

*The Auditor's Communication with Those Charged
With Governance*

Kili/Bikini/Ejit Local Government

Year ended September 30, 2023



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May 12, 2026

Honorable Mayor Tommy Irujiman Jibok
Kili/Bikini/Ejit Local Government

We have performed an audit of the financial statement of the Kili/Bikini/Ejit Local Government (KBLGOV), which comprises the statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year ended September 30, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and have issued our report thereon dated May 12, 2026.

This report summarizes our communications with those charged with governance as required by our professional standards to assist you in fulfilling your obligation to oversee the financial reporting and disclosure process.

REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS

Professional standards require the auditor to provide those charged with governance with additional information regarding the scope and results of the audit that may assist them in overseeing the financial reporting and disclosure processes which the management of KBLGOV is responsible. We summarize these required communications as follows:

Overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit

Our audit scope and timing are consistent with the plan communicated in our engagement letter dated May 3, 2024, and at our audit planning meeting with management.

Auditors' Responsibilities under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States (US GAAS) and Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS)

The financial statement and supplementary information is the responsibility of KBLGOV's management as prepared with the oversight of those charged with governance. Our audit was designed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statement is free of material misstatement.

An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

Our responsibilities are included in our audit engagement agreement.

Changes to the audit strategy, timing of the audit and significant risks identified

Our audit strategy is consistent with the plan communicated during the March 2025 meeting with management.

Matters relevant to our evaluation of KBLGOV's ability to continue as a going concern

We did not identify any events or conditions that led us to believe there was substantial doubt about KBLGOV's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our views about the qualitative aspects of KBLGOV's significant accounting practices, including:

- **Accounting policies**

Management has not selected or changed any significant policies or changed the application of those policies in the current year.

We have provided a discussion of significant accounting policies and financial statement disclosures and related matters in Note 2 of the financial statement.

We determined that those charged with governance are informed about management's process for formulating particularly sensitive estimates and about the basis to our conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates.

Related party relationships and transactions

We noted no significant matters regarding KBLGOV's relationships and transactions with related parties.

Changes to the terms of the audit with no reasonable justification for the change

None.

Significant unusual transactions

We are not aware of any significant unusual transactions carried out by KBLGOV.

Difficult or contentious matters subject to consultation outside of the audit team

There were no difficult or contentious matters that required consultation outside of the audit team.

Material corrected misstatements related to accounts and disclosures

No material corrected misstatements were identified in connection with our audit of KBLGOV's financial statement for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Uncorrected misstatements related to accounts and disclosures

No uncorrected misstatements were identified in connection with our audit of KBLGOV's financial statement for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting

No material weaknesses have been identified. We have issued our Report of Independent Auditors 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* dated May 12, 2026.

Fraud and noncompliance with laws and regulations (illegal acts)

We are not aware of any matters that require communication.

Obtain information relevant to the audit

Inquiries regarding matters relevant to the audit were performed during the March 2025 meeting.

Independence matters

We are not aware of any matters that in our professional judgment would impair our independence.

New accounting pronouncements

No issues have been identified regarding management's planned application of new accounting pronouncements.

Significant issues discussed with management in connection with the auditor's initial appointment or recurring retention

We are not aware of any matters that require communication.

Disagreements with management and significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management when performing the audit

There were no difficulties encountered in dealing with management in performing the audit.

Management consultations with other accountants

We are not aware of any consultations made by management with other accountants or specialists.

Other material written communications with management

None.

Other matters

There are no other matters arising from the audit that are, in our judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with governance regarding the oversight of the financial reporting process.

AICPA ethics ruling regarding third-party service providers

From time to time, and depending on the circumstances, (1) we may subcontract portions of the Audit Services to other EY firms, who may deal with KBLGOV or its affiliates directly, although EY alone will remain responsible to you for the Audit Services and (2) personnel (including non-certified public accountants) from an affiliate of EY or another EY firm or any of their respective affiliates, or from independent third-party service providers (including independent contractors), may participate in providing the Audit Services. In addition, third-party service providers may provide services for EY in connection with the Audit Services.

Engagement team's involvement with preparation of the financial statements

Under *Government Auditing Standards* 2018 Revisions, Chapter 3 General Standards, Paragraph 3.73 Requirements for Performing Non-audit Services explains that the audit team should make consideration of management's ability to effectively oversee the non-audit (or non-attest) services to be performed. The engagement team should determine that the audited entity has designated an individual(s) who possesses suitable skill, knowledge or experience and that the individuals understand the services to be performed sufficiently to oversee them. The engagement team should document consideration of management's ability to oversee non-audit services to be performed.

