

**S.L. Reed & Company**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2015**

**Note 1: GENERAL AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*General*

S.L. Reed & Company (the "Company") was incorporated in the state of California on March 18, 1996, and began operations on March 25, 1997. The Company is a registered broker/dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC").

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Windward Capital Group (the "Parent"), and is affiliated through common ownership with Windward Capital Management Co. ("Windward").

The Company operates as a retail broker/dealer in corporate securities over-the-counter, corporate debt securities, mutual funds, municipal securities, variable life annuities and U.S. government securities. The Company also operates as a put and call broker/dealer or option writer.

Under its membership agreement with FINRA and pursuant to Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii), the Company conducts business on a fully disclosed basis and does not execute or clear securities transactions for customers. Accordingly, the Company is exempt from the requirement of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 pertaining to the possession or control of customer assets and reserve requirements.

*Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Receivable from clearing organizations represent commissions earned on securities transactions. These receivables are stated at face amount with no allowance for doubtful accounts. An allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary because probable uncollectible accounts are immaterial.

Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis with related commission income and expenses also recorded on a trade date basis.

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The operations of the Company are included in the consolidated federal income tax return filed by the Parent. Federal income taxes are calculated as if the Company filed on a separate basis and the amount of current tax and/or benefit calculated is either remitted to or received from the Parent.

With the consent of its shareholders, the Company has elected to be treated as an S Corporation under Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code. Subchapter S of the Code provides that in lieu of corporate income taxes, the stockholders are individually taxed on the Company's taxable income; therefore, no provision or liability for Federal Income Taxes is included in these financial statements. The State of California has similar regulations, although there exists a provision for a minimum franchise tax and a tax rate of 1.5% over the minimum franchise fee of \$800.

The Company has evaluated events subsequent to the balance sheet date for items requiring recording or disclosure in the financial statements. The evaluation was performed through the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this review, the Company has determined that there were no events which took place that would have a material impact on its financial statements.

**Note 2: RECEIVABLE FROM CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS**

Pursuant to the clearing agreement, the Company introduces all of its securities transactions to clearing broker on a fully disclosed basis. Customers' money balances and security positions are carried on the books of the clearing broker. In accordance with the clearance agreement, the Company has agreed to indemnify the clearing broker for losses, if any, which the clearing broker may sustain from carrying securities transactions introduced by the Company. In accordance with industry practice and regulatory requirements, the Company and the clearing broker monitor collateral on the customers' accounts. As of December 31, 2015, the receivable from clearing organization of \$41,407 was pursuant to this clearance agreement.

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**Note 3: DEPOSIT WITH CLEARING ORGANIZATION**

The Company has a brokerage agreement with National Financial Services ("Clearing Broker") to carry its account and the accounts of its clients as customers of the Clearing Broker. The Clearing Broker has custody of the Company's cash balances which serve as collateral for any amounts due to the Clearing Broker as well as collateral for securities sold short or securities purchased on margin. Interest is paid monthly on these cash deposits at the average overnight repurchase rate. The balance at December 31, 2015 was \$143,199.

**Note 4: INCOME TAXES**

As discussed in the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Note 1), the Company has elected the Subchapter S Corporation tax status; therefore, no provision or liability for federal income taxes is included in these financial statements. The State of California recognizes Subchapter S Corporations for state tax purposes. However, the state imposes a 1.5 % tax on the net income and a minimum Franchise Tax of \$800, whichever is greater. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the state income tax provision totaled \$0.

As discussed in Note 1, the Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary and is included in the consolidated income tax returns filed by its Parent. A portion of the consolidated income tax liability is allocated to the Company as if the Company had filed separate income tax returns.

**Note 5: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company and the Parent share personnel, administrative expenses, and office space. All costs incurred for such shared expenses are paid by Windward and reimbursed by the company in accordance with an administrative services agreement. These expenses are reported as expense allocation from affiliate on the statement of income. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company paid \$420,600 under this agreement.

It is possible that the terms of certain of the related party transactions are not the same as those that would result for transactions among wholly unrelated parties.

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**Note 6: PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

Effective January 1, 2000, the Company's Board of Directors adopted a qualified 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan"). All employees, 21 years of age or older, are eligible to participate in the Plan, provided they have been employed for more than one year. The Company plan contributions are discretionary and are determined each year by the Company. The participants must be employed on the last day of the plan year and have worked at least 1,000 hours during the year to receive a pre-tax contribution. The participant's contributions are 100% vested at all times. The Company's profit sharing contributions are vested 20% per year of service after the first two years with the Company. For the year ended December 31, 2015, there was no contribution to the plan by the Company.

**Note 7: CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK**

The Company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities in which counter-parties primarily include broker-dealers, banks, and other financial institutions. In the event counter-parties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counter-party or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counter-party.

**Note 8: RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

Company management has reviewed the accounting standards updates issued by FASB that either newly issued or had effective implementation dates that would require their provision to be reflected in the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2015. Based upon this review, the Company has implemented the pronouncements that require adoption (if any). They have also concluded that the remaining pronouncements have either limited or no application to the Company and, in all cases, implementation would not have a material impact on the financial statements taken as a whole.

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**Note 9: NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. Rule 15c3-1 also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. Net capital and aggregate indebtedness change day to day, but on December 31, 2015, the Company had net capital of \$211,886 which was \$206,886 in excess of its required net capital of 120% of \$5,000; and the Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness (\$51,619) to net capital was 0.24 to 1, which is less than the 15 to 1 maximum allowed.