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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/03 AND ENDING 12/31/03  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: **Tullett Liberty Securities Inc.**  
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)  
**80 Pine Street, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor**

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FIRM I.D. NO.

**New York** **NY** **10005**  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
**William C. Holub** **212-208-3873**  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

**Deloitte & Touche LLP**  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

**Two World Financial Center** **New York** **NY** **10281**  
(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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TULLETT LIBERTY SECURITIES INC.

(S.E.C. I.D. No. 8-43487)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003  
AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Director and Stockholder of  
Tullett Liberty Securities Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Tullett Liberty Securities Inc. (the "Company"), as of December 31, 2003 that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. 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 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 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, such statement of financial condition presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Tullett Liberty Securities Inc. at December 31, 2003 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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February 19, 2004

# TULLETT LIBERTY SECURITIES INC.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2003

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### ASSETS

Cash	\$20,153,400
Short term investments	7,266,200
Receivables from brokers, dealers, financial institutions and clearing organizations	35,980,300
Due from affiliates	9,409,100
Prepaid expenses	185,500
Income taxes receivable	554,600
Other assets	<u>59,800</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$73,608,900</u>

### LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

#### LIABILITIES:

Payables to brokers, dealers, financial institutions and clearing organizations	\$25,034,000
Accrued personnel costs	22,640,100
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	495,400
Due to affiliates	169,400
Income taxes payable	<u>78,300</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>48,417,200</u>

STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	<u>25,191,700</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	<u>\$73,608,900</u>
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See notes to statement of financial condition.

# TULLETT LIBERTY SECURITIES INC.

## NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

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### 1. ORGANIZATION

Tullett Liberty Securities Inc. (the "Company") is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"). The Company is engaged primarily as a broker of mortgage-backed securities, global debt, corporate securities, emerging market debt and equities from its offices in New York. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tullett Liberty Investment Corp. ("TLIC"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tullett Liberty Limited ("Tullett" formerly known as Tullett plc), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Collins Stewart Tullett plc ("CST").

In March 2003 CST acquired all of the outstanding stock of Tullett for approximately 300 million British pounds. In connection with the transaction, TLIC reassessed its reporting units and the associated goodwill. Such goodwill was reallocated to CST and accordingly, the goodwill balance of \$4,261,600 was recorded as an adjustment to retained earnings.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Securities transactions - Securities transactions are recorded 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.

Cash - Cash is held on deposit at two U.S. financial institutions.

Fair Values of Financial Instruments - The carrying amounts of cash, short term investments, receivables from/payable to brokers, dealers, financial institutions and clearing organizations, due from/to affiliates, prepaid expenses, accrued personnel costs, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities reported in the statement of financial condition approximate their fair values.

Short term investments - Short term investments are recorded at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value. The investments mature on various dates throughout 2004.

Income taxes - The Company is included in the consolidated U.S. Federal and combined state and local income tax returns of TLIC. For financial reporting purposes, the Company determines its income tax provision on a separate company basis in accordance with an informal tax sharing agreement with TLIC. Amounts due to or receivable from TLIC, with respect to current income taxes, are settled currently.

3. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

In December 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (“SFAS”) No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation – Transition and Disclosure*, which amended SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. SFAS No. 148 provides three alternative methods for a voluntary change to fair value accounting for stock-based compensation as permitted under SFAS No. 123.

The Company elected to adopt fair value accounting provisions for stock-based compensation provided by SFAS No. 123 prior to December 15, 2003. As a result, the company incurs an expense for the fair value of options granted to employees over the related vesting period. Under the prospective method provided by SFAS No. 148, compensation cost recognized in 2003 is the same as that which would have been recognized under SFAS No. 123.

In early 2003, CST issued stock options to certain employees of the Company under the CST New Share Option Plan (the “Plan”). The Plan provides for the issuance to eligible employees of incentive and non-qualified stock options, which may expire 10 years from the date of grant, at a price not less than the fair market value on the date of the grant. For the year ended December 31, 2003, CST granted 200,000 options to employees of the Company.

4. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

Short term investments are comprised of the following:

Money market funds	\$ 6,269,900
U.S. treasury bills	<u>996,300</u>
	<u>\$ 7,266,200</u>

As of December 31, 2003, the Company’s short term investments are held at two major U.S. financial institutions. The U.S. Treasury Bill is held on deposit to meet the collateral requirement of one of the Company’s clearing organizations.

