

LIVINGSTON SECURITIES LLC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2019

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2019 AND ENDING 12/31/2019
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Livingston Securities, LLC

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ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

FIRM I.D. NO.

626 RexCorp Plaza, 6th floor, West Tower

(No. and Street)

Uniondale

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80111

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Scott B. Livingston

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(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Spicer Jeffries LLP

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

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(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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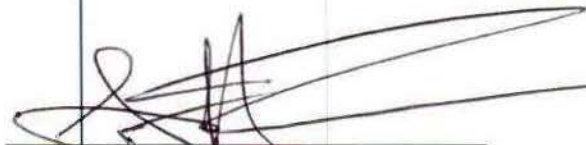
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Scott B. Livingston, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Livingston Securities, LLC, as of December 31, 2019, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:


Notary Public


Signature
CEO
Title

JONATHAN PAUL SHAHABIAN
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK
No. 02SH6293914
Qualified in Nassau County
My Commission Expires December 16, 2017

This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing Page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☐ (c) Statement of Income (Loss) or, if there is other comprehensive income in the period(s) presented, a Statement of Comprehensive Income (as defined in §210.1-02 of Regulation S-X).
- ☐ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☐ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☐ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

**For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member of
Livingston Securities LLC

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Livingston Securities LLC (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2019 and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2019, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have served as the Company’s auditor since 2008.

Denver, Colorado
February 15, 2020

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ASSETS

Cash	\$ 205,805
Clearing deposit	100,000
Commission receivable	23,493
Due from related parties (Note 4)	63,200
Fee receivable	120,000
Other assets	<u>307,024</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 819,522</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 40,419
Deferred revenue	120,000
Due to related parties (Note 4)	<u>13,447</u>
Total liabilities	173,866

Commitment and Contingencies (Note 5)

Member's equity	<u>645,656</u>
Total liabilities and member's equity	<u>\$ 819,522</u>

LIVINGSTON SECURITIES, LLC
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

Organization and business

Livingston Securities, LLC (the "Company") is a New York Limited Liability Company formed on February 21, 2008. The Company conducts a securities investment banking business in which it purchases and sells securities on behalf of its clients. The Company is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of both the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Livingston Group of Companies, LLC (the "Parent"). In addition, the Company is affiliated with Livingston Services, LLC (the "Related Entity") which is also a wholly owned subsidiary of its Parent.

Revenue recognition

The Company records securities transactions and related revenue and expenses on a settlement date basis. Transactions recorded on a trade date basis would not be materially different. Investment banking revenue is recorded based on the terms of the respective agreements and deferred until earned by the Company.

In accordance with ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" ("ASC Topic 606") revenues from contracts with customers is recognized when, or as, the Company satisfies its performance obligations by transferring the promised services to the customers. A service is transferred to a customer when, or as, the customer obtains control of that service. A performance obligation may be satisfied at a point in time or over time. Revenue from a performance obligation satisfied at a point in time is recognized at the point in time that the Company determines the customer obtains control over the promised service. Revenue from a performance obligation satisfied over time is recognized by measuring the Company's progress in satisfying the performance obligation in a manner that depicts the transfer of the services to the customer. The amount of revenue recognized reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for those promised services (i.e., the "transaction price"). In determining the transaction price, the Company considers multiple factors, including the effects of variable consideration, if any.

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1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (con't)

Agreement with clearing broker

The Company under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(i) and (k)(2)(ii) is exempt from the reserve and possession or control requirements of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company does not carry or clear customer accounts. Accordingly, all customer transactions are executed and cleared on behalf of the Company by its clearing broker on a fully disclosed basis. The Company's agreement with its clearing broker provides that as clearing broker, that firm will make and keep such records of the transactions effected and cleared in the customer accounts as are customarily made and kept by a clearing broker pursuant to the requirements of Rule 17a-3 and 17a-4 of the Securities and exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"). It also performs all services customarily incident thereon, including the preparation and distribution of customer's confirmations and statements and maintenance margin requirements under the Act and the rules of the Self Regulatory Organizations of which the Company is a member.

Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers money market funds with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Estimates

The preparation 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes

The financial statements do not include a provision for income taxes because the Company is not a taxable entity and its member is taxed on its respective share of the Company's earnings.

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1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (con't)

Income Taxes (con't)

The company is required to determine whether a tax position is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority. Including resolution of any tax related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The Company files an income tax return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and may file income tax returns in various U.S. states. The Company is not subject to income tax return examinations by major taxing authorities for years before 2015. The tax benefit recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. De-recognition of a tax benefit previously recognized results in the Company recording a tax liability that reduces net assets. However, the Company's conclusions regarding this policy may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, on-going analysis of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof. The Company recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income taxes payable, if assesses. No interest expense or penalties have been recognized as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Furniture and equipment

Furniture and equipment is stated at cost and depreciated using the straight line method over the estimated useful lives of three years.

Basis of Accounting and Trading and Valuation of Securities

The Company values its securities in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 820 – Fair Value Measurements (“ASC 820”). Under ASC 820, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the “exit price”) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

In determining fair value, the Company uses various valuation approaches. ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available.

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1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies (con't)

Basis of Accounting and Trading and Valuation of Securities (continued)

Observable inputs are those that market participants would be use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs reflect the Company's assumption about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy is categorized into three levels based on the inputs as follows:

Level 1 – Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Valuation adjustments and blockage discounts are not applied to Level 1 securities. Since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these securities does not entail a significant degree of judgment.

Level 2 – Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable. Either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 – Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

2. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair values of financial instruments appearing on the Statement of Financial Condition have the following valuation approaches defined by U.S. accounting rules under Fair Value Measurement:

There are no assets or liabilities utilizing level 1 inputs.

Assets utilizing level 2 inputs include equities which have been deemed worthless.

Assets utilizing level 3 inputs include \$293,210 in non-marketable equities received for services rendered by the Company and are included in "Other assets" in the Statement of Financial Condition.

For a more detailed discussion regarding the fair value hierarchy, see Note 1 Significant Accounting Policies.

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3. Net Capital Requirements

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital, as defined under such provisions. At December 31, 2019, the Company had net capital of \$275,432 and net capital requirement of \$100,000. The Company's net capital ratio (aggregate indebtedness to net capital) was 0.20 to 1. According to Rule 15c3-1, the Company's net capital ratio shall not exceed 15 to 1.

4. Commitments and related Party Transactions

The Company is provided office space and facilities from its Related Entity under an expense sharing agreement. Under the agreement the Company is required to reimburse the Related Entity 90% of the costs to utilize common office space, personnel and administrative services. The Company incurred a total of \$43,515 to this related entity for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The Company has a receivable of \$63,200 from the related Entity and has a payable of \$13,447 to its Parent as of December 31, 2019.

The parent provided \$800,000 of capital contributions to the Company during the year 2019.

5. Financial Instruments, Off-Balance Sheet Risk and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Company's client activities, through its clearing broker, involve the execution, settlement and financing of various client securities transactions. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance sheet risk. In the event the client fails to satisfy its obligations, the Company may be required to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices in order to fulfill the client's obligations.

The Company has receivables from and deposits with its clearing broker as shown on the accompanying statement of financial condition. These amounts are not covered by SIPC and are subject to loss should the clearing broker cease business.

The Company's financial instruments, including cash, clearing deposit, commission receivable, due from related parties, other assets, accounts payable, due to related parties and deferred revenue are carried at amounts that approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of those instruments.

The Company maintains its cash in one financial institution. At times, the amount on the deposit at this institution may exceed the maximum balance insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC").

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6. Recent Account Pronouncements

Leases

In February 2016, the FASB issued (ASU) 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)". This update includes a lease accounting model that recognizes two types of leases – finance leases and operating leases. The standard requires that a lessee recognize on the statement of financial condition relating to leases with terms of more than twelve months. The recognition, measurement, and presentation of expenses and cash flows arising from a lease by a lessee will depend on its classification as a finance or operating lease. There was no effect on the Company's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2019.

7. Subsequent Events

The Company has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued. The evaluation did not result in any subsequent events that required disclosures and/or adjustments.