



## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors of  
Hancock Investment Services, Inc.:

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition and the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, of stockholder's equity, of changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors, and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hancock Investment Services, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the Company) at December 31, 2015, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2015 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we 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, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The information contained in Schedule I, II, and III is supplemental information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Company's management. The supplemental information has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Company's financial statements. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In our opinion, the information contained in Schedule I, II, and III is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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February 26, 2016