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

The Board of Directors and Management of W&S Brokerage Services, Inc.

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying W&S Brokerage Services, Inc.'s Exemption Report, in which W&S Brokerage Services, Inc. (the Company) stated that:

- (1) The Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 (k): ((2)(i) and (2)(ii)) (the “exemption provisions”)
- (2) The Company met the identified exemption provisions of §240.15c3-3 (k) throughout the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 without exception
- (3) The Company is also filing this Exemption Report because the Company’s other business activities contemplated by Footnote 74 of the SEC Release No. 34-70073 adopting amendments to 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5 are limited to effecting securities transactions via subscriptions on a subscription way basis where the funds are payable to the issuer or its agent and not to the Company throughout the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and 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 Rule 15c2-4 and/or funds received and promptly transmitted for effecting transactions via subscriptions on a subscription way basis where the funds are payable to the issuer or its agent and not to the Company; (2) did not carry accounts of or for customers; and (3) did not carry PAB accounts (as defined in Rule 15c3-3) throughout the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 without exception.

Management is responsible for compliance with 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 and 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 about the Company’s compliance with 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3. 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.

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 Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and pursuant to footnote 74 of SEC Release No. 34-70073 adopting amendments to 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5.



This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, FINRA, other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and other recipients specified by Rule 17a-5(d)(6) and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

April 3, 2024



W&S Brokerage Services

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### W&S Brokerage Services, Inc. Exemption Report

W&S Brokerage Services, Inc. (the “Company”) is a registered broker-dealer subject to Rule 17a-5 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5, “Reports to be made by certain brokers and dealers”). This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5(d)(1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company states the following:

- (1) The Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 under the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3 (k): (2)(i) and (2)(ii)
- (2) The Company met the identified exemption provisions in 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3 (k) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.
- (3) The Company is also filing this Exemption Report because the Company’s other business activities contemplated by Footnote 74 of the SEC Release No. 34-70073 adopting amendments to 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5 are limited to: effecting securities transactions via subscriptions on a subscription way basis where the funds are payable to the issuer or its agent and not to the Company, and 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 Rule 15c2-4 and/or funds received and promptly transmitted for effecting transactions via subscriptions on a subscription way basis where the funds are payable to the issuer or its agent and not to the Company); (2) did not carry accounts of or for customers; and (3) did not carry PAB accounts (as defined in Rule 15c3-3) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

W&S Brokerage Services, Inc.

I, Terrie A. Wiedenheft, affirm that, to my best knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.

By: 

Title: Sr. VP & Chief Financial Officer

April 3, 2024

**W&S Brokerage Services, Inc**  
**Exemption Report Exception Log**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

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