



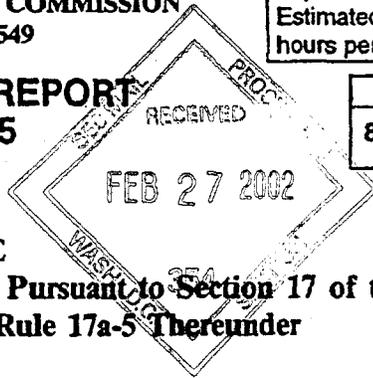
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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

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:

LEC Investment Corp.

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

1015 Financial Center

(No. and Street)

Birmingham

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35203

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

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B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino, LLC

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

2500 Acton Road

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Alabama

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(City)

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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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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Alan Z. Engel, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of LEC Investment Corp., as of December 31, 192001, 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:

Alan Z. Engel
Signature
President
Title

Judith L. Branch
Notary Public
My commission expires 10/16/05



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).

WARREN, AVERETT, & KIMBROUGH & MARINO, LLC

Certified Public Accountants • Business & Financial Consultants

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

January 14, 2002

Board of Directors and Stockholders
LEC Investment Corp.
Birmingham, Alabama

We have audited the statements of financial condition of LEC Investment Corp. (an S corporation) as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors and cash flows for the years 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 audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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 audits provide 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 LEC Investment Corp. as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, 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 audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in 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 audits 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.

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**LEC INVESTMENT CORP.
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

ASSETS	2001	2000
Cash	\$ 6,372	\$ 6,694
	\$ 6,372	\$ 6,694
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Capital stock	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Paid-in capital	9,736	9,736
Accumulated deficit	(4,364)	(4,042)
	\$ 6,372	\$ 6,694

See notes to financial statements.

**LEC INVESTMENT CORP.
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

	2001	2000
Revenue		
Interest income	\$ 169	\$ 260
Overhead reimbursement	16,265	8,100
	16,434	8,360
Operating Expenses		
Regulatory fees	6,908	4,625
General and administrative expenses	9,848	4,445
	16,756	9,070
Net Loss	\$ (322)	\$ (710)

See notes to financial statements.

**LEC INVESTMENT CORP.
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

	<u>Capital Stock</u>	<u>Paid-in Capital</u>	<u>Accumulated Deficit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance - December 31, 1999	\$ 1,000	\$ 9,736	\$ (3,332)	\$ 7,404
Net Loss	-	-	(710)	(710)
Balance - December 31, 2000	1,000	9,736	(4,042)	6,694
Net Loss	-	-	(322)	(322)
Balance - December 31, 2001	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,736</u>	<u>\$ (4,364)</u>	<u>\$ 6,372</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**LEC INVESTMENT CORP.
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES
SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

	2001	2000
Subordinated Liabilities - beginning of period	\$ -	\$ -
Increases (Decreases)	-	-
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Subordinated Liabilities - end of period	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**LEC INVESTMENT CORP.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

	2001	2000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net loss	\$ (322)	\$ (710)
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Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	(322)	(710)
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Net Decrease in Cash	(322)	(710)
Cash - beginning of year	6,694	7,404
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Cash - end of year	\$ 6,372	\$ 6,694
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See notes to financial statements.

LEC INVESTMENT CORP.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

LEC Investment Corp. (the Company) is registered as a broker and dealer in securities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company has been organized to sell partnership interests in real estate syndications by means of private placements on a "best-efforts" basis.

Basis of Financial Statement Preparation

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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Taxes on Income

No provision for income tax is recorded on the Company's books as the stockholders have elected to report income or loss in accordance with provisions of Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE B - 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. At December 31, 2001 and 2000, the Company had net capital of \$6,372 and \$6,694, which was \$1,372 and \$1,694, respectively, in excess of the required net capital of \$5,000. Also, the Company must not permit its "aggregate indebtedness" to exceed 15 times its net capital. The Company had no outstanding aggregate indebtedness at December 31, 2001 or 2000.

NOTE C - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Operating expenses in the amount of \$16,265 and \$8,100 were reimbursed during the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively, by Crowne Partners, an affiliated Partnership in which two of the Company's stockholders are partners.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**LEC INVESTMENT CORP.
COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1
OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

	2001	2000
Net Capital		
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 6,372	\$ 6,694
Less deductions and/or charges	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>
Net Capital	<u>\$ 6,372</u>	<u>\$ 6,694</u>
 Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirements		
Minimum net capital required	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Excess net capital	<u>\$ 1,372</u>	<u>\$ 1,694</u>
Excess net capital at 100%	<u>\$ 1,372</u>	<u>\$ 1,694</u>
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>

There were no material differences between this computation of net capital and corresponding computations prepared by LEC Investment Corp. and included in its unaudited Part II Focus Report filing as of December 31, 2001 and 2000.

See independent auditors' report.

WARREN, AVERETT, & KIMBROUGH & MARINO, LLC

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL

January 14, 2002

Board of Directors and Stockholders
LEC Investment Corp.
Birmingham, Alabama

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of LEC Investment Corp. for the year ended December 31, 2001, we considered its internal control 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.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by LEC Investment Corp. that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computation of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)11 and the procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. As of December 31, 2001, the Company was in compliance with the conditions for exemption, and no facts came to our attention indicating these conditions had not been complied with during the year. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making 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 controls 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. The objectives of internal controls and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance (1) that assets for which the

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Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and (2) that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to 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 controls or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control 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 one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by 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 the accounting systems and control procedures 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 information and use of the Board of Directors and stockholders, management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. 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.

Warren, Averett, Kimbrough + Marino, LLC

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LEC INVESTMENT CORP.
**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**(Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 of the
Securities and Exchange Commission)**

DECEMBER 31, 2001

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The following supplementary schedules are not applicable at December 31, 2001 and 2000:

- Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission
- Information Related to Possession or Control Requirements under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission