



**NORTHERN WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY
WOOD COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2007



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Northern Wood County Port Authority
Wood County
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Northern Wood County Port Authority, Wood County (the Port Authority) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Port Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. 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. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Northern Wood County Port Authority as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 27, 2008, on our consideration of the Port Authority's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Managements Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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October 27, 2008

**NORTHERN WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006
UNAUDITED**

The discussion and analysis of the Northern Wood County Port Authority's (Port Authority) financial performance provides an overall review of the Port Authority's financial activities for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Port Authority's financial performance as a whole; readers are encouraged to consider information presented here as well as the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Port Authority's financial performance.

Using this Financial Report

This annual report consists of two parts, the MD&A and the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include a statement of net assets, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets and a statement of cash flows. Since the Port Authority only uses one fund for its operations, the entity-wide and the fund presentation information is the same.

Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets

The Statement of Net Assets answers the question, "How did we do financially during 2007 and 2006?" This statement includes all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and current and long-term, using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. The basis of accounting takes into account all revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader whether, for the Port Authority as a whole, the financial position of the Port Authority has improved or diminished. However, in evaluating the overall position of the Port Authority, non-financial information will also need to be evaluated.

This section contains a condensed comparison of assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues and expenses and explanations for significant differences.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Port Authority's net assets for 2007, 2006, and 2005.

	2007	2006	2005
Table 1			
Net Assets			
Assets:			
<i>Current Assets:</i>			
Equity in Pooled Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$43,919	\$23,485	\$80,386
<i>Noncurrent Assets:</i>			
Note Receivable	20,000	50,000	
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,876	781	
<i>Total Noncurrent Assets</i>	21,876	50,781	
<i>Total Assets</i>	65,795	74,266	80,386
Liabilities:			
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>			
Accounts Payable	1,890	958	
Net Assets:			
Unrestricted	\$63,905	\$73,308	\$80,386

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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In 2006, total net assets decreased by \$7,078 due to a negative change in fund assets. Total liabilities increased by \$958 from 2005.

In 2007, total net assets decreased by \$9,403 due to a negative change in fund assets. Total liabilities increased by \$932 from 2006.

Table 2 shows the changes in net assets for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005. Total net assets decreased by \$7,078 in 2006. This number reflects a decrease in net assets due to incurring yearly expenses without the inflow of additional non-operating revenue. In 2007, total net assets decreased \$9,403. This number reflects a decrease in net assets due to incurring yearly expenses without the inflow of additional non-operating revenue.

**Table 2
Revenues and Expenses**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Advertising		\$1,754	
Audit Fees	\$1,140	83	
Board Member Compensation	1,275	1,525	
Dues and Subscriptions	100	135	
Entertainment	154	39	
Insurance and Bonding	3,123	3,650	\$9,222
Legal and Professional Fees	13,588	18,431	26,208
Office Expense	90	561	
Travel/Education	7,962		
Total Operating Expenses	<u>27,432</u>	<u>26,178</u>	<u>35,430</u>
Operating Loss	(27,432)	(26,178)	(35,430)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):			
Bond and Closing Transaction Fees		1,500	106,564
Contributions	15,000	15,000	15,000
Sale of Assets			50,000
Fiscal Charges			(40)
Intergovernmental			(50,000)
Interest	3,029	2,600	
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>18,029</u>	<u>19,100</u>	<u>121,524</u>
Change in Fund Net Assets	<u>(\$9,403)</u>	<u>(\$7,078)</u>	<u>\$86,094</u>

Contacting the Port Authority's Financial Management

This financial report is intended to provide our citizens, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Port Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Port Authority's accountability for the revenue it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Port Authority's General Counsel at the Northern Wood County Port Authority, 932 Dixie Hwy, Rossford, Ohio 43460-1333.

