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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF FIRM: Chaffe Securities, Inc.

TYPE OF REGISTRANT (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ Broker-dealer ☐ Security-based swap dealer ☐ Major security-based swap participant
☐ Check here if respondent is also an OTC derivatives dealer

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use a P.O. box no.)

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(No. and Street)
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(City) (State) (Zip Code)

PERSON TO CONTACT WITH REGARD TO THIS FILING

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(Name) (Area Code - Telephone Number) (Email Address)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose reports are contained in this filing*

LaPorte, A Professional Accounting Corporation
(Name - if individual, state last, first, and middle name)
5100 Village Walk, Ste 300 Covington LA 70433
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10/16/2003 601
(Date of Registration with PCAOB)(if applicable) (PCAOB Registration Number, if applicable)


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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Vanessa Claiborne, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the financial report pertaining to the firm of Chaffe Securities, Inc., as of 12/31, 2022, is true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, officer, director, or equivalent person, as the case may be, has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.


Riley J. Busenlener
Notary Public, State of Louisiana
My Commission Is Issued For Life.
Notary ID: 77084, Jefferson Parish
Louisiana Bar: 27982

Signature: 

Title:
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This filing** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Statement of financial condition.
- ☒ (b) Notes to consolidated 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 cash flows.
- ☐ (e) Statement of changes in stockholders' or partners' or sole proprietor's equity.
- ☐ (f) Statement of changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of creditors.
- ☐ (g) Notes to consolidated financial statements.
- ☐ (h) Computation of net capital under 17 CFR 240.15c3-1 or 17 CFR 240.18a-1, as applicable.
- ☐ (i) Computation of tangible net worth under 17 CFR 240.18a-2.
- ☐ (j) Computation for determination of customer reserve requirements pursuant to Exhibit A to 17 CFR 240.15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) Computation for determination of security-based swap reserve requirements pursuant to Exhibit B to 17 CFR 240.15c3-3 or Exhibit A to 17 CFR 240.18a-4, as applicable.
- ☐ (l) Computation for Determination of PAB Requirements under Exhibit A to § 240.15c3-3.
- ☐ (m) Information relating to possession or control requirements for customers under 17 CFR 240.15c3-3.
- ☐ (n) Information relating to possession or control requirements for security-based swap customers under 17 CFR 240.15c3-3(p)(2) or 17 CFR 240.18a-4, as applicable.
- ☐ (o) Reconciliations, including appropriate explanations, of the FOCUS Report with computation of net capital or tangible net worth under 17 CFR 240.15c3-1, 17 CFR 240.18a-1, or 17 CFR 240.18a-2, as applicable, and the reserve requirements under 17 CFR 240.15c3-3 or 17 CFR 240.18a-4, as applicable, if material differences exist, or a statement that no material differences exist.
- ☐ (p) Summary of financial data for subsidiaries not consolidated in the statement of financial condition.
- ☒ (q) Oath or affirmation in accordance with 17 CFR 240.17a-5, 17 CFR 240.17a-12, or 17 CFR 240.18a-7, as applicable.
- ☐ (r) Compliance report in accordance with 17 CFR 240.17a-5 or 17 CFR 240.18a-7, as applicable.
- ☐ (s) Exemption report in accordance with 17 CFR 240.17a-5 or 17 CFR 240.18a-7, as applicable.
- ☒ (t) Independent public accountant's report based on an examination of the statement of financial condition.
- ☐ (u) Independent public accountant's report based on an examination of the financial report or financial statements under 17 CFR 240.17a-5, 17 CFR 240.18a-7, or 17 CFR 240.17a-12, as applicable.
- ☐ (v) Independent public accountant's report based on an examination of certain statements in the compliance report under 17 CFR 240.17a-5 or 17 CFR 240.18a-7, as applicable.
- ☐ (w) Independent public accountant's report based on a review of the exemption report under 17 CFR 240.17a-5 or 17 CFR 240.18a-7, as applicable.
- ☐ (x) Supplemental reports on applying agreed-upon procedures, in accordance with 17 CFR 240.15c3-1e or 17 CFR 240.17a-12, as applicable.
- ☐ (y) Report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit, or a statement that no material inadequacies exist, under 17 CFR 240.17a-12(k).
- ☐ (z) Other: _____

**To request confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see 17 CFR 240.17a-5(e)(3) or 17 CFR 240.18a-7(d)(2), as applicable.

CHAFFE SECURITIES, INC.

Audit of Financial Statement

December 31, 2022

Public Report

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholder and the Board of Directors
Chaffe Securities, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Chaffe Securities, Inc. (the Company) as of December 31, 2022 and the related notes to the financial statement (collectively, the financial statement). In our opinion, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Chaffe Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2022, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

This financial statement is the responsibility of Chaffe Securities, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Chaffe Securities, Inc.'s financial statement 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 Chaffe Securities, Inc. in accordance with 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 statement is 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 statement, 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 statement. 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 statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.



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We have served as the Company's auditor since 2010.

