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Report of the group auditor.

To the General Meeting of Swiss Federal Railways SBB, Berne.

As auditor of the group, we have audited the consolidated financial statements (balance sheet, income statement, statement of cash flows and notes) of Swiss Federal Railways SBB for the year ended December 31, 2001.

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Board of Directors. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We confirm that we meet the legal requirements concerning profession-al qualification and independence.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards promulgated by the Swiss profession, which require that an audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement. We have examined on a test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial state-ments. We have also assessed the accounting principles used, significant estimates made and the overall consolidated financial state-ment presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows in accordance with "Swiss GAAP FER" and comply with Swiss law under the following restriction:

An external expert opinion established the need for a special provision for existing environmental pollution costs of CHF 393 million as at January 1, 1999. Because of the great uncertainties surrounding this special provision, an agreement was reached with the Federal authorities to the effect that a full reserve would not be set up in the opening balance sheet, but a special provision of CHF 110 mil-lion entered for necessary improvement costs in the years 1999 to 2002. Further costs were accepted by the Federal authorities under the performance agreement applicable from the year 2003.

Despite the above restriction, we recommend that the consolidated financial statements submitted to you be approved since the finan-cial consequences of the insufficient provision will be covered by the Federal authorities.

We also wish to draw your attention to the fact that the 100 % investment in AlpTransit Gotthard AG has not been consolidated, but is accounted for under the equity method. On the basis of a special agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the SBB, the Federal authorities have a dominant influence over this investment. The requirement of a common management is therefore not met.

Berne, March 22, 2002

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