FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
June 30, 2024 and 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Colombia Avocado Board, Inc. Orlando, Florida

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Colombia Avocado Board, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Colombia Avocado Board, Inc. as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits 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. 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 required to be independent of Colombia Avocado Board, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's 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 misstatement, 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 absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. 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. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.



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916.751.2900 916.751.2979 FAX pccllp.com In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
 fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such
 procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures
 in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control 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 Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no
 such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of revenue and expenditures – actual compared to budget, schedules of expenditures – actual compared to budget, and schedules of cash receipts and disbursements, which are the responsibility of management, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information, except for that portion marked "unaudited," is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, that information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole. The information marked "unaudited" has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 11, 2024 on our consideration of the Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 the effectiveness of Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'s 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 Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Other Reporting Required by the United States Department of Agriculture

In connection with our audits of the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, nothing came to our attention, insofar as it relates to financial and accounting matters, that causes us to believe that the Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.:

- Failed to comply with laws and regulations and U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service ("USDA AMS") Guidelines for AMS Oversight of Commodity Research and Promotion Programs applicable to the Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.;
- Failed to comply with Section 1219.42(b) of the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research and Information Order, relating to the use of assessment funds for the purpose of influencing legislation or governmental action or policy;
- Expended assessment funds for purposes other than those authorized by the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research and Information Act of 2000 and the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research and Information Order;
- Expended or obligated assessment funds on any projects prior to the fiscal year in which those funds were authorized to be expended by the Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'s approved Budget and Marketing Plan;
- Did not adhere to the original or amended Budget and Marketing Plan for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023;
- Did not obtain a written contract or agreement with any person or entity providing goods or services to the Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.;
- Failed to comply with USDA AMS Directive 2210.2, relating to the limitations on the types of investments which may be purchased by the Organization and the insurance or collateral that must be obtained for all of the Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'s deposits and investments;
- Failed to comply with disclosure requirements for lease commitments (when applicable);
- Failed to comply with standards established relating to contracts and USDA approval letters (if necessary); or
- Failed to comply with the Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'s by-laws or any other policy of the Colombia Avocado Board, Inc., specifically as they relate to all financial matters, including time and attendance, and travel.

However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance.

October 17, 2024 Roseville, California

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION June 30, 2024 and 2023

ASSETS

	2024	2023
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Certificates of deposit	\$ 942,469 344,651 376,919	\$ 1,020,199 62,804 -
Total assets	\$ 1,664,039	 1,083,003
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities: Accounts payable	\$ 55,167	\$ 28,561
Net assets Without donor restrictions: Undesignated	49,890	54,746
Designated for advertising, promotion, and research	 1,558,982	 999,696
Total net assets	1,608,872	 1,054,442
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,664,039	\$ 1,083,003

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

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	Without Donor Restrictions					
		esignated	Undesignated			Total
Revenue:						
Import assessments Membership dues	\$	1,110,030	\$	- 63,000	\$	1,110,030 63,000
Interest income		20,353		-		20,353
Total revenue	-	1,130,383		63,000		1,193,383
Operating expenses:						
Program						
Marketing and promotional expenses:						
Advertising		51,919		-		51,919
New media		6,841		-		6,841
Public relations		100,338		-		100,338
Trade marketing		69,287		-		69,287
Industry programs and memberships		100,877		-		100,877
Merchandiser expenses		102,378		-		102,378
Meetings and travel		100,938		-		100,938
Total marketing and promotional		532,578				532,578
AMS-USDA user fees		38,519				38,519
Total program expenses		571,097				571,097
Support services						
General and administrative expenses:						
Accountant fees		-		1,415		1,415
Audit fees		-		11,900		11,900
Bank fees		-		339		339
Insurance		-		1,701		1,701
Legal fees		-		9,316		9,316
Managing director fees		-		32,901		32,901
Board meetings		-		8,672		8,672
Other expenses		-		1,612		1,612
Total general and administrative		-		67,856		67,856
Total expenses		571,097		67,856		638,953
Change in net assets		559,286		(4,856)		554,430
Net assets, beginning of year	-	999,696		54,746		1,054,442
Net assets, end of year	\$	1,558,982	\$	49,890	_\$_	1,608,872

