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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 10/01/2002 AND ENDING 9/30/2003
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: **Sweney Cartwright & Co.**

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

17 S. High Street, Suite 300

(No. and Street)

Columbus

(City)

Ohio

(State)

43215-3438

(Zip Code)

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

David Brown

614-228-5391

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Crowe Chizek and Company LLC

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

10 West Broad Street, Suite 1700,

(Address)

(City)

Columbus

Ohio

(State)

43215-3713

(Zip Code)

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, Stephen Orlight, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Steven Orlight & Co, as of Nov 26, 2003, 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:

Stephen Orlight
Signature
President
Title



LAURA L. CHAPMAN
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 03-16-04

Laura L. Chapman
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 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).

SWENEY CARTWRIGHT & Co.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2003

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

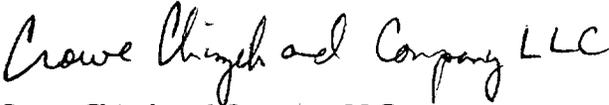
Board of Directors and Stockholders
Sweney Cartwright & Co.
Columbus, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Sweney Cartwright & Co. (the "Company") as of September 30, 2003, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the year 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 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 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 statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sweney Cartwright & Co. as of September 30, 2003, 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 supplemental schedules of the Company as of September 30, 2003: Computation of Net Capital for Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements for Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and Information Relating to Possession or Control Requirements for Broker and Dealers Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Such schedules have been subject to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all materials respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.


Crowe Chizek and Company LLC

Columbus, Ohio
October 21, 2003

SWENEY CARTWRIGHT & Co.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
September 30, 2003

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 106,190
Cash segregated in special reserve account	100,000
Deposits with clearing organizations	220,017
Receivable from broker-dealers and clearing organizations	14,445
Receivable from customers	25,304
Notes receivable	2,712
Accrued interest and dividend receivable	61,756
Trading securities owned, at market value:	
Obligations of the U.S. Government and agencies	3,406
State and municipal obligations	3,504,168
Corporate equity securities	824,911
Corporate fixed income securities	699,747
Furniture and equipment, at cost, net of \$541,971 accumulated depreciation	40,785
Deferred income taxes	6,308
Other assets	<u>3,500</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,613,249</u>

Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

Liabilities

Short-term borrowings	\$ 315,000
Trading securities sold, not yet purchased, at market value	50,204
Payable to customers	232,818
Payable to clearing organizations	71,466
Accrued liabilities	201,702
Other liabilities	<u>812</u>
Total liabilities	<u>872,002</u>

Stockholders' equity

Common stock:

Authorized: 100,000 shares	
Issued and outstanding: 36,832 shares	
Par value: \$.50 per share	18,416
Retained earnings	<u>4,722,831</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>4,741,247</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 5,613,249</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

SWENEY CARTWRIGHT & Co.
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the year ended September 30, 2003

Revenues	
Net trading gains	\$ 2,073,096
Commissions	224,424
Interest and dividends	256,149
Underwriting profit	<u>84,315</u>
	<u>2,637,984</u>
 Operating expenses	
Compensation and commissions	1,644,008
Custody and clearing charges	129,894
Service charges	193,661
Rent and office operations	118,714
Communications	58,377
Interest	7,865
Other	<u>183,420</u>
	<u>2,335,939</u>
 Income before income taxes	 302,045
 Income tax provision	 <u>-</u>
 Net income	 <u>\$ 302,045</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

SWENEY CARTWRIGHT & Co.
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
 For the year ended September 30, 2003

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount			
Balances, October 1, 2002	37,072	\$ 18,536	\$ 40,640	\$ 4,430,064	\$ 4,489,240
Net income	-	-	-	302,045	302,045
Purchase and retirement of common stock	(240)	(120)	(40,640)	(9,278)	(50,038)
Balances, September 30, 2003	36,832	\$ 18,416	\$ -	\$ 4,722,831	\$ 4,741,247

See accompanying notes to financial statements

SWENEY CARTWRIGHT & Co.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended September 30, 2003

Cash flows from operating activities	
Net income	\$ 302,045
Depreciation	34,200
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Segregated cash	180,000
Receivable from broker-dealers and clearing organizations	(14,445)
Receivable from customers	4,032,265
Accrued interest and dividends receivable	(24,905)
Securities owned	(1,423,477)
Notes receivable	(326)
Other assets	225,000
Payable to customers	(4,018,568)
Payable to clearing organization	48,095
Accrued liabilities	20,173
Trading securities sold, not yet purchased	44,394
Other liabilities	<u>(485)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	(596,034)
Cash flows from financing activities	
Increase in short-term borrowings	315,000
Purchase and retirement of common stock	<u>(50,038)</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>264,962</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(331,072)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>437,262</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 106,190</u>
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information	
Cash paid during the year for:	
Interest	<u>\$ 7,865</u>
Income taxes	<u>-</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description and Accounting Policies

Sweney Cartwright & Co. (the "Company") is a securities broker-dealer registered with the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), specializing in sales of investment grade stocks and bonds for customers. The Company also conducts principal trading primarily in municipal bonds, other fixed income securities and community bank stocks. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of the financial statements.

Securities Transactions

The Company's proprietary securities transactions in regular-way trades are recorded on trade date. Profit and loss arising from all securities transactions entered into for the account and risk of the Company are recorded on a trade date basis. Customers' securities transactions (where the Company serves as an agent) are reported on a settlement date basis with the related commission income and expenses reported on a trade date basis.

Amounts receivable and payable for securities transactions that have not reached their contractual settlement date are recorded net on the statement of financial condition.

Trading securities owned and trading securities sold, but not yet purchased are stated at market value. Securities not readily marketable are valued at fair value as determined by management. The resulting difference between cost and market (or fair value) is included in income. The Company determines market value by using public market quotations, quoted prices from dealers or recent market transactions, depending upon the underlying security.

Underwriting Profits

Underwriting profits include fees net of expenses, arising from securities offerings in which the Company acts as art underwriter, and are recognized when the transaction is complete (generally trade date). Concession fees are also included in underwriting profits and recorded on trade date.

Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation of office furniture and equipment is provided for on the double-declining-balance method over estimated useful lives of five to ten years. Depreciation expense in fiscal year 2003 was \$34,200.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of the assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns.

The temporary differences, which comprise deferred income tax assets and liabilities, are related to the recognition of certain income and expense items, including depreciation and valuation of securities.

Loss Contingencies

Loss contingencies, including claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business, are recorded as liabilities when the likelihood of loss is probable and an amount or range of loss can be reasonably estimated. Management does not believe there are such matters that will have a material effect on the financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals 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.

Recently Adopted or Soon To Be Adopted Accounting Standards

On January 1, 2003, the Company adopted Interpretation 45, *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees*. On July 1, 2003, the Company adopted Statement 149, amendment of Statement 133 on *Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, and Statement 150, *Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equities*. On October 1, 2003, the Company adopted Interpretation 46, *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*. Adoption of the new standards did not and is not expected to materially affect the Company's operating results or financial condition.

NOTE 2 – CASH SEGREGATED UNDER FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Cash of \$100,000 has been segregated in a special reserve bank account for the benefit of customers as required under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

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NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLE FROM AND PAYABLE TO CUSTOMERS

Accounts receivable from and payable to customers represent amounts due on cash and when-issued transactions. The Company does not extend credit to its customers; therefore, there are no margin transactions, and no reserve is deemed necessary for uncollectible accounts. Securities owned by customers are held as collateral for receivables. Such collateral is not reflected in the financial statements.

NOTE 4 – SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS

During the year ended September 30, 2003, the Company maintained unsecured demand lines of credit totaling \$7,500,000. The interest rate, based on LIBOR plus 2.0%, was 3.15% at September 30, 2003. At September 30, 2003, the Company had a \$315,000 outstanding balance on the lines of credit.

