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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 01/01/02 AND ENDING 12/31/02  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Atlantic Capital Securities, LLC

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

434 Fayetteville Street Mall, Suite 2140

(No. and Street)

Raleigh

(City)

NC

(State)

27601

(Zip Code)

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

Glenn Melhorn

919-833-1231

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Batchelor, Tillery & Roberts, LLP

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

P.O. Box 18068

(Address)

Raleigh,

(City)

NC

(State)

27612

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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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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Glenn W. Melhorn, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Atlantic Capital Securities, LLC, as of December 31, 20 02, 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:

Glenn W. Melhorn  
Signature  
Director of Operations  
Title

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WAKE

Geneva Carael Holder  
Notary Public My Comm Exp 9/18/2007

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 Proprietors' 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 15c3-3 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).

ATLANTIC CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC

Financial Statements

and Internal Control Report

December 31, 2002 and 2001

**BATCHELOR, TILLERY & ROBERTS, LLP**

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**Independent Auditors' Report**

The Members

Atlantic Capital Securities, LLC:

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Atlantic Capital Securities, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the related statements of income and members' equity and cash flows for the years 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 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 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 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 the Company as of December 31, 2002 and 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 audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules 1-3 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 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.

*Batchelor, Tillery & Roberts, LLP*

January 28, 2003

ATLANTIC CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC

Balance Sheets

December 31, 2002 and 2001

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,653	69,419
Accounts receivable	-	<u>1,784</u>
Total current assets	<u>17,653</u>	<u>71,203</u>
Investment	3,300	3,300
Goodwill, net of amortization	<u>568</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>21,521</u>	<u>74,503</u>
 <u>Liabilities and Members' Equity</u>		
Current liabilities-commissions payable	4,144	4,144
Members' equity	<u>17,377</u>	<u>70,359</u>
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ <u>21,521</u>	<u>74,503</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ATLANTIC CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC

Statements of Income and Members' Equity

Years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Revenues	\$ <u>126,777</u>	<u>81,085</u>
Operating expenses (income):		
Registration and fees	2,209	4,747
Insurance	1,139	1,199
Professional fees	7,650	5,376
Miscellaneous	<u>(184)</u>	<u>152</u>
	<u>10,814</u>	<u>11,474</u>
Operating income	115,963	69,611
Other income - interest	<u>346</u>	<u>199</u>
Net income	116,309	69,810
Members' equity, beginning of year	70,359	95,549
Members' withdrawals	<u>(169,291)</u>	<u>(95,000)</u>
Members' equity, end of year	\$ <u>17,377</u>	<u>70,359</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ATLANTIC CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC

Statements of Cash Flow

Years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 116,309	69,810
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization	101	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	<u>1,784</u>	<u>(1,784)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>118,184</u>	<u>68,026</u>
Cash used in investing activities-purchase of goodwill	<u>(669)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash used in financing activities-member withdrawals	<u>(169,291)</u>	<u>(95,000)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(51,766)	(26,974)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>69,419</u>	<u>96,393</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ <u>17,653</u>	<u>69,419</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# ATLANTIC CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2002 and 2001

### (1) Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

#### Organization

The Company was organized as Atlantic Capital Securities, LLC, (the "Company") under the laws of the state of North Carolina on July 17, 1996, to provide investment services to investors as a fully disclosed introducing broker-dealer. The Company operates as Atlantic Capital Securities, LLC in North Carolina and is licensed to operate in six states. It operates in states other than North Carolina primarily through independent representatives.

#### Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue from securities transactions on a trade-date basis.

#### Basis of Presentation

The Company's policy is to prepare its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the financial statements, cash and cash equivalents include cash, deposits in interest-bearing accounts, and other financial instruments with maturities of less than three months.

#### Accounts Receivable

The Company writes off doubtful receivables in amounts equal to the estimated collection losses that will be incurred. No allowance is required for 2002 and 2001.

#### Income Taxes

The Company is treated as a partnership for federal and state income tax purposes and does not incur income taxes. Instead, its earnings and losses are included in the tax returns of the members. The financial statements, therefore, do not reflect a provision for income taxes.

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

ATLANTIC CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

December 31, 2002 and 2001

(1) Organization and Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the aggregate excess of the cost of assets acquired over their fair value at the date of acquisition and is being amortized using the straight-line method over fifteen years. Amortization expense charged to operations for 2002 and 2001 was \$101 and \$0, respectively.

(2) Related Party

The Company has an agreement with Atlantic Capital Management (a member of the Company) whereby Atlantic Capital Management provides office space and management services at no charge.

(3) 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. The Company has elected to use the basic method, permitted by the Rule, which requires that the Company maintain minimum net capital of \$5,000, as defined, and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. As of December 31, 2002, the Company had net capital, as defined, of \$13,509 which was \$8,509 in excess of required net capital, and its ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 0.31 to 1.

(4) Investment

The investment was acquired in 2000 and represents warrants in an entity that is currently non-public. The investment is carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

ATLANTIC CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC

Supplemental Schedules of Changes in Members' Equity

Years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Members' equity, beginning of year	\$ 70,359	95,549
Net income	116,309	69,810
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Members' equity, end of year	\$ <u>17,377</u>	<u>70,359</u>

## ATLANTIC CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC

Supplemental Schedules of Computation and Reconciliation of  
Net Capital in Accordance with Rule 15c3-1 of the  
Securities and Exchange Commission

December 31, 2002 and 2001

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Total assets	\$ 21,521	74,503
Deduct: Aggregate indebtedness	<u>(4,144)</u>	<u>(4,144)</u>
Net worth	17,377	70,359
Add: Excluded indebtedness	-	-
Add: Subordinated indebtedness	-	-
Deduct: Non-allowable assets	(568)	(4,000)
Deduct: Concessions	(3,300)	(3,300)
Deduct: Securities haircuts	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net capital	\$ <u>13,509</u>	<u>63,059</u>
Capital requirements:		
Broker-dealer	\$ 5,000	5,000
Net capital in excess of requirements	<u>8,509</u>	<u>58,059</u>
Net capital as above	\$ <u>13,509</u>	<u>63,059</u>
Net capital per December 31 Focus report	\$ 13,509	63,059
Adjustments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Adjusted net capital, December 31	\$ <u>13,509</u>	<u>63,059</u>

ATLANTIC CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC

Supplemental Schedule of Computation for Determination  
of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3  
of the Securities and Exchange Commission

December 31, 2002 and 2001

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in that the Company's activities are limited to those set forth in the conditions for exemption appearing in paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of the Rule.

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The Members

Atlantic Capital Securities, LLC:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Atlantic Capital Securities, LLC (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2002, 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. Among the elements of the internal control structure that we considered are the accounting system and control procedures.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by the Company 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) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exempt provisions of Rule 15c3-3. 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 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 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 SEC's above-mentioned objectives. 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 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.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure or the practices and procedure referred to above, errors or fraud 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 structure would not necessarily disclose all matters 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 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 the following matters involving the accounting system and control procedures that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above:

The size of the business and resultant limited number of employees imposes practical limitations on the effectiveness of those control policies and procedures that depend on the segregation of duties, such as processing of cash receipts, cash disbursements and payroll. Because this condition is inherent in the size of the Company, the specific weaknesses are not described herein and no corrective action has been taken or proposed by the Company.

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 as of December 31, 2002 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members, management, the SEC and any 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 these specified parties.

*Batchelor, Tillery & Roberts, LLP*

January 28, 2003