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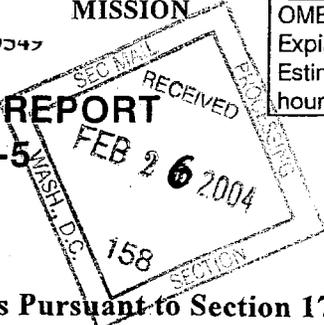


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FORM X-17A-5
PART III**



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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 01/01/03 AND ENDING 12/31/03
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:
RIDGEWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)
80 EAST RIDGEWOOD AVENUE

OFFICIAL USE ONLY
FIRM I.D. NO.

(No. and Street)

PARAMUS NJ 07653
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT
PHILIP P. MARINO (201) 599-2300
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

CONROY, SMITH & CO.

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

385 PROSPECT AVENUE HACKENSACK NJ 07601
(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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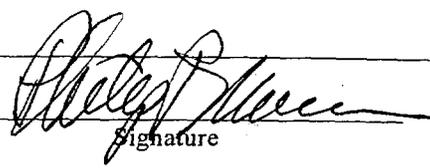
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

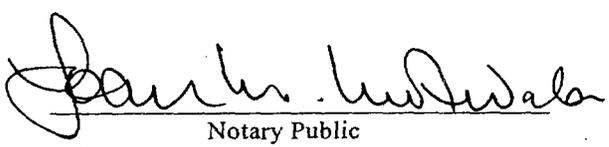
I, Philip P. Marino, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Ridgewood Associates, Inc.

of December 31, 20 03, 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

President

Title


Notary Public

JOAN M. MOTIVALA
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires Sept. 19, 2005

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~~ CASH FLOWS
- (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).

RIDGEWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002





CONROY, SMITH & CO.

certified public accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Ridgewood Associates, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of Ridgewood Associates, Inc. as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholders' 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 the 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 Ridgewood Associates, Inc. as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of its operations, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in supplementary schedules I, II and III 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 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination 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, and in conformity with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Smith'.

Certified Public Accountants

February 17, 2004
Hackensack, NJ

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RIDGEWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

A S S E T S

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 80,063	\$102,415
Receivables from brokers or dealers	81,367	49,841
Prepaid expenses	3,599	12,034
Fixed assets:		
Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$137,317 and \$121,875 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively	41,895	51,163
Other assets	<u>9,900</u>	<u>9,900</u>
Total assets	<u>\$216,824</u>	<u>\$225,353</u>

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 28,983	\$ 34,455
Accrued wages	<u>32,093</u>	<u>29,148</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 61,076</u>	<u>\$ 63,603</u>
Stockholders' equity:		
Capital stock, no par, 1,000 shares authorized, 100 shares issued and outstanding	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Additional paid-in-capital	99,000	99,000
Retained earnings	<u>55,748</u>	<u>61,750</u>
	<u>\$155,748</u>	<u>\$161,750</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$216,824</u>	<u>\$225,353</u>

See the accompanying notes to financial statements.



RIDGEWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.

STATEMENTS OF INCOME

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Revenues:		
Commissions	\$608,025	\$647,592
Interest and dividends	<u>415</u>	<u>1,303</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$608,440</u>	<u>\$648,895</u>
Expenses:		
Employee compensation and benefits	\$436,629	\$478,174
Communications	7,354	6,377
Occupancy	52,513	50,791
Taxes, other than income	29,996	31,096
Other operating expenses	<u>87,950</u>	<u>77,801</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$614,442</u>	<u>\$644,239</u>
Net (loss) income	<u>(\$ 6,002)</u>	<u>\$ 4,656</u>

See the accompanying notes to financial statements.



RIDGEWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

	<u>Capital Stock</u>	<u>Paid-in Capital</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, January 1, 2002	\$1,000	\$99,000	\$57,094	\$157,094
Net income	—	—	4,656	4,656
Balance, December 31, 2002	\$1,000	\$99,000	\$61,750	\$161,750
Net loss	—	—	(6,002)	(6,002)
Balance, December 31, 2003	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$99,000</u>	<u>\$55,748</u>	<u>\$155,748</u>

See the accompanying notes to financial statements.



RIDGEWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
<u>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</u>		
Net (loss) income	(\$ 6,002)	\$ 4,656
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	13,533	14,089
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) in receivable from brokers or dealers	(31,526)	(5,042)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	8,435	(4,969)
(Decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expense	(5,473)	(1,956)
Increase (decrease) in accrued wages	<u>2,945</u>	<u>(153)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	(\$ 18,088)	\$ 6,625
<u>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</u>		
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(\$ 4,264)	(\$ 20,088)
Net cash (used) in investing activities	(\$ 4,264)	(\$ 20,088)
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(\$ 22,352)	(\$ 13,463)
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	<u>102,415</u>	<u>115,878</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	<u>\$ 80,063</u>	<u>\$102,415</u>

Supplemental cash flow information: Income taxes paid during the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 amounted to \$550 and \$340, respectively.

