REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2024

LOWER PRA RURAL BANK PLC
Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	NOTES	2024 GH¢	2023 GH¢
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13	63,904,016	29,344,118
Non Pledged Assets	14	20,000,000	10,000,000
Pledged Assets	15	175,799,581	100,336,335
Loans and Advances to Customers	17	104,920,594	101,710,264
Other Assets	18	6,556,795	7,347,931
Investment in Securities	19	369,800	306,506
Property, Plant and Equipment	16	7,985,941	7,234,907
Total Assets		**379,536,727**	**256,280,061**
LIABILITIES			
Deposit from Customers	20	333,628,343	236,024,683
Deferred Tax Liability	12c	641,161	526,223
Current Tax Liability	12	4,860,625	318,225
Other Liabilities	21	9,655,771	3,391,035
Total Total Liabilities		**348,785,900**	**240,260,166**
EQUITY AND RESERVES			
Stated Capital	22	1,847,663	1,824,857
Retained Earnings	24	21,447,349	10,585,860
Credit Risk Reserve	27	1,983,353	-
Statutory Reserves	26	5,472,462	3,609,178
Total Equity and Reserves		**30,750,827**	**16,019,895**
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Total Equity & Liabilities		**379,536,727**	**256,280,061**

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Director **Director**

Date: ..... **Date:** 23-04-2025

The accounting policies and notes on pages 17 to 45 form an integral part of the Financial Statements.

LOWER PRA RURAL BANK PLC
Statement of Comprehensive Income

	NOTES	2024	2023
		GH¢	GH¢
Interest Income	4	88,432,722	67,129,602
Interest Expense	5	(12,005,793)	(8,393,081)
Net Interest Income		**76,426,929**	**58,736,521**
Fees & Commission Income	6	10,278,849	10,347,231
Fees & Commission Expense	7	(3,696,947)	(4,063,155)
Net Fees and Commission Income		**6,581,902**	**6,284,076**
Other Income	8	**2,332,068**	**4,544,927**
Total Operating Income		**85,340,899**	**69,565,524**
Impairment Loss	17	(401,604)	(1,855,514)
Personnel Expenses	9	(32,483,856)	(32,367,556)
Depreciation & Amortisation	10	(1,802,121)	(1,998,212)
Other Expenses	11	(28,849,851)	(27,830,366)
Total Operating Expenses		**(63,537,432)**	**(64,051,648)**
Profit Before Tax		21,803,467	5,513,876
Taxation	13b	(6,897,195)	(1,744,752)
Profit After Tax		**14,906,272**	**3,769,124**
Total Comprehensive Income		**14,906,272**	**3,769,124**

LOWER PRA RURAL BANK PLC
Statement of Changes In Equity

2024	STATED CAPITAL	RETAINED EARNINGS	CREDIT RISK RESERVE	STATUTORY RESERVE FUND	TOTAL EQUITY
	GH¢	GH¢	GH¢	GH¢	GH¢
Balance as at 1 January	1,824,857	10,585,860	-	3,609,178	16,019,895
Prior Period Adjustments	-	(198,146)	-	-	(198,133)
Balance as at 1 January re-stated	1,824,857	10,387,714	-	3,609,178	15,821,762
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-
Net Profit for the year	-	14,906,272	-	-	14,906,272
Total Comprehensive Income	-	14,906,272	-	-	14,906,272
Transaction With Equity Holders					
Issue of Shares - Normal	22,806.00	-	-	-	22,806
Dividend Paid	-	-	-	-	-
	22,806	-	-	-	22,806
Regulatory Transfers					
Transfers to Statutory Reserves Fund	-	(1,863,284)	-	1,863,284	-
Transfer to Credit Risk Reserve	-	(1,983,353)	1,983,353	-	-
	-	(3,846,637)	1,983,353	1,863,284	-
Balance as at 31 December	**1,847,663**	**21,447,349**	**1,983,353**	**5,472,462**	**30,750,840**

