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**ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT  
FORM X-17A-5  
PART III**

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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

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

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:  
Purissima Securities, LLC

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

13100 Skyline Boulevard  
(No. and Street)  
Woodside California 94062  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

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

Andrew Teufel (650) 851-3334  
(Area Code - Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

Tait, Weller & Baker  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)  
8 Penn Center Plaza, Suite 800 Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

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

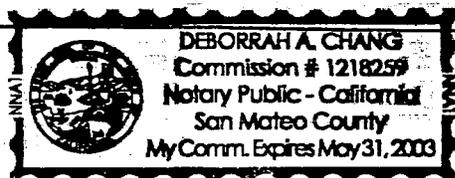
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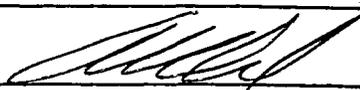
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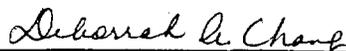
## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Andrew Teufel, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Purissima Securities, LLC, as of December 31, 2001, 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:



  
Signature

President  
Title

  
Notary Public

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

- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's 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.
- (o) Auditors' Report On Internal Control.

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

***TAIT, WELLER & BAKER***  
*Certified Public Accountants*

**PURISIMA SECURITIES, LLC**

***ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT***

***FORM X-17A-5***

**DECEMBER 31, 2001**

**TAIT, WELLER & BAKER**  
*Certified Public Accountants*

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

**To the Members**  
**Purisima Securities, LLC**  
**Woodside, California**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Purisima Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2001, and the related statements of income (loss), changes in ownership equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes 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, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Purisima Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2001, 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements, taken as a whole. The information contained in Pages 3, 4, 6 and 7 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Tait, Weller & Baker*

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
**January 28, 2002**

**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART IIA**

**BROKER OR DEALER** Purisima Securities, LLC

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR NONCARRYING, NONCLEARING AND  
CERTAIN OTHER BROKERS OR DEALERS**

as of (MM/DD/YY) 12/31/01 99  
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Consolidated  198  
Unconsolidated  199

	ASSETS		Total
	Allowable	Non-Allowable	
1. Cash	\$ 14,010	200	\$ 14,010 750
2. Receivables from brokers or dealers:			
A. Clearance account	295		
B. Other	300	550	810
3. Receivables from non-customers	355	600	830
4. Securities and spot commodities owned, at market value:			
A. Exempted securities	418		
B. Debt securities	419		
C. Options	420		
D. Other securities	424		
E. Spot commodities	430		850
5. Securities and/or other investments not readily marketable:			
A. At cost	130		
B. At estimated fair value	440	610	860
6. Securities borrowed under subordination agreements and partners' individual and capital securities accounts, at market value:			
A. Exempted securities	150		
B. Other securities	160		
7. Secured demand notes:	470	640	890
market value of collateral:			
A. Exempted securities	170		
B. Other securities	180		
8. Memberships in exchanges:			
A. Owned, at market	190		
B. Owned, at cost		650	
C. Contributed for use of the company, at market value		660	900
9. Investment in and receivables from affiliates, subsidiaries and associated partnerships	480	670	910
10. Property, furniture, equipment, leasehold improvements and rights under lease agreements, at cost-net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	490	680	920
11. Other assets	535	22,031 735	22,031 930
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 14,010 540	\$ 22,031 740	\$ 36,041 940

See notes to financial statements

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**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART IIA**