The engagement team believes that this significant threat is reduced to an acceptable level upon application of the following safeguards:

- An engagement quality control review was performed by a qualified Ernst & Young Partner who was not otherwise involved in the audit.
- All adjusting journal entries that Ernst & Young posted to the trial balance have been approved by management of KBLGOV.
- The preparation of the financial statement is based on KBLGOV's trial balance with our understanding that KBLGOV's underlying books and records are maintained by KBLGOV's accounting department and that the final trial balance prepared by KBLGOV is complete.
- KBLGOV's Accountant has the skill sets to oversee and review the completeness and accuracy of the financial statement and footnote disclosures.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the KBLGOV Council, management, and the Office of the Auditor-General, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is also a matter of public record.

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Honorable Mayor Tommy Irujiman Jibok
Kili/Bikini/Ejit Local Government

May 12, 2026

Appendix

A - Management Representations Letter

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Kili Bikini Ejit Local Government

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May 12, 2026

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In connection with your audit of the financial statement of the Kili/Bikini/Ejit Local Government (KBLGOV) Support Office, which comprises the statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement, we recognize that obtaining representations from us concerning the information contained in this letter is a significant procedure in enabling you to form an opinion whether the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash receipts and disbursements of the KBLGOV Support Office in conformity with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than US generally accepted accounting principles (US GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, considering surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

Accordingly, we make the following representations, which are true to the best of our knowledge and belief:

Management's responsibilities

We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set forth in the terms of the audit engagement agreement dated May 3, 2024, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement (including disclosures) in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is comprehensive basis of accounting other than US GAAP applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding years.

In preparing the financial statement, we evaluated whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about KBLGOV's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statement is issued (or available to be issued, if applicable), and to provide appropriate financial statement disclosure, when applicable, related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless we prepared the financial statement in accordance with the liquidation basis of accounting.

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Management's responsibilities, continued

We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of the system of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

We have provided you with:

- Access to all information, of which we are aware, is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement such as records, data, documentation and other matters
- Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit
- Unrestricted access to persons within KBLGOV from whom you determined it necessary to obtain evidence

From October 1, 2022 through the date of this letter we have disclosed to you, to the extent that we are aware, any (1) unauthorized access to our information technology systems that either occurred or is reasonably likely to have occurred, including of reports submitted to us by third parties (including regulatory agencies, law enforcement agencies and security consultants), to the extent that such unauthorized access to our information technology systems is reasonably likely to have a material effect on the financial statement, in each case or in the aggregate, and (2) ransomware attacks when we paid or are contemplating paying a ransom, regardless of the amount.

Uncorrected misstatements

There are no uncorrected misstatements (including the effects of correcting or reversing prior period uncorrected misstatements), or uncorrected misstatements in disclosures relating to the current period financial statement.

Internal control

There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statement.

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We have communicated to you all the significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting. There have been no significant changes in internal control since September 30, 2023.

Minutes and contracts

The dates of meetings of council and important management committees from October 1, 2022 are listed in Appendix A of this letter.

We have made available to you all minutes of the meetings of the Council or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.

We have made available to you all significant contracts, including amendments and agreements, and have communicated to you all significant oral agreements. We have complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statement in the event of noncompliance, including all covenants, conditions or other requirements of all outstanding debt.

We have also made available to you all internal audit reports (or reports from similar functions) that were issued to management during the year that address internal control over financial reporting.

Related party relationships and transactions

We have made available to you the names of all related parties and all relationships and transactions with related parties.

The substance of transactions with related parties has been considered and appropriate adjustments or disclosures are made in the financial statement, and information concerning these transactions and amounts have been made available to you.

Side agreements and other arrangements

There have been no side agreements or other arrangements (either written or oral) that have not been disclosed to you.

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Arrangements with financial institutions

Arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances and line-of-credit or similar arrangements have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statement.

Contingent liabilities

There are no unasserted claims or assessments, including those our lawyers have advised us of that are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in the financial statement. For the year ended September 30, 2023, KBLGOV did not consult with legal counsel concerning any matters related to litigation, claims or assessments made against KBLGOV.

There have been no violations or possible violations of laws or regulations in any jurisdiction whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statement or as a basis for recording a loss contingency other than those disclosed in the financial statement.

There have been no internal investigations or communications from regulatory agencies or government representatives in any jurisdiction concerning investigations or allegations of noncompliance with laws or regulations, noncompliance with or deficiencies in financial reporting practices, or other matters that could affect the financial statement other than those disclosed in the financial statement.

There are no other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies considered material, individually or in the aggregate, that are required to be disclosed in the financial statement.

Oral or written guarantees

There are no oral or written guarantees, including guarantees of the debt of others.

Purchase commitments

At September 30, 2023, KBLGOV had no purchase commitments for inventories more than normal requirements or at prices that were more than market at those dates.

There were no agreements or commitments to repurchase assets previously sold. There were no material commitments outstanding at September 30, 2023 because of being a party to futures or forwards contracts, short sales or hedge transactions.

