

March 30, 2016

To The Members of the County of  
Sullivan Industrial Development Agency  
Monticello, NY 12701

We have audited the financial statements of the County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated March 30, 2016. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and OMB Circular A-133), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated June 10, 2013. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

*Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Agency are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The Agency has implemented the following new standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) for the year ended December 31, 2015:

*GASB 68 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB 27.*

*GASB 71 – Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an Amendment of GASB 68.*

We noted no transactions entered into by the Agency during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events

affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most significant estimates affecting the financial statements were capital assets, accumulated depreciation and depreciation expense.

Assets with a useful life of more than one year are capitalized in the statement of net position and depreciated over their estimated useful lives in the statement of activities. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the value of capital assets and the current year depreciation expense in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

Note 3 - Disclosure of the Agency's outstanding revolving loans as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Note 6 – Disclosure related to the Agency's purchase of equipment and subsequent lease agreement with Catskill Distilling Company LTD.

Note 8 – Disclosure of the Agency's transactions with related parties.

Note 9 – Disclosure of the Agency's outstanding long term debt as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements.

#### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that

could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

*Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated March 30, 2016.

*Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Agency's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Agency's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

*Other Matters*

We applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

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We were engaged to report on the supplementary information, which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. With respect to the supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board and management of the County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cooper Arias LLP". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Cooper Arias, LLP