

SENECA TOBACCO ASSET
SECURITIZATION CORPORATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SENECA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of **SENECA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION** (the Corporation), a blended component unit of the County of Seneca, New York, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of Seneca Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 to 7 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 22, 2017, on our consideration of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Syracuse, NY

March 22, 2017

SENECA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

Year Ended December 31, 2016

Our discussion and analysis of **SENECA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION'S** (the Corporation) financial performance provides an overview of the Corporation's financial activities during 2016 and 2015. It should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related footnotes of the Corporation that follow this section to properly evaluate the Corporation's financial position.

Financial Highlights

As discussed further in the notes to the financial statements, the Corporation was formed to acquire from the County of Seneca all future right, title and interest in the Tobacco Settlement Revenues (TSRs) under the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) with respect to tobacco related litigation among various states and participating manufacturers. The Corporation is a component unit of Seneca County.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The basic financial statements present different views of the Corporation.

- The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities columns shown in the financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the Corporation's overall financial status.
- The Governmental Fund Type columns are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Corporation.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data.

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities Columns

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities columns in the basic financial statements report information about the Corporation as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the Corporation's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two columns in the basic financial statements report the Corporation's net position and how it has changed. Net position (the difference between the Corporation's assets and liabilities) is one way to measure the Corporation's financial health or position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Corporation's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

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Overview of the Financial Statements – Continued

Governmental Fund Type Columns

The Governmental Fund Type columns are accounting devices the Corporation uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending. The Corporation's basic services are included in Governmental Funds, which generally focus on (1) cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year end that are available for spending. Consequently, the Governmental Funds columns provide a detailed short-term view that helps one determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Corporation's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities columns, additional information in the notes to the financial statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

Financial Analysis of the Corporation as a Whole

Our analysis below focuses on the net position and changes in net position. The Corporation reported liabilities in excess of assets of \$8,845,317 as of December 31, 2016. The Corporation's net position for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 increased by \$255,826.

Statements of Net Position

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 376,723	\$ 339,265
Restricted Deposits Held with Trustee:		
Debt Service Account	1,312	0
Liquidity Reserve Account	511,360	511,288
Trapping Account	344	8,426
Collection Account	1,407	1,397
	<u>514,423</u>	<u>521,111</u>
Total Restricted Deposits Held with Trustee		
	<u>891,146</u>	<u>860,376</u>
LIABILITIES		
Bonds Payable, Net of Bond Discount	<u>9,736,463</u>	<u>9,961,519</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>9,736,463</u>	<u>9,961,519</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	<u><u>\$ (8,845,317)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (9,101,143)</u></u>

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Year Ended December 31, 2016

Financial Analysis of the Corporation as a Whole – Continued

The Corporation's assets increased by approximately \$30,000. This represents the net activity of the operating cash account and deposits held by trustee. The Corporation's liabilities decreased approximately \$225,000. This majority of the decrease is due to the current year principal payments of \$635,000 on the 2000 Series Bonds offset by the current year accreted interest on the 2005 Series bonds payable of approximately \$400,000.

Statements of Activities

	2016	2015
OPERATING REVENUE		
Administrative Fee Income	\$ 49,336	\$ 46,220
Proceeds from Tobacco Settlement	946,345	468,521
Interest Income	<u>1,507</u>	<u>71</u>
Total Operating Revenue	997,188	514,812
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Interest Expense	660,900	658,497
Administrative Agent Fee	59,011	56,421
Professional Fees	11,950	17,100
Amortization	<u>9,501</u>	<u>9,501</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>741,362</u>	<u>741,519</u>
CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 255,826</u>	<u>\$ (226,707)</u>

The Corporation's increase in net position for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 is the result of interest earnings and proceeds from the tobacco settlement exceeding the Corporation's current expense for interest and accretion recorded.

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Financial Analysis of the Corporation's Funds

As the Corporation completed the year, its Governmental Funds, as presented in the basic financial statements, reported a combined fund balance of \$891,146, which is approximately 4% above last year's total of \$860,376.