5. RECEIVABLE FROM AND PAYABLE TO BROKERS, DEALERS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS

Amounts receivable from and payable to brokers, dealers, financial institutions and clearing organizations are comprised of the following:

	Receivable	Payable
Commissions	\$ 2,077,100	\$ -
Securities failed-to-deliver / receive	22,897,400	22,644,200
Clearing organizations	11,005,800	-
Other amounts	<u>-</u>	<u>2,389,800</u>
	<u>\$35,980,300</u>	<u>\$25,034,000</u>

6. INCOME TAXES

Income taxes receivable and payable pertains to deferred tax assets of \$554,600 and deferred tax liabilities of \$78,300. These arise from temporary differences between financial statement and taxable income. These temporary differences include, deferred compensation, and the allowance for doubtful accounts. No valuation allowance has been established since, based upon available evidence, it appears more likely than not that the deferred tax asset will be realized.

7. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

As a broker/dealer registered with the SEC and the NASD, the Company is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital equal to \$250,000. At December 31, 2003, the Company had net capital of approximately \$12,606,100 which was \$12,356,100 in excess of the minimum net capital requirements. The Company is exempt from the provisions of SEC Rule 15c3-3 relating to the maintenance of customer reserve accounts and the possession or control of customer securities pursuant to paragraphs (k)(2)(i) and (k)(2)(ii), since the Company does not hold funds or securities of customers.

Dividend payments and other equity withdrawals are subject to certain notification and other provisions of the net capital rules of the SEC.

8. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

TLIC maintains a Retirement and Savings Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code for its wholly-owned U.S. operations. The Plan, a defined contribution plan covering all employees over the age of 21, is funded by contributions of its employees.

9. MARKET AND CREDIT RISKS

The Company primarily executes securities transactions on a riskless principal basis for undisclosed principals. Substantially all transactions settle within three business days for cash. The Company has a policy of reviewing, on an ongoing basis, the credit standing of its counterparties, which are primarily financial institutions.

The Company may be exposed to off-balance-sheet credit risk from unsettled transactions including fails to deliver/receive. In the event a counterparty is unable to fulfill its purchase or sale transaction, the Company may be then obligated to purchase or sell the applicable securities at market value which may result in a loss if the amount is different from the contract amount of the transaction. The contractual amount of both unsettled purchase and sale transactions with settlement dates subsequent to December 31, 2003 was approximately \$286,658,200. Settlement of the Company's open securities transactions is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's financial position.

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Due from affiliates includes a receivable from TLIC for \$9,205,600. This receivable represents interest bearing cash advances made to TLIC, which are payable on demand, net of allocated general and administrative expenses payable and income taxes payable pursuant to the informal tax sharing agreement with TLIC (see Note 2). This net amount has been subordinated to the claims of the general creditors of TLIC and bears interest at 1% over the prime rate. The average interest rate on this loan for the year ending December 31, 2003 was 5.13%. In addition, due from affiliates includes

receivables from other affiliates of \$203,500 consisting of non-interest bearing cash advances which are payable on demand.

Due to affiliates comprises non-interest bearing cash advances which are payable on demand.

The Company clears certain of its mortgage-backed, U.S. Government, and corporate securities on a fully disclosed basis through an affiliated broker registered with the SEC and the NASD. As of December 31, 2003, the Company had a net receivable from this affiliate totaling \$5,654,300, which is reflected in "Receivable from brokers, dealers, financial institutions, and clearing organizations" in the accompanying statement of financial condition.

#### 11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company has been named as defendant in various actions relating to its business. While the ultimate outcome of litigation involving the Company cannot be predicted with certainty, management, having reviewed these actions with its counsel, believes it has meritorious defenses to all such actions and intends to defend each of these actions vigorously.

In the opinion of the management of the Company and after consultation with counsel, the ultimate resolution of all such litigation should not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Company.

February 19, 2004

Tullett Liberty Securities Inc.  
80 Pine Street, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10005

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Tullett Liberty Securities Inc. (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2003 (on which we issued our report dated February 19, 2004), 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 Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 debits and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive 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 securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

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 referred to in the preceding paragraph, 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 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 in 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 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) 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 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 December 31, 2003, to meet the Commission's objectives.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deloitte & Touche LLP". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Yours truly," text.