NOTE 5 – INCOME TAXES

Current tax benefit totaled \$40,000, offset by a deferred tax provision of \$40,000 for the year ended September 30, 2003. The effective tax rate differs from the statutory rate of 34% principally due to tax-exempt interest income and the surtax exemption.

Deferred tax assets, liabilities and carryforwards were not material at September 30, 2003.

NOTE 6 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company has a stock repurchase agreement with its stockholders which requires the Company to purchase its common stock upon notice from an individual stockholder if the other stockholders do not elect to purchase the stock. The stock would be purchased by the Company at book value. In March 2003, the Company purchased and immediately retired 240 shares of its common stock for a cost of \$50,038.

At September 30, 2003 the Company had outstanding when issued commitments to purchase municipal bonds from customers and dealers and commitments from other investors to purchase these bonds upon issuance.

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SWENEY CARTWRIGHT & Co.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended September 30, 2003

NOTE 7 – OPERATING LEASES

The Company leases its office under a lease expiring December 31, 2003. On May 6, 2003, the lease was amended. The amendment extends the term of the lease commencing on January 1, 2004 and has a term on ten years that can be terminated by the tenant after seven years. Future minimum lease payments under this operating lease are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year, September 30,</u>	
2004	\$ 75,248
2005	75,248
2006	75,248
2007	75,248
2008	75,248
Thereafter	<u>376,240</u>
	<u>\$ 752,480</u>

The office lease agreement provides for increased payments during the term of the lease if operating expenses and taxes exceed certain base amounts. Total office lease expenses were \$80,430 for the year ended September 30, 2003.

NOTE 8 - OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISK

In the normal course of business, the Company executes and settles customer securities transactions on a basis of delivery versus payment. The risk with these transactions is that customers may fail to satisfy their obligations requiring the Company to purchase or sell various financial instruments at prevailing market prices to fulfill customer obligations.

NOTE 9 – EMPLOYMENT RETIREMENT PLAN

The Company has a 401(k) Employee Retirement Plan for all eligible employees. The Company's Board of Directors, subject to Department of Labor and Internal Revenue Service limitations, determines the amount of the annual matching employer contribution. The Company's contribution to the Plan for fiscal year 2003 was \$40,950.

NOTE 10 – NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to regulatory capital requirements set forth by the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule, which requires that "aggregate indebtedness" shall not exceed fifteen times "net capital" as defined by the Rule and "net capital" shall at least be \$250,000. At September 30, 2003, the Company had net capital of \$3,625,150, which was \$3,375,150 in excess of its required minimum net capital of \$250,000. The Company's percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 17%.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SWENEY CARTWRIGHT & Co.
 COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL FOR BROKERS AND DEALERS PURSUANT
 TO RULE 15c3-1 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGES ACT OF 1934
 As of September 30, 2003

NET CAPITAL

TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY QUALIFIED FOR NET CAPITAL \$ 4,741,247

DEDUCTIONS AND/OR CHARGES:

Nonallowable assets:

Other receivable from brokers or dealers and clearing organizations	16,176
Unsecured customer accounts	3,500
Exchange membership	40,785
Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	6,308
Deferred income taxes, net	2,712
Other assets	<u>69,481</u>
Total deductions and/or charges	<u>69,481</u>

Net capital before haircuts on security positions 4,671,766

HAIRCUTS ON SECURITIES:

Trading and investment securities:

U.S. and Canadian government obligations	136
State and municipal obligations	395,413
Corporate obligations	60,098
Stocks and warrants	<u>590,969</u>
Total haircuts	<u>1,046,616</u>

NET CAPITAL \$ 3,625,150

AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS

Short-term borrowings	\$ 315,000
Payable to brokers or dealers and clearing organizations	71,466
Payable to customers	232,818
Securities sold, not yet purchased	50,204
Accounts payable, accrued expense and other liabilities	202,514
Deduct adjustment based upon deposits in Special Reserve Bank Accounts (15c3-1(c)(1)(VII))	<u>(254,418)</u>

