

SIA Securities Corp.

(SEC I.D. No. 8-46668)

Financial Statements and
Supplemental Schedules for the
Year Ended December 31, 2016, and
Report of Independent Registered
Public Accounting Firm

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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/16 AND ENDING 12/31/16
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: **SIA Securities Corp.**

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

FIRM I.D. NO.

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(No. and street)

Minneapolis

Minnesota

55402

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Kelly Boston

612-359-2558

(Area Code – Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Deloitte & Touche LLP

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

50 South Sixth Street

Minneapolis

Minnesota

55402

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant
☐ Public Accountant
☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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* Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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AFFIRMATION

I, Paul Rasmussen, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule pertaining to SIA Securities Corp. (the "Company") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, are true and correct. I further affirm that neither the Company nor any officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.

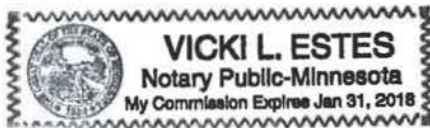


Paul Rasmussen
President

Subscribed to before me this 24th day of February 2017.



Notary Public



REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of
SIA Securities Corp.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of SIA Securities Corp. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2016, and the related statement of operations, statement of cash flows, for the year then ended and statement of changes in shareholder's equity that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. 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 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. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also 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, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplemental schedules g, h, and i, listed in the accompanying table of contents, have been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Company's financial statements. The supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental schedules reconcile 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 schedules. In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in compliance with Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In our opinion, such supplemental schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

February 23, 2017

SIA SECURITIES CORP.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS

ASSETS:

Cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 152,245
Accounts receivable	16,028
Prepaid expenses	5,651
Income tax receivable	<u>67</u>

TOTAL	<u>\$ 173,991</u>
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY

LIABILITIES:

Payable to Sit Investment Associates, Inc.	\$ 3,488
Deferred tax liability	<u>5,058</u>

Total liabilities	<u>8,546</u>
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SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY:

Common stock, \$0.01 par value — authorized, 1,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding, 50,000 shares	500
Additional paid-in capital	84,500
Retained earnings	<u>80,445</u>

Total shareholder's equity	<u>165,445</u>
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TOTAL	<u>\$ 173,991</u>
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See notes to financial statements.

SIA SECURITIES CORP.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

REVENUES:

Distribution and marketing fee (Note 2)	\$ 34,769
12b-1 fees	183,751
Other revenue	20,799
Dividend income	<u>339</u>

Total revenues	<u>239,658</u>
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EXPENSES (Note 1):

Distribution expenses (Note 5)	183,804
Registration and licensing fees	16,799
Management fee (Note 5)	4,000
Professional fees	25,497
Insurance	8,769
Training	<u>450</u>

Total expenses	<u>239,319</u>
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INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	339
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PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES (Note 4)	<u>81</u>
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NET INCOME	<u>\$ 258</u>
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See notes to financial statements.

SIA SECURITIES CORP.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Net income	\$ 258
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Noncash items included in net income:	
Deferred income taxes	(180)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	185
Prepaid expenses	589
Payable to Sit Investment Associates, Inc.	(17)
Income tax receivable	<u>(5,235)</u>

Net cash used in operating activities	(4,400)
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DECREASE IN CASH EQUIVALENTS	(4,400)
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CASH EQUIVALENTS — Beginning of year	<u>156,645</u>
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CASH EQUIVALENTS — End of year	<u>\$ 152,245</u>
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See notes to financial statements.

SIA SECURITIES CORP.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Shareholder's Equity
BALANCE — January 1, 2016	\$ 500	\$ 84,500	\$ 80,187	\$ 165,187
Net income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>258</u>
BALANCE — December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 84,500</u>	<u>\$ 80,445</u>	<u>\$ 165,445</u>

See notes to financial statements.

SIA SECURITIES CORP.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

1. OWNERSHIP AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

SIA Securities Corp. (the “Company”) is a 100%-owned subsidiary of Sit Investment Associates, Inc. (SIA). The Company is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. The Company’s primary objective is the promotion and marketing of the Sit Mutual Funds (the “Mutual Funds”), a group of no-load mutual funds for which SIA is the investment adviser. Pursuant to a management agreement between the Company and SIA, most of the Company’s operating expenses are paid by SIA. The Company’s results of operations may not be indicative of the results that might be obtained had it operated independently of SIA.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation — The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“generally accepted accounting principles”).

Cash Equivalents — Cash equivalents consist of money market mutual funds. These money market mutual funds are carried at fair value and are considered cash equivalents because of the Company’s ability to redeem them at any time.

Revenue Recognition — Sit Mutual Funds, Inc. has adopted on behalf of Sit Dividend Growth Fund class S shares, Sit Global Dividend Growth Fund class S shares, Sit Small Cap Dividend Growth Fund class S shares and Sit ESG Growth Fund class S shares a distribution plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Under the distribution plan, the class S shares pay the Company distribution fees for the sale and distribution of its shares. The distribution fees are equal to an annual rate of 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of class S shares. The distribution fee is paid to the Company monthly. 12b-1 fees are recognized when earned. Additionally, the Company receives an annual distribution and marketing fee from SIA equal to the anticipated non-operating expenses of the Company, as determined by the Company and SIA.