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2023						
		Without Dono	or Restri	ctions			
	De	esignated		esignated		Total	
Revenue:							
Import assessments	\$	730,151	\$	-	\$	730,151	
Membership dues		-		72,000		72,000	
Interest income		7,224				7,224	
Total revenue		737,375		72,000		809,375	
Operating expenses:							
Program							
Marketing and promotional expenses:		C 475				6 475	
Advertising New media		6,475		-		6,475	
Public relations		7,900 116,265		-		7,900 116,265	
Trade marketing		55,988		-		55,988	
Industry programs and memberships		33,352		-		33,352	
Merchandiser expenses		19,188		_		19,188	
Meetings and travel		3,019		<u> </u>		3,019	
Total marketing and promotional		242,187		-		242,187	
AMS-USDA user fees		19,698				19,698	
Total program expenses		261,885				261,885	
Support services							
General and administrative expenses:							
Accountant fees		-		1,262		1,262	
Audit fees		-		11,900		11,900	
Bank fees		-		245		245	
Legal fees		-		10,851		10,851	
Managing director fees		-		15,746		15,746	
Board meetings		-		2,703		2,703	
Other expenses				3,055		3,055	
Total general and administrative				45,762		45,762	
Total expenses		261,885		45,762		307,647	
Change in net assets		475,490		26,238		501,728	
Net assets, beginning of year		524,206		28,508		552,714	
Net assets, end of year	\$	999,696	\$	54,746	\$	1,054,442	

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	 2024	 2023
Cash flows from operating activities: Cash received as import assessments and membership dues Cash paid to vendors and service providers Interest received	\$ 891,183 (612,347) 20,353	\$ 926,050 (302,240) 7,224
Net cash provided by operating activities	 299,189	 631,034
Cash flows from investing activities: Purchase of certificates of deposit	 (376,919)	
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(77,730)	631,034
Cash, beginning of year	 1,020,199	 389,165
Cash, end of year	\$ 942,469	 1,020,199
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 554,430	\$ 501,728
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities: Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(281,847) 26,606	123,899 5,407
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 299,189	\$ 631,034

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 1: NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The Colombia Avocado Board, Inc. (the "Organization") is a nonprofit corporation, incorporated in Florida on May 13, 2019. The principal purpose of CAB is to promote the interests of entities involved in the production, packing, exportation, importation, and commercialization of avocados from Colombia to the United States as an importer association authorized to receive funding under the Hass Avocado Board. A substantial portion of the Organization's revenues consists of assessment funds transferred to the Organization through the Hass Avocado Board. The Hass Avocado Board was established by the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research and Information Act of 2000 (the "Act") to carry on programs of advertising, promotion, and research for Hass avocados. The program is administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service Division ("AMS") of the U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). Under the Act, producers pay an assessment on fresh Hass avocados produced in or imported into the Unites States. The Organization qualifies under the Act as an Importer Organization and receives 85% of the assessments collected from importers of Hass avocados from Colombia.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

Basis of Presentation

The Organization presents its financial statements in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 958, Subtopic 210 (FASB ASC 958-210), *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. Under FASB ASC 958-210, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following two classes of net assets:

Net assets without donor restrictions - Net assets that are not subject to stipulations;

Net assets with donor restrictions - Net assets that are subject to stipulations that will be met by actions or the passage of time.

Revenues and gains and losses from operations are reported as changes in net assets without donor restrictions. Expenses are reported as changes in net assets without donor restrictions. Expirations of donor restrictions on net assets are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets.

Donor-restricted contributions are reported as revenues which increase net assets with donor restrictions. However, donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period have been reported as net assets without donor restrictions. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Organization had no net assets with donor restrictions.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Certificate of deposits with a maturity over ninety days are reported at their cost-plus accrued interest.

In order to comply with the AMS's investment policy, the Organization is responsible for investing its funds only in interest-bearing accounts that are risk-free and short-term. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, there was no uninsured cash.

Investments

The Organization is required to follow the AMS investment policy. Accordingly, the Organization is authorized to invest in securities consisting of obligations issued or fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. or any U.S. government agency, including obligations of government-sponsored corporations, and must mature within one year or less from the date of purchase. As of June 30, 2024 the investments held by the Organization totaled \$376,919. No investments were held by the Organization at June 30, 2023.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable balances are stated at the unpaid balance. The Organization considers all receivables to be fully collectible and no allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded.