LOWER PRA RURAL BANK PLC
Statement of Changes In Equity

2023	STATED CAPITAL	INCOME SURPLUS	STATUTORY RESERVE FUND	TOTAL EQUITY
	GH¢	GH¢	GH¢	GH¢
Balance as at 1 January	1,791,169	8,326,410	3,138,038	13,255,617
Prior Period Adjustments	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 1 January re-stated	1,791,169	8,326,410	3,138,038	13,255,617
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Net Profit for the year	-	3,769,124	-	3,769,124
Total Comprehensive Income	-	3,769,124	-	3,769,124
Transaction With Equity Holders				
Issue of Shares - Normal	33,688	-	-	33,688
Dividend Paid	-	(1,038,533)	-	(1,038,533)
	33,688	(1,038,533)	-	(1,004,845)
Regulatory Transfers				
Transfers to Statutory Reserves Fund	-	(471,140)	471,140	-
	-	(471,140)	471,140	-
Balance as at 31 December, 2024	1,824,857	10,585,860	3,609,178	16,019,896

LOWER PRA RURAL BANK PLC
Statement of Cash flows

	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**GH¢**	**GH¢**
Profit before tax	21,803,467	5,513,876
ADJUSTMENTS:		
Depreciation	1,802,121	1,998,212
Non Cash Adjustment	8,623	-
Impairment of Loans	401,604	-
Add/ (Less):		
Change in Loans and Advances to Customers	(3,611,934)	(8,287,355)
Change in Non-Pledged Trading Assets	(10,000,000)	(2,000,000)
Change in Pledged Assets	(75,463,246)	(40,704,486)
Change in Other Assets	791,136	(1,432,198)
Investment in Securities	(63,294)	(57,539)
Change in Deposit from Customers	97,603,660	52,127,723
Change in Deferred/Other Liabilities	6,264,736	(1,058,138)
Cash Inflow / (Outflow) from Operating Activities	**39,536,873**	**6,100,095**
IncomeTax Paid	(2,446,628)	(1,283,842)
Net Cash Inflow / (Outflow) from Operating Activities	**37,090,245**	**4,816,253**
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Property, Plant and Equipment (Fixed Assets) Purchased	(2,553,153)	(1,232,797)
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Investing Activities	**(2,553,153)**	**(1,232,797)**
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Dividend Paid	-	(1,038,533)
Issue of Ordinary Shares	22,806	33,688
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Financing Activities	**22,806**	**(1,004,845)**
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	34,559,898	2,578,612
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 1 January	29,344,118	26,765,506
	63,904,016	**29,344,118**
Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents		
As shown in the Statement of Financial Position		
Cash and Bank Balance	**63,904,016**	**29,344,118**
	63,904,016	**29,344,118**

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LOWER PRA RURAL BANK PLC

The Directors of Lower Pra Rural Bank PLC have the pleasure in submitting their Annual Report together with the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December, 2024 in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), sections 128 and 136 of the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992) and the Banks and Specialised Deposit-Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930).

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Bank's Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992), and the Banks and Specialised Deposit-Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930); and for such internal controls as the Directors determine are necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

The Directors took into consideration the following requirements in preparing these financial statements:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the bank will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the bank and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with section 127 of the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992), IFRS and the Banks and Specialised Deposit-Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the bank and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NAME	POSITION	DATE APPOINTMENT
Ms. Felicia Dawood	Non-Executive Chairman	26/07/2022
Ms. Beatrice Ekua Ansah-Eshon	Non-Executive Member	30/08/2022
Dr. Eric Cobbinah	Non-Executive Member	01/08/2024

CURRENT MANAGEMENT

Mr. Ernest Nii Tackie-Otoo	Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Joseph Atta Annan	Head of Finance
Mrs. Cynthia Yebuah Mishiame	Head of Credit
Mr. Frank Kwesi Sahene	Head of Audit and Internal Control
Mr. John Percy Mensah	Head of Compliance

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES OR NATURE OF BUSINESS

Lower Pra Rural Bank PLC is incorporated to provide rural banking services including taking deposits and lending money. There was no change in the nature of business of Lower Pra Rural Bank PLC during the year under review.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LOWER PRA RURAL BANK PLC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS HIGHLIGHTS

The bank's financial results for the year are set out in the attached Financial Statements compared to prior year (2023), highlights of which are as follows:

