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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 1-1-01 AND ENDING 12-31-01
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Crews + Associates Inc.

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

2000 Union National Plaza, 124 W. Capitol

(No. and Street)

Little Rock, AR

(City)

72201

(State)

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(Zip Code)

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

Don Winton

C.O.O.

(501) 907-2000

(Area Code — Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Moore Stephens Frost

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

425 W. Capitol, Ste 3300, Little Rock, AR 72201

(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).

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, _____, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of _____, as of _____, 19_____, 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

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.

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

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

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agement to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. The estimates and assumptions used in the financial statement are based upon management's evaluation of the relevant facts and circumstances at the date of the financial statement. However, actual results may differ from estimates and assumptions used in the accompanying financial statements.

CASH SEGREGATED UNDER FEDERAL REGULATION

On December 31, 2001, \$280,547 of cash was segregated in a special reserve bank for the exclusive benefit of customers. Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company did not have a required deposit of cash in the special reserve bank.

RECEIVABLES FROM AND PAYABLES TO BROKERS, DEALERS AND CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS, AND CUSTOMERS

Receivables shown as receivables from and payables to brokers-dealers and clearing organizations, and customers represent amounts due in connection with normal trading activities executed for customers or the Company. These receivables and payables are generally collateralized by securities held by or due to the Company. To minimize credit risk, the Company monitors the credit standing of the broker-dealer and clearing organization, and customer with whom it conducts business. In addition, the Company monitors the market value of collateral held and the value of the securities due from others.

On December 31, 2001, receivables from customers consisted of \$1,839,835 from institutional firms and \$2,111,518 from retail customers. Payables consisted of \$82,533 from institutional firms and \$403,909 to retail customers. The institutional firms represent clearing organizations, and retail customers represent a diversified clientele, both located throughout the United States.

MARKETABLE SECURITIES

On December 31, 2001, marketable securities consisted of the following trading securities, stated at quoted market values:

State and municipal government obligations	\$22,237,806
U.S. government obligations	971,499
Corporate obligations	1,082,657
Others	243,143
	<u>\$24,535,105</u>

SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS

On December 31, 2001, the Company had short-term borrowings with banks of \$10,000 bearing interest at 5.5%. During the year, short-term borrowings and bearing payables to clearing organizations averaged approximately \$8,557,349. The maximum indebtedness of \$30,994,854. The average interest rate related to obligations during the year ended December 31, 2001 was 5.90%.

On December 31, 2001, the Company had no outstanding obligations which were related to claims of general creditors.

INCOME TAXES

The Company utilizes liability method to determine deferred income taxes pursuant to Section 109. "Accounting for Income Taxes." Under this method, deferred income taxes are determined by applying statutory tax rates in effect at the financial statement date to the differences between the book basis and the tax basis of assets and liabilities.

Deferred income tax assets reflected in the accompanying statement of financial position resulted primarily from recognition of certain expenses for financial reporting purposes which are not yet deductible for income tax reporting purposes.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities at December 31, 2001, are as follows:

Deferred tax assets	\$1,142,257
Deferred tax liabilities	(82,257)
Net deferred tax asset	<u>\$1,060,000</u>

DEFERRED COMPENSATION

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

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The Company has a non-qualified deferred compensation arrangement for certain employees, which permits participants to defer a portion of commissions earned on sales production ("Deferred Commissions") in exchange for benefits payable upon retirement, disability or death. The Deferred Commissions earn interest at a rate of seven percent per annum and are fully vested. Participants are also entitled to receive Production Offset benefits equal to a rate of seven percent per annum and the Production Offset benefits earn interest at a rate of seven percent per annum. The Company funds its obligations under these arrangements through the purchase of life insurance policies. The cash surrender value of these life insurance policies was \$2,405,810 as of December 31, 2001. The Company's net benefit obligation under these arrangements which is reflected in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in the accompanying financial statement was \$1,816,314 at December 31, 2001.

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The following schedule reflects the future minimum rental payments required under operating leases that have noncancellable lease terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2001:

Years Ending December 31,	2005	14,424
2002	\$222,466	Total
2003	44,265	\$295,579
2004	14,424	

In the normal course of business, the Company is occasionally a party to lawsuits, claims and customer complaints. As of December 31, 2001, management is of the opinion, based in part on consultation with legal counsel, that the ultimate resolution of pending matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition.

In the normal course of business, the Company is a party to financial instrument transactions which could expose the Company to off-balance sheet risk. When securities owed to a customer are not received by the Company for timely delivery, the Company is required to purchase identical securities in the open market to satisfy the commitment. Such purchases may result in losses not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. The Company controls this risk by establishing credit limits for such activities and by monitoring its customers' compliance with their contractual obligations and the related exposure on a daily basis. At December 31, 2001, this off-balance sheet risk did not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition.

In addition, the Company enters into when-issued transactions and underwriting commitments. Such commitments require that the Company purchase securities at specified prices. To manage the off-balance sheet risk related to these commitments, the Company generally sells the issue to third parties on a when-issued basis. At December 31, 2001, the Company had firm commitments to purchase securities totaling \$297,442 and no commitments to sell securities.

At December 31, 2001, the Subsidiary was in the process of completing its first leasing transaction. As a result of this transaction having not been completed prior to year-end, the Subsidiary has recorded approximately \$725,000 in deferred commissions payable and \$868,000 in deferred revenue. These amounts are included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities at December 31, 2001.

10. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

As a registered broker-dealer, the Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 administered by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company has elected to compute its net capital requirement under the aggregate indebtedness method of the rule, which does not allow the aggregate indebtedness of the Company, as defined under the rule, to exceed fifteen times regulatory net capital. At December 31, 2001, the Company had an aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio of .91 to 1 with \$7,970,145 of regulatory net capital, which was \$7,484,266 in excess of the required minimum regulatory net capital of \$485,879.

The accounts of the Subsidiary are not included in the net capital requirements calculation.

CREWS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

INVESTMENT BANKERS

2000 Union National Plaza ■ 124 West Capitol ■ Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2001

(AUDITED)

Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Statement of Financial Condition of Crews & Associates, Inc. as of December 31, 2001 is available for examination at the principal office of the Company, and at the Ft. Worth, Texas regional office of the Commission.

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2001

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Crews & Associates, Inc. (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. The Company is located in Little Rock, Arkansas, and does business with other brokers - dealers located throughout the United States or its customers and for its own account.

All material intercompany amounts have been eliminated in the consolidated statements.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

a. Principles of consolidation - The accompanying consolidation financial statements include the accounts of Crews & Associates, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary First Security Leasing, Inc. All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Total Assets **\$39,786,293**

c. Marketable securities-Marketable securities are valued at market

Liabilities

Brokers-dealers and clearing organizations

Total liabilities

Stockholder's equity:

authorized and 853,220 shares issued and outstanding	427
Additional paid-in capital	838,692
Retained earnings	16,096,733
Total stockholder's equity	<u>16,335,652</u>

Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<u>\$39,786,293</u>
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- i. Disclosure about the fair value of financial instruments - The financial instruments of the "Company", consisting of cash at December 31, 2001, are reported at their fair value, which is the same as their carrying value.
- j. Use of estimates - The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires the use of estimates and assumptions. The accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

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CREWS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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April 10, 2002

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Enclosed for your file are two copies of our printed Audited Financial Tri-Fold dated December 31, 2001. These are in the mail to the customers.

Sincerely,

Joe Bumpers
Controller

Enclosures
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