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**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

	2007	2006
Assets:		
<i>Current Assets:</i>		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$43,919	\$23,485
<i>Noncurrent Assets:</i>		
Note Receivable	20,000	50,000
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,876	781
<i>Total Noncurrent Assets</i>	21,876	50,781
<i>Total Assets</i>	\$65,795	\$74,266
Liabilities:		
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>		
Accounts Payable	\$1,890	\$958
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	\$63,905	\$73,308

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

	2007	2006
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Advertising		\$1,754
Audit Fees	\$1,140	83
Board Member Compensation	1,275	1,525
Dues and Subscriptions	100	135
Entertainment	154	39
Insurance and Bonding	3,123	3,650
Legal and Professional Fees	13,588	18,431
Office Expense	90	561
Travel/Education	7,962	
Total Operating Expenses	27,432	26,178
Operating Loss	(27,432)	(26,178)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES:		
Bond and Closing Transaction Fees		1,500
Contributions	15,000	15,000
Interest Income	3,029	2,600
Total Non-Operating Revenues	18,029	19,100
Change in Fund Net Assets	(9,403)	(7,078)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	73,308	80,386
Net Assets End of Year	\$63,905	\$73,308

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

	2007	2006
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		
<i>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</i>		
Cash Payments for Advertising		(\$1,754)
Cash Payments for Audit Expenses	(\$1,223)	
Cash Payments for Board Member Compensation	(800)	(1,175)
Cash Payments for Dues and Subscriptions	(100)	(135)
Cash Payments for Entertainment	(154)	(39)
Cash Payments for Legal and Professional Fees	(13,048)	(17,906)
Cash Payments for Insurance and Bonding	(3,123)	(3,650)
Cash Payments for Office Expense	(90)	(561)
Cash Payments for Travel/Continuing Education	(7,962)	
	<u>(26,500)</u>	<u>(25,220)</u>
<i>Net Cash Used by Operating Activities</i>		
<i>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities</i>		
Contributions	15,000	15,000
Bond and Closing Transaction Fees		1,500
Cash Transferred to Rossford Ohio Transportation Improvement District Note		(50,000)
Cash from Rossford Ohio Transportation Improvement District Note Repayment	30,000	
	<u>45,000</u>	<u>(33,500)</u>
<i>Net Cash Provided by (Used by) Noncapital Financing Activities</i>		
<i>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</i>		
Interest on Investments	1,934	1,819
	<u>1,934</u>	<u>1,819</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	20,434	(56,901)
<i>Cash Beginning of Year</i>	<u>23,485</u>	<u>80,386</u>
<i>Cash End of Year</i>	<u>\$43,919</u>	<u>\$23,485</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities		
Operating Loss	(\$27,432)	(\$26,178)
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Adjustments:</i>		
Increase in Accounts Payable	932	958
	<u>932</u>	<u>958</u>
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u>(\$26,500)</u>	<u>(\$25,220)</u>

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of the Northern Wood County Port Authority (the Port Authority), formerly known as Rossford/Perrysburg Township Joint Economic Development Authority/Port Authority, is presented to assist in understanding the entity's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the entity's management and board who are responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles for governmental agencies including those principles prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in the publication entitled *Audits of States, Local Governments* and by The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) (when applicable). The above policies have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

A. Reporting Entity

The Northern Wood County Port Authority, Wood County, is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio pursuant to the authority of Section 4582.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. It has territorial limits coterminous with the City of Rossford and Perrysburg Township. Since statutes prohibit the Township from providing financial resources to nonprofit organizations, the City and Township formed the Port Authority.

The Port Authority is governed by a five-member Board of Directors. Two members are appointed by the Board of Trustees, Perrysburg Township, two members are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Rossford with the advice and consent of Council, and one member is jointly appointed by the Board of Trustees of Perrysburg Township and the Mayor of the City of Rossford with the advice and consent of the City Council. The City and Township can provide financial resources to the Port Authority.

The Port Authority's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Port Authority is financial accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Port Authority have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Port Authority also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

The Port Authority's financial statements consist of a statement of net assets, a statement of revenue, expenses and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows.