	2024	2023
	GH¢	GH¢
The Bank recorded a net profit before taxation of	21,803,467	5,513,876
From which is deducted income tax expense of,	(6,897,195)	(1,744,752)
Giving a net profit after tax of,	14,906,272	3,769,124
There was a transfer to : *statutory reserve fund* of,	(1,863,284)	(471,140)
: *credit risk reserve* of,	(1,983,353)	-
Leaving a profit for the year after tax and transfer to statutory reserve of,	11,059,635	3,297,983
When added to the restated opening balance on the retained earnings account as of 1 January,	10,387,714	7287878
From which is deducted final dividend paid of, -	-	-
Leaving a closing balance on the retained earnings account of,	21,447,349	10,585,861

THREE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY	2024	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢	GH¢
Interest Income	88,432,722	67,129,602	44,944,330
Interest Expense	(12,005,793)	(8,393,081)	(6,450,876)
Fees & Commission Income	10,278,849	10,347,231	8,397,475
Fees & Commission Expense	(3,696,947)	(4,063,155)	(3,382,661)
Other Income	2,332,068	4,544,927	2,434,342
Total Operating Expenses	(63,537,432)	(64,051,648)	(43,350,149)
Profit Before Tax	21,803,467	5,513,876	2,592,461
Taxation	(6,897,195)	(1,744,752)	(698,806)
Profit After Tax	14,906,272	3,769,124	1,893,655
Total Assets	379,536,727	256,280,061	201,948,607
Total Liabilities	348,785,900	240,260,166	188,692,991
Total Equity & Reserves	30,750,827	16,019,895	13,255,617

FUTURE PROSPECTS

The Directors have assessed the situation and the financial position of the bank and they reasonably believe that the bank will be able to settle its liabilities as and when they fall due. This is based on measures the Directors have taken to improve the financial performance of the bank. Accordingly, the Financial Statements are prepared on the basis of the accounting policies applicable to a going concern.

The Directors believe that the prospects of the bank beyond 31 December, 2024 remain positive.

GOING CONCERN CONSIDERATIONS

The Directors have made an assessment of the ability of the bank to continue as a going concern and have no reason to believe the bank will not be a going concern in the year ahead.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LOWER PRA RURAL BANK PLC

ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE

The Directors recognize the importance of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles in ensuring sustainable growth and long-term value creation. The bank remains committed to environmental sustainability, ethical business practices, and social responsibility. Key initiatives include reducing carbon emissions, enhancing workplace diversity, and maintaining strong governance structures.

However, the Board is yet to document and implement IFRS S1: General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information and IFRS S2: IFRS S2: Climate-related Disclosures.

DIRECTORS AND INTEREST REGISTER

The bank maintains interest register. However, no entries were made.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF DIRECTORS

As a measure to advance the technical capacity and know-how of the Directors, the Directors undertook periodic training, seminars and conferences organised by external persons to equip themselves with the requisite skills and knowledge to discharge the duties imposed on them by law.

APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

The independent auditors are responsible for independently reviewing and reporting on the bank's financial statements for the year. The Financial Statements have been reviewed by the bank's independent auditors and their report is presented on pages 9 to 11.

KAP Chartered Accountants have been appointed as the auditor of the Bank to replace Messrs, Opoku Andoh & Co. in accordance with the provisions of the Banks and Specialised Deposit-Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930 and the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992)

KAP Chartered Accountants, having satisfied the relevant corporate governance rules on their tenure in office have indicated their willingness to continue in office as independent auditors to the Bank.

KAP Chartered Accountants will continue in the office per the provisions of section 139 (11) of the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992) and per the Bank of Ghana directive.

The amount payable as audit fees for the year under review is on **Note 11** of this Financial Statements.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Bank undertook various corporate social responsibility initiatives during the year, and the following expenses incurred:

DESCRIPTION	GH¢
Education	565,020
Health	132,260
Project	1,903,235
Others	65,385
Total	**2,665,900**

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LOWER PRA RURAL BANK PLC

EVENTS AFTER REPORTING YEAR

The management is not aware of any event that will affect the going concern of the Bank after the reporting year.

