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**PARLIAMENT ORDERS CL GROUP TO PAY LE 160,000,000 TO THE GOVERNMENT
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND**

As the Public Account Committee in Parliament continued its hearings on the Report on the Audit of the Management of the Ebola Funds, on Tuesday this week in Committee room 1 House of Parliament, the Committee has ordered that CL Group construction company pay back 160,000,000 to the Government Consolidated Fund or face the fully penalty of the law.

This company according to the Audit report was given a contract to construct a 90 bed treatment center at Kerry town valued at Le 1,760,000,000. The Audit reported that a contingency amount of 160,000,000 Leone was paid to the contractor without any record to suggest that a contingent event had happened that necessitated the payment.

After deliberations on the matter the committee resolved that the said amount be paid before the 16 March 2015 or face the full penalty of the law.

The managing director of CL Group, Patrick Cole gave a commitment to the Committee that he will adhere to the committee's request and pay.

Also at the hearing, Connaught and Rokupa government hospitals were cleared on withholding tax while NRA officials pleaded for more time in order to reconcile documentation relating to payment of Ebola funds to banks.

The Deputy Speaker of Parliament who doubles as Chairman of PAC Hon. Chernor R.M Bah underscores the seriousness of the hearing as he adjourned to Wednesday 4th March 2015 when the committee will be looking at procurement procedures.



Committee members probing officials from the ministry of health