**BROKER OR DEALER** Purisima Securities, LLC

as of 12/31/01

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR NONCARRYING, NONCLEARING  
AND CERTAIN OTHER BROKERS OR DEALERS**

**LIABILITIES AND OWNERSHIP EQUITY**

<u>Liabilities</u>	<u>A.I. Liabilities</u>	<u>Non-A.I. Liabilities</u>	<u>Total</u>
13. Bank loans payable .....	\$ 1045	\$ 1255	\$ 14
14. Payable to brokers or dealers:			
A. Clearance account .....	1114	1315	15
B. Other .....	1115	1305	15
15. Payable to non-customers .....	1155	1355	16
16. Securities sold not yet purchased, at market value .....		1360	16
17. Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, expenses and other .....	1205	1385	16
18. Notes and mortgages payable:			
A. Unsecured .....	1210		16
B. Secured .....	1211	1390	17
19. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors:			
A. Cash borrowings:		1400	17
1. from outsiders \$	970		
2. Includes equity subordination (15c3-1 (d)) of .... \$	980		
B. Securities borrowings, at market value: . . . from outsiders \$	990	1410	17
C. Pursuant to secured demand note collateral agreements: .....		1420	17
1. from outsider: \$	1000		
2. -Includes equity subordination (15c3-1 (d)) of .... \$	1010		
D. Exchange memberships contributed for use of company, at market value .....		1430	17
E. Accounts and other borrowings not qualified for net capital purposes .....	1220	1440	17
20. TOTAL LIABILITIES .....	\$ NONE 1230	\$ NONE 1450	\$ NONE 17

**Ownership Equity**

21. Sole proprietorship .....		\$ 1	1
22. Partnership (limited partners .....	\$ 1020		1
23. Corporation:			
A. Preferred stock .....			1
B. Common stock .....		40,000	1
C. Additional paid-in capital .....		110,000	1
D. Retained earnings .....		(113,959)	1
E. Total .....			1
F. Less capital stock in treasury .....			1
24. TOTAL OWNERSHIP EQUITY .....		\$ 36,041	1
25. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNERSHIP EQUITY .....		\$ 36,041	1

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**FINANCIAL AND OPERATION COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART IIA**

**BROKER OR DEALER** Purisima Securities, LLC

as of 12/31/01

**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL**

1. Total ownership equity from Statement of Financial Condition.....	\$	36,041	3480
2. Deduct ownership equity not allowable for Net Capital.....	19		3490
3. Total ownership equity qualified for Net Capital.....		36,041	3500
4. Add:			
A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital.....			3520
B. Other (deductions) or allowable credits (List).....			3525
5. Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities.....	\$	36,041	3530
6. Deductions and/or charges:			
A. Total nonallowable assets from Statement of Financial Condition (Notes B and C).....	17	\$ 22,031	3540
B. Secured demand note deficiency.....			3590
C. Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities- proprietary capital charges.....			3600
D. Other deductions and/or charges.....			3610
7. Other additions and/or allowable credits (List).....		( 22,031	) 3630
8. Net capital before haircuts on securities positions.....	20	\$ 14,010	3640
9. Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable, pursuant to 15c3-1 (f)):			
A. Contractual securities commitments.....	\$		3660
B. Subordinated securities borrowings.....			3670
C. Trading and investment securities:			
1. Exempted securities.....	18		3735
2. Debt securities.....			3733
3. Options.....			3730
4. Other securities.....			3734
D. Undue Concentration.....			3650
E. Other (List).....			3736
10. Net Capital.....	\$	14,010	3750

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The audited net capital computation above is the same as the unaudited net capital previously filed.

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PART IIA**

**BROKER OR DEALER** Purisima Securities, LLC

as of 12/31/01

**COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT**

**Part A**

11. Minimum net capital required (6-2/3% of line 19) .....	\$	0	3756
12. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A) .....	\$	5,000	3758
13. Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12) .....	\$	5,000	3760
14. Excess net capital (line 10 less 13) .....	\$	9,010	3770
15. Excess net capital at 1000% (line 10 less 10% of line 19) .....	▼ \$	14,010	3780

**COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS**

16. Total A.I. liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition .....	\$	0	3790
17. Add:			
A. Drafts for immediate credit .....	▼ \$	3800	
B. Market value of securities borrowed for which no equivalent value is paid or credited .....	\$	3810	
C. Other unrecorded amounts (List) .....	\$	3820	\$
19. Total aggregate indebtedness .....	\$	0	3840
20. Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (line 19 ÷ by line 10) .....	%	0	3850
21. Percentage of debt to debt-equity total computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1 (d) .....	%	N/A	3860

**COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT**

**Part B**

22. 2% of combined aggregate debit items as shown in Formula for Reserve Requirements pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 prepared as of the date of the net capital computation including both brokers or dealers and consolidated subsidiaries' debits .....	\$	N/A	3870
23. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A) .....	▼ \$		3880
24. Net capital requirement (greater of line 22 or 23) .....	\$		3760
25. Excess net capital (line 10 less 24) .....	\$		3910
26. Net capital in excess of:			
5% of combined aggregate debit items or \$120,000 .....	\$	N/A	3920