The Port Authority uses a single enterprise fund to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net assets, financial position and cash flows. An enterprise fund may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus

The enterprise fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the Port Authority are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net assets presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Port Authority finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activity.

D. Fund Accounting

The Port Authority maintains an Enterprise Fund, a proprietary fund type, which is the general operating fund and is used to account for all financial resources of the Port Authority. This fund is used to account for operations that are similar to private business enterprises where management intends that the significant costs of providing certain goods or services will be recovered through user charges.

E. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Port Authority or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The Port Authority applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available. The Port Authority did not have any restricted net assets for 2007 and 2006.

F. Statement of Cash Flows

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Port Authority considers all short term investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time they are acquired to be cash equivalents.

G. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from primary activities. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or services that are the primary activity of the Port Authority.

H. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Monies held by the Port Authority are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Port Authority treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Port Authority treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the Board has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts. Interim monies held by the Port Authority can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – (Continued)

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Port Authority, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

Deposits

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the Port Authority will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, none of the Port Authority's bank balances was exposed to custodial credit risk.

The Port Authority has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the Port Authority or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

NOTE 3: NOTES RECEIVABLE

The Port Authority issued a \$50,000 promissory note to the Rossford Transportation Improvement District (RTID) on May 22, 2006. The loan was issued at 5% interest with a 3% administrative fee which was paid upon receipt of the reimbursement from grant funds on October 31, 2006. The RTID paid \$30,000 of the principal on January 23, 2007. The balance of the promissory note was extended from July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2009.

NOTE 4: RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Port Authority belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to over 550 Ohio governments ("Members").

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages, modified for each Member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the Member's deductible.

The Plan issues its own policies and reinsures the Plan with A- VII or better rated carriers, except the Plan retains the lesser of 15% or \$37,500 of casualty losses and the lesser of 10% or \$100,000 of property losses. Individual Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

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NOTE 4: RISK MANAGEMENT – (Continued)

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31:

	2007	2006
Assets	\$11,136,455	\$9,620,148
Liabilities	(4,273,553)	(3,329,620)
Members' Equity	\$6,862,902	\$6,290,528

You can read the complete audited financial statements for The Ohio Government Risk Management Plan at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.

NOTE 5: FINANCING ACTIVITY

During fiscal year 2007 and 2006, the Port Authority received operating monies from the City of Rossford and Perrysburg Township totaling \$15,000 and \$15,000, respectively.

NOTE 6: CONDUIT DEBT

OI Levis Park STS, Inc.

In November 2005, the Port Authority issued \$10,570,000 of Rossford/Perrysburg Township Joint Economic Development Authority/Port Authority Taxable Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2005. The proceeds of the revenue bonds are being used to fund the completion of the OI World Headquarters office building. The Port Authority has leased the property on which this building is located and owns the building. The Port Authority has leased the building to OI Levis Park STS, Inc. The lease is non-cancelable until the underlying revenue bonds are paid in full. The lease payments cover the principle and interest payments on the Revenue Bonds, Series 2005. All expenses related to the revenue bonds and the maintenance of the building is the responsibility of OI Levis Park STS, Inc. OI Levis Park STS, Inc. pays the lease payments directly to the trustee. In addition, an agreement to guarantee the indebtedness was executed by Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc. and the Port Authority.

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards, these revenue bonds issued by the Port Authority are considered conduit debt and do not create a liability and therefore are not presented on the Port Authority's financial statements. The Port Authority has no responsibility for the repayment of the debt and the lease payments are paid directly to the trustee by OI Levis Park STS, Inc.



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Northern Wood County Port Authority
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Northern Wood County Port Authority, Wood County, (the Port Authority) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated October 27, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Port Authority's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Port Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Port Authority's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in 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 Port Authority's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Port Authority's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Port Authority's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

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We noted certain matters that we reported to the Port Authority's management in a separate letter dated October 27, 2008.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Port Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note a certain noncompliance matter that we reported to the Port Authority's management in a separate letter dated October 27, 2008.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Taylor".

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

October 27, 2008



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
DECEMBER 9, 2008**