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**ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT
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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 01/01/00 AND ENDING 12/31/01
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Cobalt Trading, LLC

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FIRM ID NO.

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

440 S. LaSalle Street Suite 1820
(No. and Street)

Chicago Illinois 60605
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

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

Christian J. Randle 312-362-4320
(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Altschuler, Melvoin and Glasser LLP
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

One South Wacker Drive Chicago Illinois 60606-3392
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

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

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

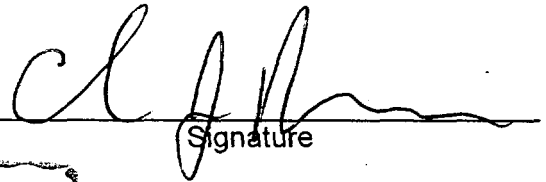
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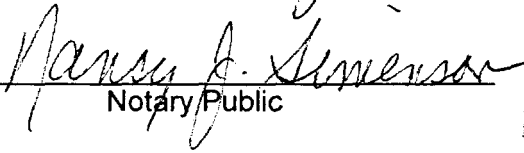
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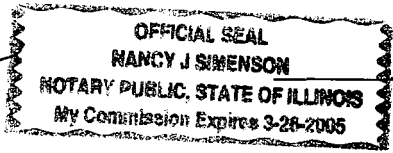
I, Christian J. Randle, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying statement of financial condition pertaining to the firm of Cobalt Trading, LLC, as of December 31, 2001, is true and correct. I further affirm that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.

Sworn and subscribed to me on the

8th day of February, 2002


Signature


Notary Public



Christian J. Randle
Principal

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

- (a) Facing Page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- (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) Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control.

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

Cobalt Trading, LLC

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December 31, 2001**

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Altschuler, Melvoin and Glasser LLP
Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

Independent Auditors' Report

Members of
Cobalt Trading, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Cobalt Trading, LLC as of December 31, 2001 that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. 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 statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cobalt Trading, LLC as of December 31, 2001 in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Altschuler, Melvoin and Glasser LLP

Chicago, Illinois
February 8, 2002

Cobalt Trading, LLC
Statement of Financial Condition
December 31, 2001

Assets

Cash	\$	847
Receivable from clearing broker		2,458,642
Securities owned (pledged \$4,896,352)		4,906,352
Other assets		<u>3,017</u>
Total assets	\$	<u>7,368,858</u>

Liabilities and Members' Equity

Liabilities		
Securities sold, not yet purchased	\$	3,876,094
Members' equity		<u>3,492,764</u>
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$	<u>7,368,858</u>

Cobalt Trading, LLC
Notes to the Statement of Financial Condition
December 31, 2001

Note 1 Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations—Cobalt Trading, LLC (the "Company") is a registered securities broker-dealer, conducting business as a market maker/specialist, buying, selling and dealing as principal in securities for its own account. The Company was formed on November 1, 2000, and commenced operations on February 27, 2001.

Use of Estimates—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition—Securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased, are recorded on a trade date basis at market or quoted values, with unrealized gains and losses reported in the statement of income.

Income Taxes—The Company is treated as a partnership under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and, accordingly, is not subject to federal income taxes. Instead, members are liable for federal income taxes on their respective shares of taxable income.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments—Substantially all of the Company's assets and liabilities are considered financial instruments and are either already reflected at fair values, or are short-term or replaceable on demand. Therefore, their carrying amounts approximate their fair values.

Note 2 Securities Owned and Securities Sold, Not Yet Purchased

Securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased, at December 31, 2001 consist of:

	<u>Securities Owned</u>	<u>Securities Sold, Not Yet Purchased</u>
Equity securities	\$ 4,430,072	\$ 3,817,099
Equity options	466,280	58,995
Preferred stock, nonmarketable	10,000	
Total	<u>\$ 4,906,352</u>	<u>\$ 3,876,094</u>

At December 31, 2001, substantially all of the marketable securities on deposit with the Company's clearing broker of \$4,896,352 collateralize securities sold, not yet purchased.

Note 3 Off-Balance-Sheet Credit and Market Risk

The Company, in connection with its proprietary market making and trading activities, enters into transactions involving derivative financial instruments, primarily options on equity securities. Options held provide the Company with the opportunity to deliver or take delivery of specified financial instruments at a contracted price. Options written obligate the Company to deliver or take delivery of specified financial instruments at a contracted price in the event the option is exercised by the holder. Futures contracts provide for the delayed delivery or purchase of financial instruments at a specified future date at a specified price or yield. These derivative financial instruments may have market risk and/or credit risk in excess of the amounts recorded in the statement of financial condition.

Market Risk—Derivative financial instruments involve varying degrees of off-balance-sheet market risk. Changes in the market values of the underlying financial instruments may result in changes in the value of the derivative financial instruments. Exposure to market risk is influenced by a number of factors, including the relationships between financial instruments and the volatility and liquidity in the markets in which the financial instruments are traded. In many cases, the use of derivative financial instruments serves to modify or offset market risk associated with other transactions and, accordingly, serves to decrease the Company's overall exposure to market risk. The Company attempts to manage its exposure to market risk arising from the use of these derivative financial instruments through various analytical monitoring techniques.

Credit Risk—Credit risk arises from the potential inability of counterparties to perform in accordance with the terms of the contract. The Company's exposure to credit risk associated with counterparty nonperformance is limited to the current cost to replace all contracts in which the Company has a gain. Exchange-traded derivative financial instruments, such as options and futures, generally do not give rise to significant counterparty exposure due to the cash settlement procedures for daily market movements or the margin requirements of the individual exchanges and clearing brokers.

Concentration of Credit Risk—The Company clears most of its trades through a clearing broker located in Chicago, Illinois. In the event this party does not fulfill its obligation, the Company may be exposed to risk. This risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counterparty to these transactions. The Company attempts to minimize this credit risk by monitoring the creditworthiness of its clearing broker.

Note 4 Related-Party Transactions

Under an agreement with a member of the Company, all expenses not directly related to trading activity, paid by the Company, will be reimbursed by the member.

Cobalt Trading, LLC
Notes to the Statement of Financial Condition
December 31, 2001

Note 5 Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1). Under this rule, the Company, during its first year of operation, is required to maintain net capital of 12-1/2 percent of "aggregate indebtedness" or \$100,000, whichever is greater, as these terms are defined.

Net capital and aggregate indebtedness change from day to day, but at December 31, 2001, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of approximately \$1,916,000 and \$100,000, respectively. The net capital rule may effectively restrict member withdrawals.

Cobalt Trading, LLC

Statement of Financial Condition

Period from February 27, 2001 (Commencement of Operations) through December 31, 2001

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