See the accompanying notes to financial statements.



RIDGEWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

Ridgewood Associates, Inc. (the Company) was incorporated on December 12, 1985. However, its initial capitalization was made January 1, 1988 when the assets, liabilities and broker/dealer registration of Ridgewood Associates (a sole proprietorship), were transferred to the corporation and 100 shares of no par capital stock were issued by the corporation in consideration therefor.

Description of Business

The company is an introducing broker and has a standard agreement with its clearing broker, all securities are introduced and cleared on a fully disclosed basis through the clearing broker.

Securities Transactions

Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis.

Income Taxes

The company has elected S corporation status for federal and state income tax purposes, whereby the corporate income or loss is reported on the personal return of the shareholder.

Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method.

Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

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, liabilities, revenues and expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates.



RIDGEWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

Note 2. Furniture and Equipment

As of December 31, 2003 and 2002, furniture and equipment consisted of:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Furniture and equipment	\$179,212	\$173,038
Accumulated depreciation	<u>137,317</u>	<u>121,875</u>
	<u>\$ 41,895</u>	<u>\$ 51,163</u>

Depreciation expense amounted to \$13,533 and \$14,089 for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.

Note 3. Commitments

During 2003, the company renewed their non-cancellable lease agreement for office space which expires April 30, 2008. The annual rent is \$53,200 for the duration of the lease.

Rental expense for the year ended December 31, 2003 amounted to \$52,513. The future minimum rent payments are as follows:

2004	\$ 53,200
2005	53,200
2006	53,200
2007	53,200
2008	<u>17,733</u>
Total	<u>\$230,533</u>

Note 4. Deferred Savings Plan

During 1988, the company instituted a deferred savings plan for the benefit of its employees. The plan is qualified under Section 408(e) of the Internal Revenue Code. No contributions were made by the company for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.



RIDGEWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

Note 5. Defined Contribution Plan

The company has a defined contribution plan that covers all eligible employees. Contributions to the plan are made at the company's discretion. Contributions to the plan amounted to \$20,000 and \$30,000 for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Note 6. 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, and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. As of December 31, 2003, the company had net capital of \$98,927 which was \$48,927 in excess of its required net capital. The company's net capital ratio was .617 to 1.



SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5 OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003



RIDGEWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.SCHEDULE OF COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c3-1AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003Net Capital

Total stockholders' equity		<u>\$155,748</u>
Total stockholders' equity qualified for net capital		\$155,748
Deduction and/or charges:		
Non-allowable assets:		
Furniture and equipment	\$41,895	
Prepaid expenses	3,599	
Other assets	<u>9,900</u>	55,394
Haircuts on securities:		
Other securities		<u>1,427</u>
Net capital		<u>\$ 98,927</u>

Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirement

Minimum net capital required (6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness)		<u>\$ 4,074</u>
Minimum dollar net capital required		<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Excess net capital		<u>\$ 48,927</u>

Computation of Aggregate Indebtedness

Total A.I. liabilities		<u>\$ 61,076</u>
Percent of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		<u>61.7</u>

Reconciliation of Computation of Net Capital
Under Securities and Exchange Rule 15c3-1

There are no material differences between the computation presented above and the firms X-17a(5) Part II(A) filing.



RIDGEWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.

SCHEDULE OF COMPUTATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS
UNDER EXHIBIT A OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c3-3

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

The firm is engaged in a general securities business and carried no customer accounts on its books. All customer transactions are cleared through another stock brokerage firm on a fully disclosed basis.



RIDGEWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.

SCHEDULE RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS
UNDER SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c3-3

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

The firm is engaged in a general securities business and carried no customer accounts on its books. All customer transactions are cleared through another stock brokerage firm on a fully disclosed basis and the firm does not have possession of customer securities.





CONROY, SMITH & CO.

certified public accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

The Board of Directors
Ridgewood Associates, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Ridgewood Associates, Inc. (the "Company"), for the year ended December 31, 2003, we considered its internal control structure, including control activities safeguarding securities, 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.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. 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

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 judgements 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. Two of 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 that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

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Because of inherent limitations in internal control structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in 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 the specific internal control components 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 no matters involving the internal control, 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 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 at December 31, 2003, to meet the SEC's objectives.

Our opinion recognizes that it is not practicable in a company the size of Ridgewood Associates, Inc. to achieve all the divisions of duties and cross-checks generally included in a system of internal accounting control, and alternatively, greater reliance must be placed on surveillance by management. This report is intended solely for the use of management, the SEC, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and other regulatory agencies which 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.



Conroy, Smith & Co.

February 17, 2004
Hackensack, NJ

