

**ONEIDA TOBACCO ASSET  
SECURITIZATION CORPORATION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2016 & 2015**

2015  
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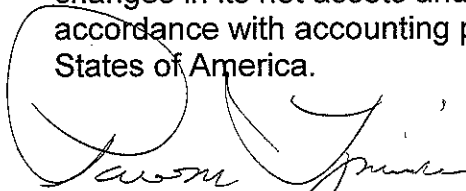
## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors  
Oneida Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation

I have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Oneida Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, (a non-profit corporation) as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities, and cashflows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Oneida Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and cashflows for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



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January 31, 2017  
New Hartford, New York

ONEIDA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORP.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

December 31,

	2016	2015
	<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 74,679	\$ 65,383
Deposits held by trustee	4,841,422	4,638,757
Prepaid trustee fees	2,750	2,750
Prepaid Insurance	3,043	3,043
Original issue discount, Net of accumulated amortization	433,865	449,044
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 5,355,759</u>	<u>\$ 5,158,977</u>
	<b><u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)</u></b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Interest Payable	280,708	299,513
Bonds Payable NYCTT V (Series 2005 S2,S3 &S4B)	31,329,444	29,144,494
Bonds Payable NYCTT IV (2005 A,B,C & 2010A)	57,795,000	61,510,000
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>89,412,152</u>	<u>90,961,007</u>
Net Assets (Deficit)	(84,056,393)	(85,802,030)
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 5,355,759</u>	<u>\$ 5,158,977</u>

ONEIDA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORP.

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

December 31,

	2016	2015
<b>Revenue</b>		
Tobacco revenue	7,461,038	3,693,845
Investment income	13,849	77
Total Revenue	<u>7,474,887</u>	<u>3,693,922</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Amortization expense	15,179	15,179
Administrative agent fee	9,860	9,860
Audit Fees	7,000	7,000
Bond Rating Fees	2,287	6,360
Bond Interest Expense	5,647,471	5,681,072
Insurance	3,043	3,043
Office and administrative expenses	(1)	1
Trustee fees	4,411	4,411
Total Expenses	<u>5,689,250</u>	<u>5,726,926</u>
Other Expenditures		
Transfer to County	40,000	0
Total Expenses and Other Expenditures	<u>5,729,250</u>	<u>5,726,926</u>
Revenues over (under) expenses and other expenditures	<u>1,745,637</u>	<u>(2,033,004)</u>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>		
Net assets (deficit) - beginning of year	85,802,030	83,769,026
Net assets (deficit) - end of year	<u>84,056,393</u>	<u>85,802,030</u>

ONEIDA TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORP.

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

December 31,

	2016	2015
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>\$ 1,745,637</u>	<u>\$ (2,033,004)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization	15,179	15,179
(Increase) decrease in deposits held by trustee	(202,665)	22,435
Increase (decrease) in Interest Payable	(18,805)	50,575
Total adjustments	<u>(206,291)</u>	<u>88,189</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>1,539,346</u>	<u>(1,944,815)</u>
<b>Cash flow from financing activities:</b>		
Payments on bonds	(3,715,000)	(45,000)
Increase in bonds do to accreted interest	2,184,950	2,034,997
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	<u>(1,530,050)</u>	<u>1,989,997</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	<u>9,296</u>	<u>45,182</u>
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	<u>65,383</u>	<u>20,201</u>
Cash and equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 74,679</u>	<u>\$ 65,383</u>
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:</b>		
Cash paid during the year for:		
Interest expense	\$ 5,647,471	\$ 5,681,072

## **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### ***Financial Reporting Entity***

The Oneida Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (OTASC) is a special purpose, bankruptcy-remote local development corporation incorporated under the provisions of section 1411 of the State's Not-For-Profit Corporation Law. The Corporation was established in December 2000 for the exclusive purpose of acquiring all rights, titles and interest the County of Oneida is due under the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), the result of tobacco industry litigation. OTASC acquired the rights to receive all future Tobacco Settlement Receipts (TSR's). The acquisition price of the County's future right, title and interest in the TSR's has been financed by the issuance of serial bonds, as part of the New York Counties Tobacco Trust I, Trust IV and Trust V, which issued Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds. TSR'S which exceed various expenses of OTASC, debt service and required reserves are transferred to a Residual Trust, under the entitlement of Residual Certificate. The County has a beneficial interest in the Trust and ultimately receives funds held by the Trust. The County has no legal obligation for any of the liabilities or debt which may exist in OTASC.

