for cutting, loading and transport of sugarcane;
- (e) To assist planters in the acquisition of light farm equipment, implements and tools;
- (f) To provide support services to Agricultural Cooperatives Societies in which the Planters are members; and
- (g) To finance any other activities and schemes aimed at assisting planters to improve the production level and efficiency generally.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

(a) Statement of Compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards ("IPSAS") issued by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) which is a Board of the International Federation of Accountants Committee (IFAC).

First time adoptions have been applied for the financial year ended 30th June 2021. Previously the financial statements were being prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards for Small Entities.

(b) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period. They have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

(c) Use of Estimate

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IPSAS requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period.

In the application of the SAPCT's accounting policies, which are described in Note 4, management are required to make judgements, estimates, and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant.

Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the estimate affects only that period or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. Estimates include but are not limited to fair valuation of inventories, accounts receivables, accrued charges, contingent assets and liabilities, and degree of impairment of property, plant and equipment and intangibles.

(d) Functional and Presentation of Currency

The financial statements are presented in Mauritian Rupees.

Roundings have been done where applicable to the nearest rupee.

(e) Reporting Date

Financial Statements have been prepared for the year 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Comparatives figures relate to the Period 01 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

(f) Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of the financial performance and financial position on an accrual basis using historical cost are followed in the preparation of the financial statements.

Cash flows are reported on a cash basis.

3 IPSAS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

IPSAS 3 (Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors) requires disclosure of new IPSAS that have been issued but are not yet effective:

(a) IPSAS 41- Financial Instruments

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 01 January 2022.

(b) IPSAS 42 – Social Benefits

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022.

4 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies of the trust are as follows:

4.1 Revenue Recognition

Revenue from Exchange Transactions

The revenue of the Trust is from Interest income and it has been recognized on an accrual basis.

4.2 Expenses

All expenses have been accounted on an accrual basis.

4.3 <u>Comparative Figures</u>

When there is a change in accounting policy with retrospective effect, comparative

figures are restated in accordance with the new policy.

4.4 Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are initially recognized as assets at cost if it is

probable that future economic benefits associated with the items will flow to the Trust

and their costs can be measured reliably.

Depreciation is calculated on straight-line basis to recognize the consumption of

economic benefits of an asset over its useful life. The annual rates used are as follows:

Furniture and Fittings 10%

Computer and Accessories 20%

Office Equipment 10%

4.5 Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized when the Trust becomes a party to

the contractual provisions of the financial instruments until such time when the rights to

receive cash flows from those assets have expired or have been transferred and the Trust

has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial Assets

The Trust's financial assets include investments, cash and cash equivalents, trade and

other receivables & loans and other receivables.

Investments

Investments comprise of Fixed Deposits at different commercial banks.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and cash in hand.

Trade and Other Receivables

Trade and other receivables are measured at fair value.

Loans and Other Receivables

Loans comprise advances made to planters under different Schemes operated by the Trust since its establishment.

The DBM manages the repayment of loans and charges a management fee of 2% per annum, on the sanctioned loan amount.

4.6 Use of Estimates and Judgement

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Financial Statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results ultimately may differ from these estimates.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Furniture & Fittings RS	Computer & Accessories Rs	Office Equipment Rs	Total Rs
Cost				
At 1 July 2020	63,170	90,959	57,560	211,689
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 30 Jun 2021	63,170	90,959	57,560	211,689
Depreciation				
At 1 July 2020	59,855	90,959	51,740	202,554
Charge for the year	390	-	1,488	1,878
At 30 June 2021	60,245	90,959	53,228	204432
Net Carrying Amount				
At 30 June 2021	2,925	-	4,332	7,257
At 30 June 2020	3,315	-	5,820	9,135

Land and Building

The SAPCT is occupying the Land and Building owned by the National Pension Fund since November 2012. No rental is being paid by the SAPCT.

