

Report to the Accounting Authority on the Review of the Condensed Interim Financial Statements of the Development Bank of Southern Africa

Introduction

1. I have conducted a review on the condensed interim financial statements which comprises of the condensed statement of financial position of Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) as at 30 September 2020 and the related condensed statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the six months' period then ended, as well as the notes to the condensed interim financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

Scope of review

2. I conducted the review engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. My responsibilities under the standard are further described in the Auditor-General's responsibilities for the review of the condensed interim financial statements section of this review's report.
3. I am independent of the DBSA in accordance with sections 290 and 291 of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (IESBA Code), parts 1 and 3 of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* and the ethical requirements that are relevant to the assurance engagement in South Africa. I have fulfilled my ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.
4. I believe that the evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my review conclusion.

Accounting authority's responsibility for the condensed interim financial statements

5. The board of directors which constitute the accounting authority, is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the condensed interim financial statements in accordance with, International Accounting Standard 34 Interim financial statements (IAS 34), Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) listing requirements, the Development Bank of Southern Africa Act No. 41 of 2014 (as amended), and the requirements of section 27 to 31 of the Companies of Act of South Africa (Act No.71 of 2008) (The Companies Act) and for such internal control as the accounting authority determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the condensed interim financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor-General's responsibility for the review of the condensed interim financial statements

6. My objective is to express a review conclusion on the condensed interim financial statements based on my procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on

Review Engagements (ISRE) 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the Public Audit Act, 2004 (Act No. 25 of 2004) (PAA).

7. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Review conclusion

8. Based on the review conducted, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the condensed interim financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 Interim financial statements (IAS 34), Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) listing requirements, the Development Bank of Southern Africa Act No. 41 of 2014 (as amended) and the requirements of section 27 to 31 of the Companies of Act of South Africa (Act No.71 of 2008) (The Companies Act).

Auditor General

Pretoria

27 November 2020

