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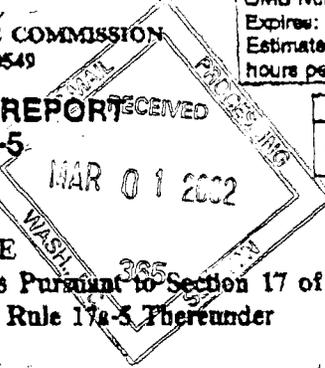
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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

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: BURT MARTIN ARNOLD SECURITIES, INC.

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

672 C SILVER SPUR ROAD  
(No. and Street)

ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CA 90274  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
BRETT MARSH (910) 544-3545  
(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

STARK WINTER SCHENKEL CO. LLP  
(Name - If individual, state last, first, middle name)

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(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

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

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, BRETT MARSH, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of BURT MARTIN ARNOLD SECURITIES INC. as of FEBRUARY 26, 2002, 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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Brett Marsh  
Signature

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS PRINCIPAL  
Title

[Signature]  
Notary Public

WALTER A. KAPUSCINSKI  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 31-4721819  
Qualified in New York County  
Commission Expires May 31, 2002

- 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).

**Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.**

As of and for the Year Ended  
December 31, 2001

Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.  
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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Directors  
Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2001, and the related statements of operations stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended 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 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 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 Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc. 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 Schedule I 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 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. 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.

*Stark Winter Schenkein & Co., LLP*

Denver, Colorado  
February 19, 2002

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**Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**December 31, 2001**

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 76,658
Receivable from clearing organization	146,856
Marketable securities owned, at market	4,950
Computer equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$563	6,491
Deposits	<u>12,870</u>
	<u>\$ 247,825</u>

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LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 46,233
Deferred tax liability	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>49,233</u>

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding	1,000
Additional paid-in capital	181,300
Retained earnings	<u>16,292</u>
	<u>198,592</u>
	<u>\$ 247,825</u>

**Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.**  
**Statement of Income**  
**For The Year Ended December 31, 2001**

REVENUES	
Brokerage commissions	\$ 180,099
Market making and principal transactions	56,891
Interest	3,389
Other	494
Total revenue	<u>240,873</u>
EXPENSES	
Employee compensation	75,833
Professional fees	52,046
Clearing fees and costs	45,250
Office expenses	24,245
Travel and entertainment	20,057
Licenses	6,634
Total expenses	<u>224,065</u>
NET INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	16,808
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	<u>3,000</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 13,808</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.**  
**Statement of Stockholders' Equity**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2001**

	<u>Common Stock</u>		<u>Additional Paid-in capital</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>Total Stockholders' Equity</u>
	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>			
Balance, December 31, 2000	100,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 99,000	\$ 2,484	\$ 102,484
Cash additions to additional paid-in capital	-	-	82,300	-	82,300
Net income for the year ended December 31, 2001	-	-	-	13,808	13,808
December 31, 2001	-	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 181,300</u>	<u>\$ 16,292</u>	<u>\$ 198,592</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2001**

<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net income	\$ 13,808
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	563
Unrealized loss on investments	50
Deferred tax expense	3,000
Changes in:	
Receivable from clearing organization	(62,078)
Marketable securities owned, at fair market value	4,950
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	46,233
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>6,526</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Acquisition of fixed assets	(7,054)
Increase in deposits	(97,648)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(104,702)</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Capital contributions by shareholder	82,300
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>82,300</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(15,876)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>92,534</u>
CASH AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 76,658</u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>	
Cash paid for:	
Interest	\$ -
Income taxes	<u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2001**

**Note 1 – Summary of significant accounting policies**

**Organization**

Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc., (the Company) is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD). The Company, which was incorporated in the state of California on August 26, 1999, is based in Rolling Hills Estates, California.

The Company's primary source of revenue is providing brokerage services to customers. The Company also generates revenue through securities trading.

The Company is considered an introducing broker whereby customer orders are accepted but are cleared through a clearing organization, which is unaffiliated with the Company. The agreement with the clearing organization is described in Note 2.

**Revenue recognition**

Brokerage commission and market making and principal transactions and related clearing expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis as securities transactions occur. Customers' securities and commodities transactions are reported on a settlement date basis.

**Securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased**

Securities owned, which are readily marketable and securities sold, not yet purchased are recorded at estimated fair value. Securities sold, not yet purchased represent obligations to the Company to deliver specified securities at the contracted prices, thereby creating a liability to purchase the securities at prevailing market prices. Securities owned which are not readily marketable, are valued at estimated fair value as determined by management. The resulting difference between cost and estimated fair value is included in income.

**Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 significantly from those estimates.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purpose of the statements of cash flows, all highly liquid investments with the maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

**Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.**  
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**Computer equipment**

Computer equipment has been recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the asset's estimated useful life of 5 years.

**Income taxes**

Income tax expense includes federal and state taxes currently payable and deferred taxes arising from temporary differences between income for financial reporting and income tax purposes. These differences result primarily from the Company being a cash basis taxpayer and using accelerated methods of depreciation for income tax purposes.