Income Taxes — The Company files its own tax returns, and accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method, which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined on the basis of the differences between the financial statements and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

The Company recognizes net deferred tax assets to the extent that these assets are believed to be more likely than not to be realized. In making such a determination, all available positive and negative evidence is considered, including future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, projected future taxable income, tax-planning strategies, and results of recent operations. If it is determined that the Company will not be able to fully realize its deferred tax assets, a deferred tax asset valuation allowance will be recorded, which would reduce the provision for income taxes.

Uncertain tax positions are recorded in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 740 on the basis of a two-step process whereby (1) it is determined whether it is more likely than not that the tax positions will be sustained on the basis of the technical merits of the position and (2) for those tax positions that meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold, the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50% likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement with the related tax authority is recognized. The Company has concluded that there are no uncertain tax positions as of December 31, 2016.

Use of Estimates — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, 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.

Accounting Pronouncement Issued Not Yet Effective - Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, provides a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and will supersede most current revenue recognition guidance. The standard is effective for public entities for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is not permitted. The Company is still evaluating the impact that this standard may have on its revenue policy and financial reporting. With the exception of the pending adoption of these standard, we do not anticipate that application of recently issued, but not yet effective, accounting pronouncement will have significant effects on future financial reporting.

3. ASSETS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE

The Company categorizes its fair value measurements according to a three-level hierarchy. The hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used by the Company's valuation techniques. A level is assigned to each fair value measurement based on the lowest-level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

Level 1 — Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date.

Level 2 — Prices or valuations based on observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 3 — Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

Determination of Fair Value — The Company uses valuation techniques consistent with the market approach to measure the fair value of its assets. The Company's market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. The Company maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs.

A description of the valuation techniques used to measure fair value and the general classification of these instruments pursuant to the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Cash Equivalents — Cash equivalents include highly liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Actively traded money market funds are measured at their NAV and are classified as Level 1.

Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2016, Using				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Cash equivalents	\$ 152,245	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152,245

There were no transfers between levels during the year ended December 31, 2016.

4. INCOME TAXES

Income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2016, consists of the following:

	Current	Deferred	Total
Federal	\$ 150	\$ (104)	\$ 46
State	111	(76)	35
Provision for income taxes	<u>\$ 261</u>	<u>\$ (180)</u>	<u>\$ 81</u>

The Company had no unrecognized tax benefits or accrued interest and penalties during the year ended December 31, 2016. The federal and state tax returns are subject to examination by the tax authorities for the years subsequent to 2012 and 2011, respectively.

5. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has a management agreement with SIA, whereby SIA pays most of the Company's operating expenses that are charged or allocated to the Company, including legal, professional, and insurance costs. Amounts paid by SIA on behalf of the Company for registration and licensing fees, professional fees, and insurance amounted to \$51,065; distribution expenses of \$183,804 were allocated to the Company for certain distribution expenses incurred by the Parent. SIA also provides the Company with office facilities to conduct its business activities. In return for these services, the Company pays a management fee to SIA, which was \$4,000 in 2016. Additionally, SIA pays an annual distribution and marketing fee to the Company in an amount agreed upon by SIA and the Company, which was \$34,769 in 2016. The Company has payables to SIA of \$3,488 as of December 31, 2016.

6. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the SEC's 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 under such provisions, shall not exceed 15 to 1. In addition, the Company may be prohibited from expanding its business or paying cash dividends if its ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital is greater than 10 to 1. The Company has at all times maintained its net capital above SEC-required levels. As of December 31, 2016, the Company's net capital of \$140,654 was \$115,654 in excess of its required net capital of \$25,000. The Company's ratio of aggregated indebtedness to net capital was .06 to 1.0 as of December 31, 2016.

The Company claims exemption from the SEC's Rule 15c3-3 of the SEC under paragraph (k)(1) of that rule. Under this exemption, the *Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements and Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements* are not required.

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued. The Company has determined there were no material events that require adjustment to or disclosure in these financial statements.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

SIA SECURITIES CORP.**Schedule g****COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL FOR BROKERS AND DEALERS PURSUANT TO
RULE 15c3-1 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**

NET CAPITAL:

Total shareholder's equity	\$ 165,445
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Less nonallowable assets:

Accounts receivable	16,028
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Prepaid expenses	5,651
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Deferred tax assets	67
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Total nonallowable assets	21,746
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Net capital before haircuts	143,699
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Haircuts on securities:

Cash equivalents	3,045
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Total haircuts on securities	3,045
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NET CAPITAL	\$ 140,654
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AGGREGATED INDEBTEDNESS:

Payable to Sit Investment Associates, Inc.	3,488
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Deferred tax liability	5,058
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TOTAL AGGREGATED INDEBTEDNESS	\$ 8,546
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COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT:

Minimum net capital required (greater of \$25,000 or 6 2/3% of aggregated indebtedness)	\$ 25,000
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Excess net capital	\$ 115,654
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Ratio of aggregated indebtedness to net capital	.06 to 1.00
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Note: There are no material differences between the computation using the amounts reported in the accompanying audited financial statements and the computation as reported in the Company's FOCUS report Part IIA filed on January 26, 2017.

**COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKERS AND
DEALERS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**

The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 of the Security and Exchange Commission, including the Computations for Determination of the Reserve Requirements, under paragraph (k)(1).

SIA SECURITIES CORP.

Schedule i

**INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKERS
AND DEALERS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**

The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 of the Security and Exchange Commission, including the Information relating to the Possession or Control Requirements, under paragraph (k)(1).