Debt

The Corporation issued debt to fund its purchases of the future right, title, and interest in the Tobacco Settlement Revenues. Debt is amortized through 2042 for the 2000 Series Bonds and 2060 for the 2005 Series Bonds.

Serial bond principal payments are due annually and interest semiannually for the 2000 Series Bonds. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Corporation had \$3,665,000 and \$4,300,000 in 2000 Serial Bonds outstanding, respectively. This was a 15% decrease from the previous year due to principal payments.

The Corporation is required to make annual debt service payments beginning June 2038 for the 2005 Series Bonds. These bonds are Capital Appreciation Bonds and pay interest at maturity, not every year. The series 2005 Bonds are subordinate to the 2000 Bonds. In December 2009, \$1,055,000 of the Series 1 Bonds was retired with the monies held in the trapping fund. The bonds mature as follows:

	Principal and Interest Due at Maturity
Series 2005 S1 Payable June 1, 2038	\$ 6,425,000
Series 2005 S2 Payable June 1, 2050	8,605,000
Series 2005 S3 Payable June 1, 2055	10,245,000
Series 2005 S4B Payable June 1, 2060	<u>69,200,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 94,475,000</u>

More detailed information about the Corporation's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Year Ended December 31, 2016

Budget

GASB requires an analysis of significant variations between the original budget and final budget amounts and between final budget amounts and actual budget results. Management has prepared a budget for its operating expenses only, and there were no changes or amendments to the operating budget. Because the budget is not a complete budget, comparison to current operations could be misleading. As such, it has not been presented in this report.

Other Known Facts

Trapping Events

In accordance with Section 6.4(d)(6) of the Indenture and Sections 4.1(iv)(F) and (G), and to the extent contained in the "Calculations for the Tobacco Litigation Master Settlement Agreement" report (the "MSA Report"), as of the Next Distribution Date, three Trapping Events have occurred. One is still occurring.

Consumption Decline Trapping Event

As defined in Exhibit A of the Indenture, a Consumption Decline Trapping Event means that shipments of cigarettes in or to the 50 United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico as measured under the MSA, are less in any year preceding a Deposit Date than the amount opposite such year under the "Consumption Decline Trapping Event" definition, which number is 274,144,995,343.

According to the MSA Report, the amount shown as relevant shipments for the year 2015 was less than the shipment amount specified above and therefore, a Consumption Decline Trapping Event has occurred.

Contacting the Corporation's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide to the readers of these financial statements an overview of the Corporation's finances and to show the Corporation's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the County Treasurer, Nicholas Sciotti at 1 DiPronio Drive, Waterloo, NY 13165.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET/STATEMENT OF NET POSITION (DEFICIT)

December 31, 2016

	Governmental Fund Type - General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position (Deficit)
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 376,723	\$ 0	\$ 376,723
Restricted Deposits Held with Trustee:			
Debt Service Account	1,312	0	1,312
Liquidity Reserve Account	511,360	0	511,360
Trapping Account	344	0	344
Collection Account	1,407	0	1,407
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Total Restricted Deposits Held with Trustee	514,423	0	514,423
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Total Assets	\$ 891,146	\$ 0	891,146
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LIABILITIES			
Bonds Payable, Due Within One Year	\$ 0	\$ 75,000	75,000
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Total Current Liabilities	0	75,000	75,000
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Bonds Payable, Net of Bond Discount	0	9,661,463	9,661,463
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Total Liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 9,736,463	9,736,463
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FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION (DEFICIT)			
Fund Balance:			
Restricted for Debt Service	\$ 514,423	\$ (514,423)	0
Unrestricted	376,723	(376,723)	0
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Total Fund Balance	891,146	(891,146)	0
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Net Position:			
Restricted for Debt Service		514,423	514,423
Unrestricted	0	(9,359,740)	(9,359,740)
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Total Net Position (Deficit)	0	(8,845,317)	(8,845,317)
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Total Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit)	\$ 891,146	\$ (9,736,463)	\$ (8,845,317)
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See notes to financial statements.