Covington, LA
March 29, 2023

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CHAFFE SECURITIES, INC.
Statement of Financial Condition
December 31, 2022

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	421,685
Accounts receivable		154,586
Prepaid expenses and other assets		44,756
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Total Assets	\$	621,027
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Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	23,725
Deferred tax liability		30,231
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Total Liabilities		53,956

Stockholder's Equity

Common Stock - \$.65 Par Value		
10,000 Shares Authorized, Issued and Outstanding		6,500
Additional Paid-In Capital		357,475
Retained Earnings		203,096
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Total Stockholder's Equity		567,071
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Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	\$	621,027
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Business of the Company

Chaffe Securities, Inc. (the Company) is registered as a broker/dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, specializing in merger and acquisition transactions and advisory services. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chaffe & Associates, Inc. (the Parent). The Company was formed on October 13, 2009, pursuant to the general corporation laws of the state of Louisiana.

Revenue Recognition

The Company follows the guidance in FASB ASC 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which requires that an entity recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance requires an entity to follow a five-step model to (a) identify the contract(s) with a customer, (b) identify the performance obligations in the contract, (c) determine the transaction price, (d) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract, and (e) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation. In determining the transaction price, an entity may include variable consideration only to the extent that it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized would not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is resolved.

The Company earns investment banking revenue from private placements of securities and advisory fees generated in connection with mergers and acquisitions. Such revenue and fees are primarily recorded at a point in time when services for the transactions are completed and income is reasonably determinable, generally as set forth under the terms of the engagement. Payment for advisory services is generally due upon completion of the transaction. Retainer fees and fees earned from certain advisory services are recognized ratably over the service period as the customer receives the benefit of the services throughout the term of each contract, and such fees are collected based on the terms of each contract. All revenues in this audit period were fully earned upon completion of each related transaction.

The economic factors that affect the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows are primarily general demand for debt and equity offerings in the United States.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Receivables from Customers

Receivables relate to investment banking fees and are carried at the original invoice amount. The Company accounts for estimated credit losses on accounts receivable in accordance with FASB ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses* which requires that management estimate and immediately recognize credit losses expected to occur over the contractual life of these assets. Management determines if an allowance for doubtful accounts is necessary by regularly evaluating individual customer receivables and considering a customer's financial condition, credit history, and current economic conditions. As of December 31, 2021, there was no allowance for doubtful accounts.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Income Taxes

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America provide accounting and disclosure guidance about positions taken by an entity in its tax returns that might be uncertain. The Company believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and management has determined that there are no uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements.

Penalties and interest assessed by income taxing authorities, if any, would be included in income tax expense.

Use of 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 at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Management estimated 2021 federal and state income tax expense. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes*, which is intended to simplify various aspects related to accounting for income taxes. ASU 2019-12 removes certain exceptions to the general principles in ASC 740 and also clarifies and amends existing guidance to improve consistent application, including an exception to the

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Notes to Financial Statement

incremental approach for intra-period tax allocations when there is a loss from continuing operations and income or a gain from other items and including an exception to the general methodology for calculating income taxes in an interim period when a year-to-date loss exceeds the anticipated loss for the year, among other guidance. This guidance is effective for public entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The guidance did not have an impact on its financial statements.

Note 2. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (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. At December 31, 2022, the Company had net capital of \$367,729, which was \$362,729 in excess of its required net capital of \$3,597. The Company's Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital ratio was 0.15 to 1.0 at December 31, 2022.

Note 3. Subsequent Events

FASB ASC Topic 855, *Subsequent Events*, establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. Specifically, it sets forth the period after the balance sheet date during which management of a reporting entity should evaluate events or transactions that may occur for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements, the circumstances under which an entity should recognize events or transactions occurring after the balance sheet date in its financial statements, and the disclosures that an entity should make about events or transactions that occurred after the balance sheet date.

In accordance with ASC 855, the Company evaluated subsequent events through March 29, 2022, the date this financial statement was available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosure in this financial statement.

Review Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholder and Board of Directors
Chaffe Securities, Inc.

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Chaffe Securities, Inc. Exemption Report, in which Chaffe Securities, Inc. (the Company) stated that:

1. The Company does not claim an exemption under paragraph (k) of 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3;
2. The Company is filing an Exemption Report relying on Footnote 74 of SEC Release No. 34-70073 adopting amendments to 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5 because the Company limits its business activities exclusively to (1) private placements of securities and (2) receiving transaction-based compensation for identifying potential merger and acquisition opportunities for clients, referring securities transactions to other broker-dealers throughout the most recent fiscal year; and
3. The Company (1) did not directly or indirectly receive, hold, or otherwise owe funds or securities for or to customers, other than money or other consideration received and promptly transmitted in compliance with paragraph (a) or (b)(2) of 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-4; (2) did not carry accounts of or for customers; and (3) did not carry proprietary accounts of broker-dealers (as defined in 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3), throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

The Company's management is responsible for its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence that the Company limited its business activities exclusively to (1) private placements of securities and (2) receiving transaction-based compensation for identifying potential merger and acquisition opportunities for clients, referring securities transactions to other broker-dealers and (1) did not directly or indirectly receive, hold, or otherwise owe funds or securities for or to customers, other than money or other consideration received and promptly transmitted in compliance with paragraph (a) or (b)(2) of 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-4; (2) did not carry accounts of or for customers; and (3) did not carry proprietary accounts of broker-dealers (as defined in 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "LaPorte".

A Professional Accounting Corporation

Covington, LA
March 29, 2023