In order to meet payments on debt service and other obligations the OTASC is dependent upon the receipt of future TSR's.

### ***Basis of Accounting***

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses when incurred.

### ***Deposits held by Trustee***

Funds under control of the Trustee are funds held in various types of investment accounts. These funds are held by the Trust and are invested in money market accounts and US Treasury obligations. These investments are recorded at cost which approximates fair market value as of December 31, 2016 and 2015

### ***Income Taxes***

The Oneida Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation is a not-for-profit organization and exempt from income taxes under section 115(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

***Management's Use of Estimates***

OTASC prepares its financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates are used when accounting for certain items such as future collections on receivables, liquidity reserves, and contingencies.

**NOTE 2 - INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Original issue discount of the Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds, Series 2005 & 2010, have been capitalized and are being amortized over the life of the bonds, (5 - 40 years). As of December 31, 2016 intangible assets were as follows for the 2005 & 2010 bonds:

Original Issue Discount	\$ 607,158
Accumulated Amortization	- <u>173,293</u>
<b>NET OID</b>	<b>\$ <u>433,865</u></b>

In 2012 a change in accounting principle, under GASB statement # 65, required that issuance costs of bonds would no longer be capitalized and amortized. Due to this in 2012 the outstanding net balance of the issuance costs were reclassified as an expenditure and the net position reduced by the outstanding balance. The net effect of this change amounted to a \$1,454,121 reduction in the net position of OTASC.

Amortization expense for the years 2016 and 2015 was \$15,179 and \$15,179 respectively.

**NOTE 3 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

***Advance Refunding***

On August 18, 2005 Oneida Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation refunded and defeased in substance its outstanding 2000 Series bonds of \$54,420,000, carrying variable interest rates of 5.25% to 6.625%, with new 2005A, 2005B, 2005C/2010A Series bonds of \$65,630,000, issued at rates varying from 4.25% to 6.25%. All series have varied maturities with the final payment due December 31, 2045.



All issuance costs of the transaction (\$1,394,824) were paid from bond proceeds. Reserve amounts required under the agreement (\$5,330,009) were also funded from the bond proceeds. The net proceeds of \$58,575,167 were used to redeem the 2000 bonds and cover expenses incurred in connection with the refunding.

***NYCTT IV -2005 & 2010 (A,B,C & 2010A) Series Bonds (Advance Refunding)***

Bonds issued to complete the advanced refunding as described above have varying interest rates and maturity dates as follows:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2005A	6/01/2021	4.25	689,532
2005A	6/01/2026	4.75	447,478
2005A	6/01/2038	5.00	1,641,908
2005A	6/01/2042	5.00	8,412,490
2005A	6/01/2045	5.00	8,303,592
2005A	6/01/2027	6.00	6,735,000
2005C/2010A	6/01/2041	6.25	<u>39,400,000</u>
TOTAL ORIGINAL			<u>\$ 65,630,000</u>

Future debt service requirements for the 2005 Series bonds is as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>
2017	0	\$3,368,500
2018	0	3,368,500
2019	0	3,368,500
2020	0	3,368,500
2021	0	3,368,500
2022	0	3,368,500
2023	1,200,000	3,331,000
THEREAFTER	<u>56,595,000</u>	<u>81,489,201</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 57,795,000</u>	<u>\$ 105,031,201</u>

***New Bond Issue NYCTT V Series 2005 (S2,S3, & S4B)***

The Oneida Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation completed a new bond issue in November 2005. These bonds, noted as Series 2005S2, 2005S3 and 2005S4B, carry varying yields and were sold discounted (zero coupon), the par value of these bonds totals \$721,365,000. The maturity dates of the bonds are June 1, 2050 for the 2005S2 series; June 1, 2055 for the 2005S3 series; and June 1, 2060 for the 2005S4B series. The discounted amount of these bonds (present value) at time of sale was \$14,684,111. The proposed repayment of the bonds would be on an accelerated basis, known as The Turbo Redemption. The yields and maturities, based on the Turbo Redemption Plan, are as follows:

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>MATURITY</u>	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>PROCEEDS</u>
2005S2	2025-2040	6.10	\$ 2,853,841
2005S3	2025-2040	6.85	2,774,686
2005S4B	2025-2040	7.85	<u>9,055,584</u>
	TOTAL		<u>\$14,684,111</u>

The 2005S Series bonds are subordinate to the 2005A, 2005/2010 bonds issued in 2005 in the advance refunding discussed above. No interest or principal will be paid on these bonds until all other series bonds of the corporation are redeemed. Funds expected to be used for redemption of these bonds will come from the Tobacco Settlement Receipts. Interest will begin to accrete in 2006, payments are not anticipated until the year 2025.

Redemption of the bonds based on the Turbo Redemption schedule is anticipated as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2025	\$ 467,481	\$ 1,041,950	\$ 1,509,431
2026	1,889,575	4,589,515	6,479,090
2027	1,613,607	4,950,003	6,563,610
2028	1,460,117	5,189,297	6,649,415
2029	1,142,259	5,592,320	6,734,578
Thereafter	<u>8,111,072</u>	<u>67,546,019</u>	<u>75,657,091</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$14,684,111</u>	<u>\$ 88,909,104</u>	<u>\$103,593,215</u>

The projected accreted balances for the NYCTT V bonds are as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERIES 2005S2</u>	<u>SERIES 2005S3</u>	<u>SERIES 2005S4B</u>
2016	5,365,386	5,631,141	20,332,917
2017	5,697,747	6,022,853	21,964,608
2018	6,050,804	6,442,599	23,722,740
2019	6,425,384	6,891,938	25,619,355
2020	6,823,555	7,372,426	27,672,516
2021	7,246,147	7,885,623	29,888,244
2022	7,694,815	8,435,420	32,278,581
2023	8,171,214	9,022,598	34,861,590
2024	8,677,414	9,651,828	37,649,313
2025	7,705,224	10,323,889	40,665,834
2026	1,703,406	11,043,454	43,923,195
2027		7,058,136	47,439,459
2028		900,543	51,232,689
2029			49,561,670
2030			46,711,756
2031			43,537,981
2032			40,017,024
2033			36,114,440
2034			31,820,136
2035			27,089,916
2036			21,899,450
2037			16,199,232
2038			9,942,498
2039			3,096,444

**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS HELD IN TRUST**

Under the terms of the bond indenture agreement certain accounts were to be

maintained by a Trust Company to provide for various functions of the bond repayments. The Liquidity Reserve Account, established with proceeds from the bond sales is required to maintain on deposit \$4,574,750; at December 31, 2016 the balance was \$4,574,750. This is adequate to service one year's required debt service. Other accounts serve to act as a conduit for debt service repayment and collection of the TSR's.

#### **NOTE 6 - RELATED PARTY**

OTASC is a special purpose local development corporation and is considered by legal counsel to be bankruptcy-remote from the County of Oneida. However, OTASC's board of directors is comprised of a majority of elected or appointed officials of the County of Oneida. For financial statement purposes, OTASC is considered a component unit of the County of Oneida.

#### **NOTE 7 CONTINGENCIES**

The primary revenue of OTASC is the receipt of future tobacco payments in accordance with the Master Settlement Agreement between 46 States (including New York) and members of the tobacco industry. The collection of future tobacco payments have many risks associated with it. These risks include, smoking trends, regulatory restrictions and legislative initiatives, potential adjustments to MSA payments, bankruptcy by member(s) of the tobacco industry which are part of the MSA, and lawsuits against these members. The occurrence of any of these risks could have an affect upon the amount of payments received by OTASC, and this affect could be significant. The OTASC's financial existence relies upon the collection of the future tobacco payments.