SENECA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION

**STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE/STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Governmental Fund Type - General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
REVENUE			
Proceeds from Tobacco Settlement	\$ 946,345	\$ 0	\$ 946,345
Administrative Fee Income	49,336	0	49,336
Interest Income	<u>1,507</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,507</u>
Total Revenues	997,188	0	997,188
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
Debt Service	895,457	(234,557)	660,900
Administrative Agent Fee	59,011	0	59,011
Professional Fees	11,950	0	11,950
Amortization	<u>0</u>	<u>9,501</u>	<u>9,501</u>
Total Expenses	<u>966,418</u>	<u>(225,056)</u>	<u>741,362</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures/Expenses	30,770	225,056	255,826
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION			
Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), Beginning of Year	<u>860,376</u>	<u>(9,961,519)</u>	<u>(9,101,143)</u>
Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), End of Year	<u><u>\$ 891,146</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (9,736,463)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (8,845,317)</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 – NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Seneca Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (the Corporation), is a Non-Profit Local Development Corporation under Section 1411 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York.

The Corporation was formed to acquire from the County of Seneca all future right, title and interest in the Tobacco Settlement Revenues (TSRs) under the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) with respect to tobacco related litigation among various states and participating manufacturers. The purchase price of the County's future right, title and interest in the TSRs has been financed by the issuance of serial bonds. A Residual Certificate exists which represents the entitlement to receive all amounts required to be distributed after payment of debt service, operating expenses and certain other costs as set forth in the indenture. Payments on the Residual Certificate from TSR collections are subordinate to payments on bonds and certain other costs specified in the indenture. Excess TSRs not required by the Corporation to pay various expenses, debt service or required reserves with respect to the bonds are transferred to the Trust, as owner of the Residual Certificate. The County is the beneficial owner of the Trust and thus the funds received by the Trust will ultimately transfer to the County.

The Corporation is classified as a special-purpose government under the Government Accounting Standards Board. A special-purpose government is defined as a legally separate entity that performs only one activity. Although legally separate from the County, the Corporation is a component unit of the County, and accordingly, is included in the County's financial statements as a blended component unit.

The Corporation is primarily dependent on the future proceeds from the Tobacco Settlement Rights to meet future obligations under the indenture agreement.

NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Corporation have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These principles are prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

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NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Basis of Presentation – Continued

The Corporation's basic financial statements include columns for Governmental Fund types prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting (Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance), and columns for Governmental Activities prepared on the accrual basis of accounting (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities).

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the Corporation's fund. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities presents financial information about the Corporation's governmental activities.

The Corporation reports the general fund as its major governmental fund.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Corporation considers all revenues reported in the governmental fund to be available if the revenues are collected within six months after the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Proceeds of general long-term debt are reported as other financing sources.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place.

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NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting – Continued

Equity Classifications

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in two components:

- Restricted Net Position – Net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted Net Deficit – Net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” are deemed to be available for general use by the Corporation. The Corporation has a deficit in net position as a result of outstanding bonds, including the accretion on capital appreciation bonds.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund balance is classified as five components:

- *Nonspendable* – Include amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- *Restricted* – Includes amounts with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Committed* – Includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Corporation’s highest level of decision-making authority, i.e., the Board of Directors.

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NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting – Continued

Equity Classifications – Continued

Fund Financial Statements – Continued

- ***Assigned*** – Includes amounts that are subject to constraint that represents an intended use established by the Corporation’s highest level of decision-making authority, or by their designated body or official. The purpose of the assignment must be narrower than the purpose of the general funds.
- ***Unassigned*** – Includes all other fund balances that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the Corporation.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Corporation considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Income Tax Status

The Seneca Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Use of Estimates

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

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 22, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**NOTE 3 – EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE COLUMNS AND
THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND STATEMENT OF
ACTIVITIES COLUMNS**

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the Governmental Fund column and the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities column, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The differences result primarily from the economic focus on the Statement of Activities compared with the current financial resources focus of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet.

A. Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds Versus Net Position of Governmental Activities

Total fund balances of the Corporation’s governmental funds differ from “net position” of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet.