On July 1, 2023, the Organization adopted FASB Accounting Standards Update 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses*, and all related subsequent amendments. The guidance significantly changed how the Organization will measure credit losses for most financial assets and certain other instruments that are not measured at fair value through net income. The most significant change in this standard is a shift from the incurred loss model to the expected loss model. Under the standard, disclosures are required to provide users of the financial statements with useful information in analyzing the Organization's exposure to credit risk and the measurement of credit losses. Financial assets held by the Organization that are subject to this guidance were trade accounts receivables.

Membership Dues

Dues are assessed to members annually based upon membership type. Dues received in advance are deferred and recognized as revenues in the period to which the dues and fees relate.

Import Assessments

Importers of Hass avocados from Colombia are assessed based upon pounds of avocados imported into the United States. Assessments are collected by U.S. Customs and remitted to the Hass Avocado Board, which transfers 85% of collected assessments to the Organization. Import assessment revenues are recognized when earned.

Program and Functional Expenses

The Organization incurs advertising, promotion, and research expenses in its mission to maintain and increase the awareness and consumption of Hass avocados imported from Colombia within the United States. Program costs are expensed when incurred. All functional expenses incurred by the Organization are directly allocated.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Lobbying Expenses

The Organization is prohibited from using assessment funds in activities influencing legislation, governmental action or policy. Accordingly, the Organization has incurred no lobbying expenses.

Income Taxes

The Organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any provision for federal income taxes. After they are filed, the Organization's income tax returns generally remain subject to examination by federal taxing authorities for three years.

Advertising Costs

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising costs for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, were \$51,919 and \$6,475.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

<u>Reclassifications</u>

Certain amounts in the year ended June 30, 2024 financial statements have been reclassified, with no effect to change net assets, to conform to the year ended June 30, 2023 financial statement presentation.

Subsequent Events

Events and transactions have been evaluated for potential recognition or disclosure through October 17, 2024, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 3: LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The Organization's working capital and cash flows are consistent throughout the period as assessment fees are collected at various dates in the period. Monthly cash outflows vary each year based on the specific requirements of promotional and marketing campaigns programed in the year.

The Organization's financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date for general expenditure are as follows:

	2024			2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	942,469	\$	1,020,199
Accounts receivable		344,651		62,804
Certificates of deposit		376,919		-
Financial assets		1,664,039		1,083,003
Less those unavailable for general expenditures due to designations for advertising,				
promotion and research		(1,558,982)		(999,696)
Financial assets available to meet cash need	¢	105.057	ф.	92 207
for general expenditures within one year	Ф	105,057	Φ_	83,307



SCHEDULES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES ACTUAL COMPARED TO BUDGET

For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

				2024		
Davanua		Actual		Budget (Unaudited)		Actual er (Under) Budget
Revenue: Import assessments	\$	1,110,030	\$	667,500	\$	442,530
Membership dues	φ	63,000	Ψ	72,000	Φ	(9,000)
Interest income		20,353		3,500		16,853
morest moone	-	20,000		0,000		10,000
Total revenue		1,193,383		743,000		450,383
Expenditures:						
Marketing and promotion expenses		532,578		787,639		(255,061)
AMS-USDA user fees		38,519		35,000		3,519
Administrative expenses		67,856		73,850		(5,994)
Total expenditures		638,953		896,489		(257,536)
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditures	\$	554,430	\$	(153,489)	\$	707,919
				2023		
						Actual
				Budget		er (Under)
_		Actual	(L	Inaudited)		Budget
Revenue:	Φ.	700 454	Φ	400,000	Φ.	007.054
Import assessments	\$	730,151	\$	462,800	\$	267,351
Membership dues Interest income		72,000		60,000		12,000 7,224
interest income		7,224		-		1,224
Total revenue		809,375		522,800		286,575
Expenditures:						
Marketing and promotion expenses		242,187		311,060		(68,873)
AMS-USDA user fees		19,698		35,000		(15,302)
Administrative expenses		45,762		52,600		(6,838)
Total expenditures		307,647		398,660		(91,013)
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$	501,728	_\$	124,140	\$	377,588

SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL COMPARED TO BUDGET For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Marketing and promotion:		Actual	ı	2024		Actual		
•		Actual	ı	D I (Actual		
•		Actual		Budget		er (Under)		
• .		Actual		naudited)	Budget ´			
• .								
Advertising	\$	51,919	\$	56,500	\$	(4,581)		
New media	Ψ	6,841	Ψ	40,500	Ψ	(33,659)		
Public relations		100,338		81,000		19,338		
Trade marketing		69,287		217,500		(148,213)		
Industry programs & membership		100,877		140,889		(40,012)		
Meeting travel		33,646		53,000		(19,354)		
Merchandisers		-		25,000		(25,000)		
Managing director fees		98,392		97,500		892		
Managing director expenses		3,986		9,750		(5,764)		
Board leadership development program		9,062		5,000		4,062		
Strategic Planning		58,230		61,000		(2,770)		
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Total marketing and promotion		532,578		787,639		(255,061)		
AMS-USDA user fees		38,519		35,000		3,519		
General and administrative:								
Legal fees		9,316		7,500		1,816		
Audit fees		11,900		12,000		(100)		
Accountant fees		1,415		3,200		(1,785)		
Bank fees		339		500		(161)		
Insurance		1,701		1,800		`(99)		
Managing director fees		30,192		32,500		(2,308)		
Managing director expenses		2,548		3,250		(702)		
Supplies		-		500		(500)		
Board meetings		8,672		8,000		672		
Filing fees		161		200		(39)		
Office space/rent		517		2,000		(1,483)		
Admin consulting expenses		1,095		2,400		(1,305)		
Total general and administrative		67,856		73,850		(5,994)		
Total expenditures	\$	638,953	\$	896,489	\$	(257,536)		

SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL COMPARED TO BUDGET (CONTINUED) For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2023						
						Actual	
				Budget		er (Under)	
	Actual		<u>(U</u>	naudited)	Budget		
Marketing and promotion:							
Advertising	\$	6,475	\$	41,000	\$	(34,525)	
New media	•	7,900	•	18,000	•	(10,100)	
Public relations		116,265		5,000		111,265	
Trade marketing		55,988		100,560		(44,572)	
Industry programs & membership		33,352		86,000		(52,648)	
Meeting travel		3,019		30,000		(26,981)	
Merchandisers		-		12,000		(12,000)	
Managing director fees		14,400		12,000		2,400	
Managing director expenses		4,788		6,500		(1,712)	
Total marketing and promotion		242,187		311,060		(68,873)	
AMS-USDA user fees		19,698		35,000		(15,302)	
General and administrative:							
Legal fees		10,851		5,000		5,851	
Audit fees		11,900		11,900		-	
Accountant fees		1,262		3,200		(1,938)	
Bank fees		245		500		(255)	
Insurance		-		1,800		(1,800)	
Managing director fees		9,600		12,000		(2,400)	
Managing director expenses		6,146		6,500		(354)	
Supplies		-		500		(500)	
Board meetings		2,703		5,000		(2,297)	
Filing fees		71		200		(129)	
Board leadership development program		2,984		6,000		(3,016)	
Total general and administrative		45,762		52,600		(6,838)	
Total expenditures	\$	307,647	\$	398,660	\$	(91,013)	

SCHEDULES OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

		2024	2023		
Receipts:		<u>. </u>			
Import assessments	\$	828,183	\$	854,050	
Membership dues		63,000		72,000	
Interest income		20,353		7,224	
Total receipts		911,536		933,274	
Disbursements:					
Marketing and promotion expenses		261,056		35,506	
Public relations		84,532		113,324	
Trade marketing		69,287		55,988	
Industry programs and memberships		100,877		33,352	
AMS-USDA user fees		38,519		19,698	
Administrative expenses		58,076		44,372	
Purchase of certificates of deposit		376,919			
Total disbursements		989,266		302,240	
Excess (deficit) of receipts over disbursements		(77,730)		631,034	
Cash, beginning of year		1,020,199		389,165	
Cash, end of year	<u>\$</u>	942,469	\$	1,020,199	

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

To the Colombia Avocado Board, Inc. Orlando, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 Colombia Avocado Board, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 11, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Colombia Avocado Board, Inc.'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 financial statements. 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*.



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Purpose of This Report

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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 organization'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 organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

October 17, 2024

Roseville, California