STATED CAPITAL

The Bank's Stated Capital relating to Ordinary Shares issued increased from GH¢1,824,858 as at the end of the previous year to GH¢1,847,664; recording an increase of GH¢22,807 as at the close of the year.
The number of issued shares also increased from 14,168,934 to 14,177,744, showing an increase of 8,810.

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION

We certify that the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the Statement of Financial Position referred to in the report of the Auditors together with the notes thereon identified on pages 12 - 45 of this report have been prepared from records, information and representations made by us, the Directors of Lower Pra Rural Bank PLC.
So far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information (i.e. information needed by the Bank's auditors in connection with their work and report) of which the Bank's auditors are unaware and each director has taken reasonable steps that ought to be taken by a director in order to make him/her self-aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Bank's auditors are aware of that information.
We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief, the Financial Statements contain all transactions and that they are complete and accurate in all material respects. We approve the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December, 2024 and the Statement of Financial Position at that date together with the notes thereon.

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE

So far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant information of which the Bank's Auditors are unaware. Additionally, Directors have taken all necessary steps that ought to have been taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the bank's auditors are aware of the information.
The Board of Directors confirm that no matters have arisen since 31 December, 2024 which materially affects the Financial Statements of the Bank for the year ended on that date.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements of Lower Pra Rural Bank PLC for the year ended 31 December, 2024 were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on their behalf by:

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Director

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Director

Date 23-04-2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LOWER PRA RURAL BANK PLC

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

We have audited the Financial Statements of Lower Pra Rural Bank PLC for the year ended 31 December, 2024. The audited Financial Statements comprise:

- Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December,2024;
- Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year then ended;
- Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended;
- Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and
- Summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes to the Financial Statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying Audited Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lower Pra Rural Bank PLC as at 31 December, 2024, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards with the IAS 29 directive issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ghana (ICAG) and in the manner required by the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are Independent of the bank in accordance with the International Federation of Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of Lower Pra Rural Bank PLC. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing the audit of banks in Ghana. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the Financial Statements of the current year. There were no key audit matters revealed by our audit for the year ended 31 December, 2024.

Responsibilities of the Directors

The Directors of the bank are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) with the IAS 29 directive issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ghana (ICAG) and in the manner required by the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992) and for such internal controls as the Directors determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the Financial Statements the Directors are responsible for assessing the bank's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The Directors are responsible for overseeing the bank's financial reporting process.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the planning and performance of the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatements of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit 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 bank's internal controls.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the bank's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditors' Report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditors' Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the bank to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Directors and other persons charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that we identify during our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
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We also provide the Directors and other persons charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

(i) Section 26 of the Banks and Specialised Deposit-Taking Institutions Act 2016 at (Act 930), requires all banks to maintain 10% capital adequacy ratio. The Bank's capital adequacy ratio as at the year ended 31 December, 2024 was (17.65%) which was above the minimum requirement of 10% per the regulations.

(ii) We were able to obtain all relevant information and explanations required for the efficient performance of our duties as auditors.

(iii) The Bank's transactions were within its powers.

(iv) The Bank has complied with provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2021 (Act 1044), the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2008 (Act 762) and the Regulations made under these enactments.

(v) The Bank complied with the relevant provisions of the Banks and Specialised Deposit -Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930).

The Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992, Section 137 and the seventh schedule) requires that in carrying out our audit, we consider and report on the matters stated in the said section and schedule. We confirm compliance in that:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion, proper books of account been kept by the bank, so far as appears from the examination of those books, and proper returns adequate for the purpose of the audit have been received from branches not visited by us
- The Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Comprehensive Income dealt with by this report, are in agreement with the accounting records and returns.
- We were independent of the bank we audited pursuant to section 143 of the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992)

The Engagement Partner on the audit resulting in this Independent Auditor's Report is Kwasi Asante – (ICAG/P/2025/1231)

KAP Accountants

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Signed by:
Kwasi Asante (ICAG/P/2025/1231)

For and behalf of:
KAP Chartered Accountants (ICAG/F/2025/186)
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Date..... 2025