Total Fund Balance as Reported in the Governmental Fund Type Column	\$ 891,146
Bonds Payable and Accrued Interest are not Due and Payable in the Current Period and Therefore, are Not Reported at the Fund Level	<u>(9,736,463)</u>
Total Net Deficit as Reported in the Statement of Net Position Column	<u><u>\$ (8,845,317)</u></u>

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**NOTE 3 – EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE COLUMNS AND
THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND STATEMENT OF
ACTIVITIES COLUMNS – Continued**

B. Explanation of Difference between Governmental Fund Type Column in the Operating Statement and the Statement of Activities Column

Differences between the Governmental Fund type column in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities are as follows:

- Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the Governmental Fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statements of Activities as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

Excess of Revenues over Expenditures as Reported in the General Fund Type Column	\$ 30,770
Amortization of Bond Discounts Reported in the Statement of Activities do not Require the use of Current Financial Resources and Therefore, are not Reported as Expenses in the Governmental Fund	(9,501)
The Repayment of the Series 2000 Bonds are Activities of the Governmental Fund but not Reported in the Statement of Activities	635,000
Interest is Accreted on 2005 Series Bonds but is not Paid Until Maturity	<u>(400,443)</u>
Deficiency in Revenues over Expenditures as Reported in the Statement of Activities Column	<u>\$ 255,826</u>

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NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Investment and Deposit Policy

The Corporation's investment and deposit policy is governed by state statutes. The Corporation's monies must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the state. The Treasurer is authorized to use demand accounts and certificates of deposit. Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Corporation's deposits may not be returned. The Corporation's deposits are secured by \$250,000 from the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation plus \$126,723 of pledged collateral at December 31, 2016. For the Corporation, all pledged collateral and all investments are classified in the highest category by being held in bank trust departments in the Corporation's name.

Restricted deposits held with trustee consist of the following:

- **Liquidity Reserve Account** – This reserve has been established pursuant to the Corporation's indenture and was initially funded in the amount equal to the maximum annual debt service on the Series 2000 Bonds. These deposits consist primarily of U.S. Treasury Bills.
- **Debt Service Account** – This is the account from which payments to bondholders are made with money transferred in from the collection account. These deposits consist primarily of money market funds.
- **Trapping Account** – This account has been established pursuant to the Corporation's indenture and is required to be funded when a trapping event has occurred. Following the occurrence of a trapping event, amounts that otherwise would have been paid on the Residual Certificate are deposited into this account to the extent required by the Corporation's indenture until such time that a trapping event is no longer occurring. These deposits consist primarily of money market funds.
- **Collection Account** – This account has been established to receive the Tobacco Settlement payments under the MSA agreement. The monies received in this account are transferred to the debt service account to pay the Corporation's bondholders. These deposits consist primarily of money market funds.

Net position and fund balance have been restricted for these amounts.

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NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – Continued

Total cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities (controlled by the Trustee) by type as of December 31, 2016 are as follows:

United States Treasury Bill	\$ 510,679
Money Market Funds	<u>3,744</u>
Total	<u>\$ 514,423</u>

The Corporation categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. United States Treasury obligations are considered Level 1 investments.

The Corporation has the following recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2016:

- United States Treasury securities are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs).

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NOTE 5 – LONG-TERM DEBT

The Corporation's bond obligations as of December 31, 2016 are as follows:

Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2000, Net of Discount	\$ 3,588,999
Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2005, Including Accretion	<u>6,147,464</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,736,463</u>

Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds, Series 2000

On December 7, 2000, the Corporation issued \$6,450,000 in variable rate bonds. These bonds were part of the \$227,130,000 New York Counties Tobacco Trust I, Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds, Series 2000. The debt is payable solely from pledged Tobacco Settlement Rights and investment earnings on amounts on deposit. According to the terms of the required amortization payments, the Corporation is required to make annual debt service payments through 2042 with interest ranging from 5% to 6.3%. The Corporation has incurred discount fees associated with the Series 2000 Bond Issue. Such discount fees have been deferred and are being amortized over the life of Series 2000 Bonds. Amortization expense was \$9,501 in 2016.