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3. Investments

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	Rs	Rs
Bank One Ltd	15,000,000	45,000,000
MAU Bank Ltd	10,000,000	35,000,000
ABSA Bank (Mauritius) Ltd (Ex-Barclays Bank)	45,000,000	-
Bank of Baroda	10,000,000	-
	80,000,000	80,000,000
Non-Current	20,000,000	10,000,000
Current	60,000,000	70,000,000
	80,000,000	80,000,000

4. Trade and Other Receivables

	30June 2021	30 June 2020	
	Rs	Rs	
Bank One	30,616	3,275,904	
MAU Bank Ltd	568,956	714,620	
ABSA Bank (Mauritius) Ltd	463,288	-	
Bank of Baroda	66.932	-	
	1,129,792	3,990524	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. Loan Receivables

DBM Loan Debtors	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	Rs	Rs
Balance at 1st July	58,540	58,540
Loan issued during the year	-	-
	58,540	58,540
Loan repaid during the year	-	-
Balance at 30 th June	58,540	58,540

6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	Rs	Rs
Current Account SBM Ltd	72,038	19,544
Current Account Bank One	198,112	(26,099)
Savings Account SBM Ltd	50	50
Savings Account Bank One Ltd	2,358,299	7,658
Savings Account MAUBANK Ltd	1,913,338	1,725,646
Savings Account DBM Ltd	2,731,268	2,625,351
Call Deposit Account Barclays Bank Mauritius Ltd	785	900
Savings Account SBI Mauritius Ltd	4,037	4,037
Savings Account Bank of Baroda	4,975	
TOTAL	7,282,902	4,357,087

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. Interest Income

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	Rs	Rs
Interest Received on Fixed Deposits		
MAUBank Ltd	735,489.34	-
Bank One Ltd	3,601,586.95	-
Barclays Bank Mauritius Ltd	-	1,030,000
SBI (Mauritius) Ltd	-	440,012.36
Interest Received on Savings Accounts		
Interest Received Bank One Ltd (Savings)	343.02	-
Interest Received MAU Bank Ltd (Savings)	4,026.73	44,341.75
Interest Received DBM Ltd (Savings)	105,916.61	102,081.83
Interest Received on Loan DBM Ltd	-	-
	4,447,362.65	1,616,435.94
Add: Interest Receivable		
Bank One Ltd	30,616.56	3,275,903.89
MAU Bank Ltd	568,956.16	714,620.64
ABSA Bank (Mauritius) Ltd	463,287.66	-
Bank of Baroda	66,931.50	-
Less Interest Receivable last year	(3,990,524.53)	(2,688,865.36)
	-2,860,732.65	1,301,656.17
Total Interest Income	1,586,630.00	2,918,095.11

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. Administrative Expenses

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	Rs	Rs
Board fees and allowances	345,175	368,185
Cleaning fees	23,500	20,500
Bank Charges	7,833	5,348
Telephone	6,393.70	6,591
General Expenses	1,843	1,975
Printing and Stationary	15,364.50	15,443
SAPCT End of Year Get Together	24,970	-
SAPCT Web Site Development Cost	20,500	-
Overtime Payment (Board Meeting)	192.02	-
Sponsorship for National Award for Co-Operatives	-	50,000
Audit Fee	-	40,000
Penalty paid to MRA	-	1,070
Electrical Maintenance	<u>-</u>	2,530
	445,771.22	511,642

9. Staff Costs

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	Rs	Rs
Secretary Salary	471,970	449,220
NPF/CSG contribution	22,638	24,376
Pension Contribution at SICOM Ltd	24,000	24,000
Travelling Refund for the month of April 2020	<u> </u>	(4,160)
	518,608	493,436

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

10. Comparison of Budget with Actual

The SAPCT presents its Financial Statements and Expenditure Budget on an accrual basis and cash basis respectively. The original expenditure budget covers the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

- (i) Revenue surplus pertains to actual revenue from fixed deposits computed by the banks exceeding the budgeted projections and bank interest on savings accounts.
- (ii) The difference under Grant Schemes occurred due to less payments effected because planters availed of free fertilizers under the Advance supply of Fertilizers Scheme to Sugarcane Planters for Crop Year 2020-21 under government policy.

11. Related Party Transactions

No related party transactions took place during the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

12. Board Remuneration

The remuneration of Board members during the year was as follows:

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	Rs	Rs
Allowances to Board Members	345,175	368,185

The amount paid as Board fees shows a decrease compared to last year due to confinement.

13. Contingent Liability

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021, there was no pending litigation, claim, judgment or settlement to which the Trust was a party, or of any transactions or charges in the Trust's policies or business activities.