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**NOTES:**

- (A) The minimum net capital requirement should be computed by adding the minimum dollar net capital requirement of the reporting broker dealer and, for each subsidiary to be consolidated, the greater of:
1. Minimum dollar net capital requirement, or
  2. 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or 2% of aggregate debits if alternative method is used.
- (B) Do not deduct the value of securities borrowed under subordination agreements or secured demand note covered by subordination agreements not in satisfactory form and the market values of memberships in exchanges contributed for use of company (contra to item 1740) and partners' securities which were included in non-allowable assets.
- (C) For reports filed pursuant to paragraph (d) of Rule 17a-5, respondent should provide a list of material non-allowable assets.

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**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
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**BROKER OR DEALER** Purisima Securities, LLC

For the period (MMDDYY) from 01/01/01 3932 to 12/31/01 3933  
 Number of months included in this statement 12 3931

**STATEMENT OF INCOME (LOSS)**

**REVENUE**

1. Commissions:		
a. Commissions on transactions in exchange listed equity securities executed on an exchange	\$	3935
b. Commissions on listed option transactions	✓	3938
c. All other securities commissions		3939
d. Total securities commissions		3940
2. Gains or losses on firm securities trading accounts		
a. From market making in options on a national securities exchange		3945
b. From all other trading		3949
c. Total gain (loss)		3950
3. Gains or losses on firm securities investment accounts		3952
4. Profit (loss) from underwriting and selling groups	✓	3955
5. Revenue from sale of investment company shares		3970
6. Commodities revenue		3990
7. Fees for account supervision, investment advisory and administrative services		3975
8. Other revenue		3995
9. Total revenue	\$	4030

**EXPENSES**

10. Salaries and other employment costs for general partners and voting stockholder officers	\$	4120
11. Other employee compensation and benefits	✓	4115
12. Commissions paid to other broker-dealers		4140
13. Interest expense		4075
a. Includes interest on accounts subject to subordination agreements		4070
14. Regulatory fees and expenses		60,637
15. Other expenses		4100
16. Total expenses	\$	60,637

**NET INCOME**

17. Net income (loss) before Federal income taxes and Items below (Item 9 less Item 16)	\$	(60,637)	4210
18. Provision for Federal income taxes (for parent only)	✓		4220
19. Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated subsidiaries not included above			4222
a. After Federal income taxes of		4238	
20. Extraordinary gains (losses)			4224
a. After Federal income taxes of		4239	
i. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles			4225
2. Net income (loss) after Federal income taxes and extraordinary items	\$	(60,637)	4230

**MONTHLY INCOME**

Income (current month only) before provision for Federal income taxes and extraordinary items	\$	N/A	4211
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**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART IIA**

**BROKER OR DEALER**      Purisima Securities, LLC

For the period (MMDDYY) from 01/01/01 to 12/31/01

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP EQUITY  
(SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION)**

1. Balance, beginning of period .....	\$	41,678	4240
A. Net income (loss) .....		(60,637)	4250
B. Additions (Includes non-conforming capital of .....	\$	4262	4260
C. Deductions (Includes non-conforming capital of .....	\$	4272	4270
2. Balance, end of period (From item 1800) .....	\$	36,041	4290

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED  
TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS**

3. Balance, beginning of period .....	\$	N/A	4300
A. Increases .....			4310
B. Decreases .....			4320
4. Balance, end of period (From item 3520) .....	\$	N/A	4330

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**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART IIA**

<b>BROKER OR DEALER</b>	Purisma Securities, LLC	as of <u>12/31/01</u>
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**Exemptive Provision Under Rule 15c3-3**

25. If an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 is claimed, identify below the section upon which such exemption is based (check one only)