The Company accounts for income taxes under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes" ("SFAS No. 109"), which requires use of the liability method. SFAS No. 109 provides that deferred tax assets and liabilities are recorded based on the differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes, referred to as temporary differences. Deferred tax assets and liabilities at the end of each period are determined using the currently enacted tax rates applied to taxable income in the periods in which the deferred tax assets and liabilities are expected to be settled or realized.

**Fair value of financial instruments**

Fair value estimates discussed herein are based upon certain market assumptions and pertinent information available to management as of December 31, 2001. The respective carrying value of certain on-balance-sheet financial instruments approximated their fair values. These financial instruments cash, accounts receivable, investments and accounts payable. Fair values were assumed to approximate carrying values for cash, accounts receivable, and accounts payable because they are short term in nature and their carrying amounts approximate fair values.

**Segment Information**

The Company follows SFAS No. 131, "Disclosure about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information". Certain information is disclosed, per SFAS No. 131, based on the way management organizes financial information for making operating decisions and assessing performance. The Company currently operates in one business segment and will evaluate additional segment disclosure requirements as it expands operations.

**Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
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**New accounting pronouncements**

In July 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) 141, *Business Combinations*, and SFAS 142, *Goodwill and Intangible Assets*. SFAS 141 is effective for all business combinations completed after June 30, 2001. SFAS 142 is effective for the year beginning January 1, 2002; however certain provisions of that Statement apply to goodwill and other intangible assets acquired between July 1, 2001, and the effective date of SFAS 142. The Company does not believe the adoption of these standards will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

In July 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations*. This statement addresses financial accounting and reporting for obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and the associated asset retirement costs. This Statement applies to all entities. It applies to legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development and (or) the normal operation of a long-lived asset, except for certain obligations of lessees. This Statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2002. The Company is evaluating the impact of the adoption of this standard and has not yet determined the effect of adoption on its financial position and results of operations.

In August 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*. This statement addresses financial accounting and reporting for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets and supersedes FASB Statement No. 121, *Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of*. The provisions of the statement are effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. The Company is evaluating the impact of the adoption of this standard and has not yet determined the effect of adoption on its financial position and results of operations.

**Note 2 – Clearing agreement**

The Company has an agreement with Emmett A. Larkin Company Inc. (Larkin) under which Larkin clears all securities transactions for the Company's customers and also performs certain "back room" functions for the Company. These functions include, among other things, processing customer orders as they are transmitted to Larkin, preparing and mailing transaction confirmations and customer statements directly to the customers and performing all cashiering functions for customer accounts.

The Company receives commission and fee income from Larkin based on the number and size of transactions. The Company pays all costs associated with transactions executed through Larkin plus a "per transaction" fee based on the amount of business transacted during the month.

The agreement requires, and the Company maintains, a cash deposit with Larkin. As of December 31, 2001 the amount of the deposit was \$84,778.

**Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2001**

The Company currently transacts all of its brokerage business through Larkin. Should Larkin not fulfill its obligations under the agreement, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on Larkin's ability to continue to perform under the agreement as well as the creditworthiness of Larkin. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing and financial viability of Larkin.

**Note 3 – Capital requirements**

The Company is subject to the SEC uniform net capital rule (SEC 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 15 to 1. At December 31, 2001, the Company had net capital of \$179,231, which was \$79,231 in excess of its required net capital of \$100,000. The Company's net capital ratio was 0.62.

**Note 4 – Concentrations of Credit Risk**

In the normal course of business the Company's customer activities involve the execution and settlement of various customer securities that settle in accordance with industry practices, which for most securities, is currently three business days after trade date. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance sheet credit and market risk in the event the customer or other broker is unable to fulfill its contracted obligations and the Company is required to purchase or sell the financial instrument underlying the contract at a loss. The risk of default depends on the credit worthiness of the customer or issuer of the financial instrument held as collateral.

**Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.**  
**Schedule I - Computation Of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1**  
**Of The Securities And Exchange Commission**  
**December 31, 2001**

Stockholders' equity per Statement of Financial Condition	\$ 198,592	
Less: Total nonallowable assets	(19,361)	
Haircut on marketable securities	(743)	
Net Capital	\$ 178,488	
Aggregate indebtedness - items included in financial statements	\$ 44,233	
Basic net capital requirement	\$ 100,000	
Excess net capital	\$ 78,488	
Ratio aggregate indebtedness to net capital	0.25	
Net capital as reported in Company's Part II (unaudited) FOCUS report as of December 31, 2001 to net capital:	\$ 196,995	
Audit adjustments:		
Increase in accounts payable and deferred taxes	(22,714)	
Increase in securities owned, at fair market value	4,950	
Haircut on marketable securities	(743)	
Net Capital	\$ 178,488	



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To the Board of Directors of  
Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc.

In planning and performing the audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedule of Burt Martin Arnold Securities, Inc. (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2001, we consider its internal control, including control activities 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 internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17-a(5)(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provision of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

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 the 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 SEC's above mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control 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 accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g)

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lists additional objectives of the practice and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of the inherent limitations in internal control or the practice 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 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 the specific control component 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 control activities 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 SEC to be adequate for its purpose 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 indicates 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 SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that 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 those specified parties.



Stark Winter Schenkein & Co., LLP  
Denver, Colorado  
February 19, 2002