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Press Release by Office of the Secretary to Akwa Ibom State Government on Audit Query 2007

Following a publication on pages 48 and 49 of the *Nigerian Tribune* Newspaper of Monday, 2nd August 2010, by a faceless group which calls itself the Akwa Ibom League of Professionals, as regards an audit query sent to the Office of the Secretary to the State Government, I hereby state as follows:

(1) that the office of the Secretary to the State Government did not incur any excess Capital Expenditure.

(2) that the total budgetary provision for Capital Expenditure for the year 2007 was N365 million (three hundred and sixty five million Naira) only while actual expenditure for the items under consideration for the year was N320,226,522.75

(3) that based on letter **No.SSG/AKS/S/50/VOL.III/595** of 3rd October 2008, the SSG's office was cleared by the Auditor-General's office vide letter **No.ACC/AK/II/2007/VOL.1/233** dated 30th October, 2008 (see copies of relevant letters attached).

We hereby use this medium to refute the claims of fraud made in the said publication and advise the general public to disregard same as baseless and untrue.

Signed

Mrs Grace U. Iwok

Permanent Secretary

Office of the Secretary to the State Government

SSG/AKS/S/53/Vol.III/595

3rd October, 2008

The Auditor-General
Office of the Auditor-General
20 Okon Essien Street
Uyo

SECRET

EXCESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2007

See 595
I am directed to refer to your letter No.ACC/AK/II/2007/171 dated 26 September, 2008 on above subject and inform you that this office had never incurred any excess capital expenditure as stated in your letter under reference.

Below is the summary on Head 467A Sub Head 83 and 84, Office of the Secretary to the State Government, 2007.

HEAD	SUB HEAD	DESCRIPTION OF EXPENDITURE	NET AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	SURPLUS
467A	83	Rent/Furnishing of quarters	350,000,000.00	308,666,544.75	41,333,455.25
	84	Major Refurbishing of motor vehicles	15,000,000.00	11,559,978.00	3,440,022.00
	2		365,000,000.00	320,226,522.75	44,773,477.25

For more information see photocopies of our audited vote book attached herewith.



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for: Secretary to the State Government

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(All replies to be addressed to the State Auditor-General)

30th October, 2008

The Permanent Secretary,
Office of the Secretary to the State Government,
Governor's Office,
Uyo.

SECRET

RE: EXCESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Your letter No.SSG/AKS/S/53/VOL.III/595 of 3rd October, 2008 on the above subject matter is under reference.

Having furnished necessary documents to show that the affected votes were not overspent the query is hereby waived.

The matter originated from misclassification of Capital expenditure by the Accountant-General's Office. We have taken appropriate step to effect corrections in the final accounts for the period.

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For: State Auditor-General