Changes in the Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds, Series 2000 for the year ended December 31, 2016 are as follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2015	Additions	Reductions	Balance at December 31, 2016
Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds, Series 2000	\$ 4,300,000	\$ 0	\$ 635,000	\$ 3,665,000
Less: Bond Discount	<u>85,502</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,501</u>	<u>76,001</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,214,498</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 644,501</u>	<u>\$ 3,588,999</u>

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NOTE 5 – LONG-TERM DEBT – Continued

Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds, Series 2000 – Continued

Depending on the extent of actual collections from TSR payments and availability of funds, the Corporation has agreed to make principal payments in accordance with a flexible amortization payment schedule that allows for increased payments and a final maturity of June 1, 2024 on the Series 2001 Bonds.

The following is a summary of the debt service for the Series 2000 bond issue in accordance with the flexible amortization payment schedule at December 31, 2016.

	Nonflexible	Flexible	Total	Interest
2017	\$ 75,000	\$ 235,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 188,288
2018	140,000	250,000	390,000	172,525
2019	150,000	265,000	415,000	155,788
2020	0	265,000	265,000	133,047
2021	0	430,000	430,000	103,681
2022 - 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>1,855,000</u>	<u>1,855,000</u>	<u>122,396</u>
Total	<u>\$ 365,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,300,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,665,000</u>	<u>\$ 875,725</u>

Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds, Series 2005

On November 29, 2005, the Corporation issued variable rate bonds with a face value of \$95,530,000, discount fees totaling \$92,436,115, and bond issuance costs of \$197,730. The bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 6% to 7.85%. These bonds were part of the \$199,375,348 (net of discount) New York Counties Tobacco Trust V., Settlement Pass-Through Bonds, Series 2005. The debt is payable from pledged Tobacco Settlement Rights and investment earnings on deposit. The Corporation is required to make annual debt service payments beginning June 2038 through June 2060. These bonds are Capital Appreciation Bonds and pay interest at maturity, not every year. The series 2005 Bonds are subordinate to the 2000 Bonds. In December 2009, Series 1 Bonds with a face value of \$1,055,000 were retired.

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NOTE 5 – LONG-TERM DEBT – Continued

Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds, Series 2005 – Continued

Changes in Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds, Series 2005 for the year ended December 31, 2016 are as follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2015	Additions	Reductions	Balance at December 31, 2016
Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2005	\$ 3,093,885	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,093,885
Accreted Interest	<u>2,653,136</u>	<u>400,443</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,053,579</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,747,021</u>	<u>\$ 400,443</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 6,147,464</u>

The Corporation's required principal and interest payments at December 31, 2016 on the above bonds are as follows:

	Principal and Interest Due at Maturity
Series 2005 S1 Payable June 1, 2038	\$ 6,425,000
Series 2005 S2 Payable June 1, 2050	8,605,000
Series 2005 S3 Payable June 1, 2055	10,245,000
Series 2005 S4B Payable June 1, 2060	<u>69,200,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 94,475,000</u>

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NOTE 6 – RELATED PARTY

The Corporation is a special-purpose local development corporation and is considered by legal counsel to be bankruptcy-remote from the County of Seneca. However, the Corporation's board of directors is comprised of a majority of elected or appointed officials of the County of Seneca and one independent director.

NOTE 7 – CONTINGENCY AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

During 2000, the Corporation purchased the rights to receive TSRs (Tobacco Settlement Revenues) from the County of Seneca. There are a number of risks associated with receipts of such TSRs, including litigation affecting participating manufacturers and possible bankruptcy as a result thereof, and future adjustments to the calculation of the TSR's. The Corporation's financial existence is contingent upon receiving these TSRs from the tobacco manufacturers. While the risk is considered remote, being of a material nature, it must be disclosed.

NOTE 8 – NET POSITION (DEFICIT)

The Corporation has a deficit in net position of \$8,845,317 at December 31, 2016. This deficit results from operating costs exceeding revenue since the initial period of operation. This deficit will be eliminated through subsequent interest earnings and proceeds from the tobacco settlement.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT 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***

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SENECA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION**

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Seneca Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (the Corporation), a blended component unit of the County of Seneca, New York as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 22, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Corporation's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Syracuse, NY

March 22, 2017