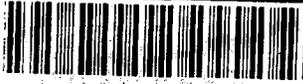


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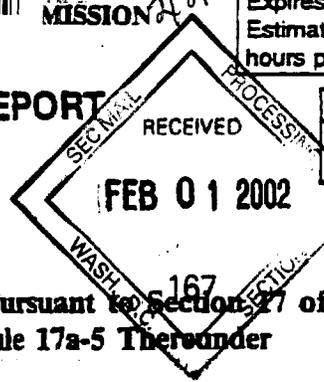


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FORM X-17A-5  
PART III**



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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 11/01/00 AND ENDING 10/31/01  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC.

|                   |
|-------------------|
| OFFICIAL USE ONLY |
| FIRM ID. NO.      |

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

1926 ARCH STREET

(No. and Street)

PHILADELPHIA

PENNSYLVANIA

19103

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

JOSEPH W. LUTES

215-246-3000

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

ASHER & COMPANY, LTD.

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

1845 WALNUT STREET

PHILADELPHIA

PENNSYLVANIA

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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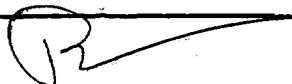
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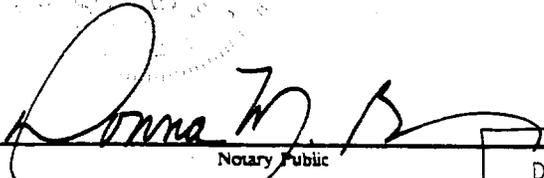
## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, PAUL SILBERBERG, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC., as of OCTOBER 31, 19 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:

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\_\_\_\_\_

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

PRESIDENT  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

NOTARIAL SEAL  
DONNA M. BECKER, Notary Public  
City of Philadelphia, Phila. County  
My Commission Expires December 24, 2005

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.

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

**CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC.**  
**(AN S CORPORATION)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**OCTOBER 31, 2001**

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### Independent Auditors' Report

**The Board of Directors and Stockholders  
CMS Investment Resources, Inc.  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of **CMS Investment Resources, Inc. (an S Corporation)** as of October 31, 2001 and the related statements of loss and retained earnings 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 **CMS Investment Resources, Inc. (an S Corporation)** as of October 31, 2001 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information 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.

  
ASHER & COMPANY, Ltd.

Philadelphia, PA  
November 19, 2001

**CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC.**  
**(AN S CORPORATION)**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2001**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents      | \$ 828,001       |
| Receivables                    |                  |
| Advisory fees, related company | 73,838           |
| Other                          | 29,118           |
| Prepaid expenses               | 103,379          |
| Tax deposits                   | 340,734          |
| Total current assets           | <u>1,375,070</u> |

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| INVESTMENTS IN PARTNERSHIPS | 9,374 |
|-----------------------------|-------|

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| OTHER ASSETS | <u>8,888</u> |
|--------------|--------------|

|                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Total Assets</b> | <b>\$ <u>1,393,332</u></b> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|

**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

|                                       |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 140,134     |
| Accrued profit sharing contribution   | 66,935         |
| Deferred revenue                      | 445,696        |
| Total current liabilities             | <u>652,765</u> |

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| INVESTMENTS IN PARTNERSHIPS | 25,853 |
|-----------------------------|--------|

**COMMITMENTS**

**STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Common stock, \$.01 par value; 500,000 shares<br>authorized; 100,000 shares issued and outstanding | 1,000          |
| Additional paid-in-capital   | 555,000        |
| Retained earnings  | 158,714        |
| Total Stockholders' equity   | <u>714,714</u> |

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b> | <b>\$ <u>1,393,332</u></b> |
|---|----------------------------|

The accompanying notes are an integral part  
of these financial statmenets.

**CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC.**  
**(AN S CORPORATION)**  
**STATEMENT OF LOSS AND RETAINED EARNINGS**  
**YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2001**

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Revenue  |                    |
| Fee income   | \$ 24,976,658      |
| Dividend income                                      | 74,450             |
|  | 25,051,108         |
| Expenses   |                    |
| Operating  | 24,364,246         |
|  | 686,862            |
| Income before principals' payroll and other expenses | 686,862            |
| Principals' payroll                                  | 3,048,436          |
| Loss before other expenses                           | (2,361,574)        |
| Other expenses                                       |                    |
| Loss on disposition of investment                    | (235,418)          |
| Equity in loss of investments in Partnerships        | (7,069)            |
|  | (2,604,061)        |
| <b>NET LOSS</b>                                      | <b>(2,604,061)</b> |
| Retained earnings, beginning of year                 | 2,762,775          |
| Retained earnings, end of year                       | \$ 158,714         |

The accompanying notes are an integral part  
of these financial statmenets.

**CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC.**  
**(AN S CORPORATION)**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2001**

**OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Net loss   | \$ (2,604,061)     |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to<br>net cash utilized by operating activities: |                    |
| Loss on disposition of investment  | 235,418            |
| Equity in loss of investments in Partnerships                                      | 7,069              |
| Changes in:  |                    |
| Advisory fee receivables   | 220,502            |
| Other receivables  | 134,112            |
| Prepaid expenses   | (62,658)           |
| Tax deposits   | (138,169)          |
| Due to related party   | (350,000)          |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses  | (67,254)           |
| Accrued and withheld payroll taxes and profit<br>sharing contribution              | 9,943              |
| Deferred revenue   | <u>(4,414,446)</u> |
| Net cash utilized by operating activities  | (7,029,544)        |

**INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Proceeds from sale of property and equipment | 102,989          |
| Purchase of property and equipment           | (4,479)          |
| Proceeds from disposition of investment      | <u>1,260,756</u> |
| Net cash provided by investing activities    | <u>1,359,266</u> |

**DECREASE IN CASH**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
|  | (5,670,278)       |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | <u>6,498,279</u>  |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year       | <u>\$ 828,001</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part  
of these financial statements.

**CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC.**  
**(AN S CORPORATION)**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2001**

**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies applied by management in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements.

Organization

CMS Investment Resources, Inc. (Company) is organized under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

In prior years, the Company presented consolidated financial statements with a wholly-owned subsidiary. In December, 1999, the subsidiary was dissolved, resulting in no material impact to the Company's financial position and results of operations.

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 and 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.

Cash equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Tax deposits

The Company has tax deposits due from the federal government which management believes will be recovered prior to October 31, 2002.

Deferred revenue

The Company bills certain affiliated entities in advance of providing certain investment advisory services. Therefore, payment is received prior to these services being rendered, and the income and any related expenses are deferred and will be reflected in income as the investment services are provided.

**CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC.**  
**(AN S CORPORATION)**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2001**

**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Income taxes

The Company reports operations for financial statement purposes on the accrual basis of accounting and for tax reporting purposes on the cash basis of accounting.

The Company has elected by unanimous consent of its Stockholders to be taxed as an S Corporation under the provisions of Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code. Under such provisions, the Company does not pay Federal or certain state corporate income taxes on its taxable income or realize the tax benefits of its losses. Instead, the Stockholders are liable for individual Federal or certain state income taxes on their respective shares of the Company's taxable income, and may include, subject to certain limitations, their respective shares of the Company's net operating loss in their individual income tax returns. At October 31, 2001, the Company has a balance of approximately \$1,100,000 in its accumulated adjustments account which is available for tax free distributions to its Stockholders.

Investment in partnerships

The Company has General Partner and Limited Partner interests in limited partnerships which invest primarily in operating businesses, real estate, and cable activities. The Company accounts for General Partner investments on the equity method and Limited Partner investments on the cost method, respectively. Under the equity method, the Company's initial and subsequent investments, which are recorded at cost, are increased or decreased by the Company's share of the Partnership's operating results. Under the cost method, the Company's initial and subsequent investments are recorded at cost and income recognized is limited to distributions received. There were no distributions from limited partnership investments during the year.

**NOTE B - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK**

The Company maintains cash accounts in commercial banks, which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced losses in such accounts. The Company believes it is not exposed to any significant risk on its cash.

**CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC.**  
**(AN S CORPORATION)**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2001**

**NOTE C - INVESTMENTS IN PARTNERSHIPS**

The Company has General Partner investment interests in several limited partnerships which own interests in other partnerships. The investments are reflected on the equity basis of accounting.

The following information summarizes in the aggregate the assets and liabilities of the Partnerships in which the Company has investments at December 31, 2000, the dates of the most recently available financial information, and the income and net losses for the years then ended.

Summary of financial position:

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Assets            | \$ (151,331)        |
| Liabilities       | <u>(545)</u>        |
| Equity deficiency | <u>\$ (151,876)</u> |

Summary of loss:

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Equity in loss of investments<br>in Partnerships | \$ <u>7,069</u> |
| Net loss   | \$ <u>7,069</u> |

The excess of liabilities over assets represents the Partnerships' portion of accumulated losses and distributions in excess of the related investment.

**NOTE D - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Management fees

Administrative services and office space are provided by affiliated companies for which the Company paid fees of \$20,123,000.

**NOTE E - 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 a ratio of 15 to 1. At October 31, 2001, the Company had net capital, as defined, of \$148,412 which was \$103,171 in excess of its required net capital of \$45,241.

**CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC.**  
**(AN S CORPORATION)**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2001**

**NOTE E - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS (Continued)**

The Company has entered into a fully-disclosed clearing agreement with a fully-licensed broker-dealer, and as such the Company is exempt from the calculation of the reserve requirement under Rule 15c3-3k(2)(ii).