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Non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud

We acknowledge that we are responsible to determine that KBLGOV's business activities are conducted in accordance with laws and regulations and that we are responsible for identifying and addressing any non-compliance with applicable laws or regulations, including fraud.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of a system of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.

We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statement may be materially misstated because of fraud.

We have disclosed to you all significant facts relating to any frauds or suspected frauds, or allegations of fraud known to us that may have affected KBLGOV (regardless of the source or form and including, without limitation, allegations by "whistle-blowers"), whether involving management or employees who have significant roles in internal control. Similarly, we have disclosed to you our knowledge of fraud or suspected frauds affecting KBLGOV involving others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statement. We have also disclosed to you all information in relation to any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others, that could affect the financial statement.

We have disclosed to you all known actual or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statement.

Independence

We have communicated to you the names of KBLGOV's affiliates, officers and directors, or individuals who serve in such capacity for KBLGOV.

We are not aware of any business relationship between KBLGOV and Ernst & Young LLP or any other member firm of the global Ernst & Young organization.

We are not aware of any reason that Ernst & Young LLP would not be independent for purposes of KBLGOV's audit.

Conflicts of interest

There are no instances where any officer or employee of KBLGOV with an interest in a company with which KBLGOV does business that would be considered a "conflict of interest." Such an interest would be contrary to KBLGOV policy.

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Going concern

In preparing the financial statement, we evaluated KBLGOV's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months after the date that the financial statement is issued and provide appropriate financial statement disclosure.

Supplementary information

We are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the following schedules (the "Supplementary Information"):

We believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly stated in all material respects.

There have been no changes in the methods of measurement or presentation of the supplementary information from those used in the prior period.

There are no significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the information.

Additional representations

- We recognize that we are responsible for KBLGOV's compliance with the laws, regulations, provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are applicable to it. We have identified and disclosed to your representatives all laws, regulations, provisions of contracts and grant agreements that have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- We have identified to your representatives all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether the related recommendations have been implemented.
- We have informed you of any investigations or legal proceedings that have been initiated or are in process with respect to the period under audit.
- We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- We have taken timely and appropriate steps to remedy noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts or grant agreements that you have reported.

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- We have identified and disclosed to you all provisions of laws and regulations that could have a direct and material effect on financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances of identified or suspected noncompliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements where the noncompliance could have a direct and material effect on the financial statement.
- We have followed all applicable laws and regulations in adopting, approving and amending budgets, deposits and investments, including collateral requirements on depository accounts and investments.
- There have been no instances of abuse that have occurred or are likely to have occurred that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statement.
- KBLGOV has obligated, expended, received and used public funds in accordance with the purpose for which such funds have been appropriated or otherwise authorized by Marshall Islands or federal law. Such obligation, expenditure, receipt or use of public funds was in accordance with any limitations, conditions or mandatory directions imposed by Marshall Islands or federal law.
- Money or similar assets handled by KBLGOV have been properly and legally administered and the accounting and recordkeeping related thereto is proper, accurate and in accordance with law.
- Subsequent events have been evaluated and classified as recognized or nonrecognized through the date of this letter.

Other matters

We have received a draft copy of our financial statement for the year ended September 30, 2023. The accuracy and completeness of the financial statement, including footnote disclosures, are our responsibility.

You have assisted in the preparation of our financial statement based on information in our trial balance and accounting records. It is our understanding that:

- Our underlying books and records are maintained by our accounting department and that the final trial balance prepared by us is complete and,
- All adjusting journal entries posted to the trial balance have been approved by us, and

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- We have designated a competent representative to oversee your services and that our personnel have sufficient financial competence who are able to challenge and review the completeness and accuracy of the financial statement, including footnote disclosures.

We have reviewed the draft financial statement for accuracy and completeness.

We acknowledge that we have reviewed them and taken responsibility for them.

Subsequent events

Subsequent to September 30, 2023, no events or transactions have occurred or are pending that would have a material effect on the financial statement at that date or for the period then ended, or that are of such significance in relation to KBLGOV's affairs to require mention in a note to the financial statement in order to make them not misleading except as disclosed in the notes to the financial statement.

We understand that your audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America as established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America and was, therefore, designed primarily for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statement of KBLGOV and that your tests of the accounting records and other auditing procedures were limited to those that you considered necessary for that purpose.

Very truly yours

Mr. Tommy Jibok
Mayor

Ms. Emily Abella
Chief Financial Officer

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Appendix A

Date	Meeting Agenda
June 9, 2023	Change the Current Trustee Custodian of KBE Trust Funds
June 20, 2023	Resolution to Certify Sole Point of Contact
August 21, 2023	Approve the KBE Mayor to Execute and Sign – Trust Funds
August 24, 2023	2023 Consent Modification