TOTAL AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS \$ 617,584

COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

MINIMUM NET CAPITAL REQUIRED (6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness
or \$250,000 minimum) \$ 250,000

EXCESS NET CAPITAL \$ 3,375,150

EXCESS NET CAPITAL AT 1000% \$ 3,563,392

PERCENTAGE OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL 17%

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SWENEY CARTWRIGHT & Co.
COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL FOR BROKERS AND DEALERS PURSUANT
TO RULE 15c3-1 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGES ACT OF 1934 (Continued)
As of September 30, 2003

Reconciliation with the Company's Computation:
(included in Part II of Form X-17a-5 for the Year Ended September 30, 2003)

Net capital, as reported in Company's unaudited Part II Focus report	\$ 3,587,457
Audit adjustments*	<u>37,693</u>
Net capital, per above computation	<u>\$ 3,625,150</u>

*Audit adjustments relate to accrual and tax asset/liability adjustments

SWENEY CARTWRIGHT & Co.
INFORMATION RELATING TO POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS
FOR BROKERS AND DEALERS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 UNDER THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
As of September 30, 2003

State the market valuation and the number of items of:

1. Customers' fully paid and excess margin securities not in the respondent's possession or control as of the report date (for which instructions to reduce to possession or control had been issued as of the report date, but for which the required action was not taken by respondent within the time frames specified under Rule 15c3-3). \$ None
 - A. Number of items None

2. Customers' fully paid and excess margin securities for which instructions to reduce to possession or control had not been issued as of the report date, excluding items arising from "temporary lags which result from normal business operations" as permitted under Rule 15c3-3. \$ None
 - A. Number of items None

SWENEY CARTWRIGHT & Co.
COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR
BROKERS AND DEALERS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 UNDER THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
As of September 30, 2003

CREDIT BALANCES

Free credit balances and other credit balances in customers' security accounts	\$ 232,802
Customers' securities failed to receive	16,634
Credit balances in firm accounts, which are attributable to principal sales to customers	1,995
Other	<u>58,544</u>

TOTAL CREDIT ITEMS \$ 251,431

DEBIT BALANCES

Debit balances in customers' cash and margin accounts excluding unsecured accounts and accounts doubtful of collection net of deductions pursuant to Rule 15c3-3	<u>\$ 9,128</u>
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TOTAL DEBIT ITEMS \$ 9,128

RESERVE COMPUTATION

Excess of total debits over total credits	<u>\$ 242,303</u>
Required deposits	<u>\$ 254,418</u>
Total cash or qualified securities held in a "Special Reserve Bank Account"	
At September 30, 2003	\$ 100,000
At October 2, 2003	\$ 300,000

Note: The above computation does not differ materially from the computation of net capital under Rule 15c3-1 included in Part II of the FOCUS Report filed by the Company as of September 30, 2003.

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DIVISION OF MARKET REGULATION



Crowe Chizek and Company LLC
Member Horwath International

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
REQUIRED BY RULE 17A-5 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Board of Directors and Stockholders
Sweney Cartwright & Co.
Columbus, Ohio

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Sweney Cartwright & Co. (the "Company") for the year ended September 30, 2003, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) under the Security Exchange Act of 1934, we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in the following:

- (1) 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);
- (2) Making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the 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; and,
- (4) Obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3.

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 this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control and of the practices and procedures and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the Securities and Exchange Commission's (the "Commission") 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 acquisition, use or disposition, and that

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transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the 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 to any internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal control or of such practices and procedures to future periods are subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of their design, changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the practices or procedures may deteriorate. Our consideration of the Company's internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the Company's 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 Company's internal control and its operation, including control activities for safeguarding securities, which 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 September 30, 2003 to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers Regulation, Inc. 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 and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Crowe Chizek and Company LLC
Crowe Chizek and Company LLC

Columbus, Ohio
October 21, 2003