- |   |   |      |
|---|---|------|
| A. (k) (1)—\$2,500 capital category as per Rule 15c3-1 . . . . . (\$5,000)  | X | 4550 |
| B. (k) (2)(A)—“Special Account for the Exclusive Benefit of customers” maintained   |   | 4560 |
| C. (k) (2)(B)—All customer transactions cleared through another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis. Name of clearing firm <input type="checkbox"/> 31 |   | 4570 |
| D. (k) (3)—Exempted by order of the Commission  |   | 4580 |

**Ownership Equity and Subordinated Liabilities maturing or proposed to be withdrawn within the next six months and accruals, (as defined below), which have not been deducted in the computation of Net Capital.**

Type of Proposed withdrawal or Accrual See below for code to enter	Name of Lender or Contributor	Insider or Outsider? (In or Out)	Amount to be With- drawn (cash amount and/or Net Capital Value of Securities)	(MMDDYY) Withdrawal or Maturity Date	Expect to Renew (yes or no)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 32	4600	4601	4602	4603	4604	4605
<input type="checkbox"/> 33	4610	4611	4612	4613	4614	4615
<input type="checkbox"/> 34	4620	4621	4622	4623	4624	4625
<input type="checkbox"/> 35	4630	4631	4632	4633	4634	4635
<input type="checkbox"/> 36	4640	4641	4642	4643	4644	4645
<input type="checkbox"/> 37	4650	4651	4652	4653	4654	4655
<input type="checkbox"/> 38	4660	4661	4662	4663	4664	4665
<input type="checkbox"/> 39	4670	4671	4672	4673	4674	4675
<input type="checkbox"/> 40	4680	4681	4682	4683	4684	4685
<input type="checkbox"/> 41	4690	4691	4692	4693	4694	4695
			TOTAL \$ <input type="checkbox"/> 22	N/A	4699	

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**Instructions:** Detail listing must include the total of items maturing during the six month period following the report date, regardless of whether or not the capital contribution is expected to be renewed. The schedule must also include proposed capital withdrawals scheduled within the six month period following the report date including the proposed redemption of stock and payments of liabilities secured by fixed assets (which are considered allowable assets in the capital computation pursuant to Rule 15c3-1(c)(2)(iv)), which could be required by the lender on demand or in less than six months.

- WITHDRAWAL CODE: DESCRIPTION**
1. Equity Capital
  2. Subordinated Liabilities
  3. Accruals
  4. 15c3-1(c)(2)(iv) Liabilities

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# PURISIMA SECURITIES, LLC

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended December 31, 2001

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### CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

<i>Net loss</i>	\$(60,637)
<i>Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used for operating activities</i>	
Changes in current assets and liabilities	
Prepaid expenses	<u>(5,363)</u>
<b>Net cash used for operating activities</b>	<u>(66,000)</u>
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>	
Capital contributions by members	<u>55,000</u>
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<u>55,000</u>
<b>Net decrease in cash</b>	(11,000)
<i>Cash</i>	
Beginning of year	<u>25,010</u>
<b>End of year</b>	<u>\$ 14,010</u>

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# PURISIMA SECURITIES, LLC

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2001

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### (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### *ORGANIZATION*

Purisima Securities, LLC (the "*Company*") is a California limited liability company.

#### *INCOME TAXES*

The Company has elected to be taxed as a limited liability company for federal and state purposes. Under these elections, income taxes on net earnings of the Company are payable personally by the members.

### (2) REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c-3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (reserve requirement for brokers and dealers) in that all transactions would be limited to the purchase, sale and redemption of shares of a registered investment company; it does not hold funds or securities for customers; and it promptly transmits all funds and delivers all securities in connection with its activities as a broker or dealer.

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, equal to the greater of \$5,000 or 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness. Net capital and the related net capital ratio may fluctuate on a daily basis. At December 31, 2001, the Company had net capital of \$14,010, and net capital requirements of \$5,000. The percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 0%.

**TAIT, WELLER & BAKER**  
*Certified Public Accountants*

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5**

**To the Members  
Purisma Securities, LLC  
Woodside, California**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Purisma Securities, LLC (the "*Company*") for the year ended December 31, 2001, we considered its internal control, including procedures for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

We also made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a3(a)(11) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13, or in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the Commission's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including procedures for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2001, to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Tait, Weller & Baker*

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
**January 28, 2002**