Various states in which the Company is registered as an investment advisor and a broker dealer require a minimum net capital requirement of \$25,000.

**NOTE F - PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

The Company has a defined contribution profit sharing plan available to substantially all eligible employees under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The amount of the nonelective contribution to the profit sharing plan is determined at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. Employee contributions are generally limited to 15% of their compensation. The Company may elect not to make a matching 401(k) contribution for a specific plan year. However, when a matching contribution is made by the Company, the contribution will equal 50% of participants' eligible contributions not to exceed 1½% of the participating employee's compensation. The Company's matching contribution to the 401(k) plan for 2001 amounted to \$66,935. There were no nonelective contributions to the plan for 2001.

**NOTE G - COMMITMENTS**

The Company has entered into various agreements with affiliated limited partnerships, whereby the Company, for a fee of 1% or 2% of gross annual rentals from the properties, provides administrative and investor relations services.

The Company, as a General Partner in several limited partnerships, is jointly and severally liable with other related General Partners for recourse liabilities incurred by certain of these partnerships. As of December 31, 2000, the date of the most recently available financial information, such recourse liabilities were \$256.

*SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION*

CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC.  
(AN S CORPORATION)  
SCHEDULE OF FEE INCOME  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES  
YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2001

Fee income

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Advisory and private placement fees, current  | \$ 8,609,362         |
| Advisory and private placement fees, previous | 14,855,916           |
| Insurance commissions                         | 1,511,380            |
|   | <u>\$ 24,976,658</u> |

Operating expenses

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Payroll           | \$ 2,795,240         |
| Payroll taxes     | 238,792              |
| Professional fees | 310,276              |
| Management fees   | 20,123,000           |
| Automobile        | 12,241               |
| Bad debt          | 4,299                |
| Employee benefits | 269,639              |
| Entertainment     | 19,264               |
| Filing fees       | 54,747               |
| Insurance         | 54,125               |
| Office            | 284,143              |
| Taxes, other      | 103,363              |
| Telephone         | 50,655               |
| Travel            | 44,462               |
|                   | <u>\$ 24,364,246</u> |

**CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC.**  
**(AN S CORPORATION)**  
**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1**  
**OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2001**  
**(AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS)**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Total Stockholders' equity from<br>statement of financial condition                     | \$ 714,714 |
| Deduct nonallowable assets:   |            |
| Advisory fees and other receivables   | 102,956    |
| Prepaid expenses  | 103,379    |
| Investments in partnerships   | 9,374      |
| Tax deposits  | 340,734    |
| Other deposits  | 8,888      |
| Haircut on securities   | 971        |
|   | 566,302    |
| Net capital   | \$ 148,412 |
| Minimum net capital required per 15c3-1(a)(2)   | \$ 45,258  |
| Aggregate indebtedness from statement of financial<br>condition, net of A-1 liabilities | \$ 678,618 |
| Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital  | 457.25%    |
| Debt-equity ratio computed in accordance with 15c3-1(d)                                 | 105.32%    |

**CMS INVESTMENT RESOURCES, INC.**  
**(AN S CORPORATION)**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL**  
**UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2001**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Total Stockholders' equity according to Form X-17A-5  | \$714,714        |
| Audit adjustments   | <u>-</u>         |
| Total Stockholders' equity according to the audit   | <u>\$714,714</u> |
| Reconciliation with Company's computation (included in Part II of Form X-17A-5 as of October 31, 2001): |                  |
| Net capital, as reported in Company's Part II (unaudited) FOCUS Report                                  | \$148,412        |
| Audit adjustments reflected above   | <u>-</u>         |
| Net capital according to the audit  | <u>\$148,412</u> |

There was no material difference from the Company's computation of net capital as reported in Part II (unaudited) FOCUS Report and net capital according to the audit for October 31, 2001.

*OTHER MATTERS*



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Report on Internal Accounting  
Control Required by SEC Rule 17a-5

The Board of Directors and Stockholders  
CMS Investment Resources, Inc.  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of CMS Investment Resources, Inc. (an S Corporation) for the year ended October 31, 2001, we considered its internal control structure, 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 structure.

Also, as required by 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by CMS Investment Resources, Inc. (including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures) that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g), in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the reserve required by rule 15c3-3(e). 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, in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities of Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or in obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by rule 15c3-3, since 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 an internal control structure 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 internal control structure policies and procedures 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

The Board of Directors and Stockholders  
CMS Investment Resources, Inc.



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permit 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 structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities 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 the internal control structure 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 errors or irregularities 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 the internal control structure 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 SEC 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 October 31, 2001 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., the SEC and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

ASHER & COMPANY, Ltd.

Philadelphia, PA  
November 19, 2001