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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 10/01/03 AND ENDING 09/30/04
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Benjamin & Jerold Brokerage, Inc.

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

FIRM I.D. NO.

141 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 1575

(No. and Street)

Chicago

Illinois

60604

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Benjamin Stevens

(312) 554-0202

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

PROCESSED

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

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Dunleavy & Company, P.C.

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

THOMSON
FINANCIAL

13116 South Western Avenue, Blue Island, Illinois

60406

(Address)

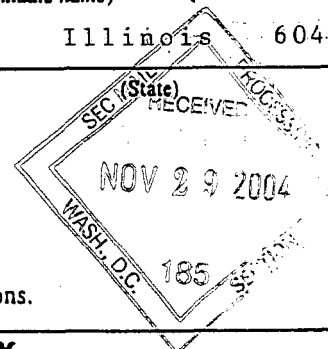
(City)

(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)

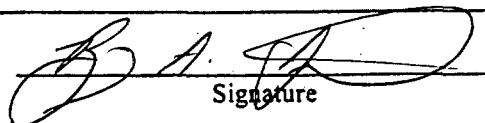
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Benjamin Stevens, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Benjamin & Jerold Brokerage, Inc., as of September 30, 2004, 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:

NONE

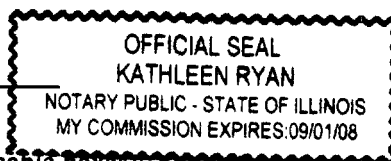

Signature

President

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 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).**

BENJAMIN & JEROLD BROKERAGE, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

DUNLEAVY & COMPANY, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
13116 SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE
BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS 60406

(708) 489-1680
Fax: (708) 489-1717

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Benjamin & Jerold Brokerage, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Benjamin & Jerold Brokerage, Inc. as of September 30, 2004 that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities and 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 statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly in all material respects, the financial position of Benjamin & Jerold Brokerage, Inc. as of September 30, 2004, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



DUNLEAVY & COMPANY, P. C.
Certified Public Accountants

Blue Island, Illinois
November 8, 2004

BENJAMIN & JEROLD BROKERAGE, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,751
Receivable from broker/dealers	114,916
Other assets	<u>17,805</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 143,472</u>
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 64,229</u>
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SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Common stock, no par value;	
1,000 shares authorized, 100 shares	
issued and outstanding	\$ 1,000
Additional paid-in capital	50,000
Retained earnings	<u>28,243</u>

Total Shareholders' Equity	<u>\$ 79,243</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	<u>\$ 143,472</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

BENJAMIN & JEROLD BROKERAGE, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization - The Company was incorporated in the state of Illinois on July 2, 1991. The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. The Company's principal business activity is the sale of securities.

Securities Owned - Securities positions are valued at market value or estimated fair value. The resulting difference between cost and market (or fair value) is included in income.

Securities Transactions - Commission revenue and related expense arising from securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis.

Cash Equivalents - Cash equivalents are defined as certificates of deposit and U.S. government obligations with an original maturity, when acquired by the Company, of less than 90 days and those securities registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 which are comprised of cash and other short-term debt instruments are commonly referred to as "money market funds."

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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.

NOTE 2 - INCOME TAXES

The Company has elected S Corporation status for federal income tax purposes. Income taxes are therefore the responsibility of the Company's individual shareholders.

NOTE 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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 3 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS - *(Continued)*

capital and requires that the ratio of aggregated indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 1500%. At September 30, 2004 the Company's net capital and required net capital were \$61,438 and \$50,000 respectively. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 105%.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Through common ownership the Company is affiliated with Benjamin & Jerold, Inc. The Company has entered into an agreement with Benjamin & Jerold, Inc. whereby Benjamin & Jerold, Inc. will pay virtually all expenses on the Company's behalf, other than commissions and clearing charges. Pursuant to terms of this agreement, the Company incurred management fees to Benjamin & Jerold, Inc. totaling \$1,134,500 for the year ended September 30, 2004 and, of this amount, \$57,500 was owed by the Company at September 30, 2004. The management fees are allocated as follows in the statement of income:

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Commissions, compensation and related expenses	\$ 687,898
Communications	115,487
Occupancy	115,031
Other	<u>216,084</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,134,500</u>

NOTE 5 - CLEARING AGREEMENT WITH OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK

The Company's customers may enter into various transactions involving derivatives and other off-balance sheet financial instruments. These financial instruments include both exchanged traded and over-the-counter options. These financial instruments are used to meet the needs of customers and are, therefore, subject to varying degrees of market and credit risk. In addition, customers may

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NOTE 5 - CLEARING AGREEMENT WITH OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK - *(Continued)*

sell securities they do not own and therefore will be obligated to purchase such securities at a future date. Since the Company enters into the foregoing transactions involving derivatives and other off-balance sheet financial instruments solely for the benefit of its customers, the Company does not bear any of the credit or market risk of those customers, with the exception of the risk to the Company should its customers fail to honor their obligations related to the foregoing derivatives and other off-balance sheet financial instruments, as mentioned below.

To execute the aforementioned transactions, the Company has entered into an agreement with another broker/dealer (Clearing Broker/dealer) whereby the Company forwards (introduces) customer securities transactions to the Clearing Broker/dealer, fully disclosing the customer name and other information. The processing and, if applicable, any financing pertaining to the introduced transactions are performed by the Clearing Broker/dealer. The customer account is therefore maintained and recorded in the books and records of the Clearing Broker/dealer on the Company's behalf. On October 11 of each year the agreement will automatically be renewed for additional one-year periods unless either party terminates the agreement by providing the contra-party with 120 days prior written notification. The Company has deposited \$50,000 with the Clearing Broker/dealer to assure the Company's performance under the agreement. This amount is included in "Receivable from broker/dealers" on the statement of financial condition. Additional provisions of the agreement state that the Company is to be held responsible for any losses arising when the customers introduced by the Company to the Clearing Broker/dealer fail to meet their contractual commitments pertaining to the purchase, sale and possible financing of securities transactions. The Company may therefore be exposed to off-balance-sheet risk in the event the customer is unable to fulfill its contracted obligations and it is necessary for the Clearing Broker/dealer to purchase or sell the securities at a loss. The Company's exposure to risk would consist of the amount of the loss realized on the purchase or sale and any additional expenses incurred pertaining to the transaction or other customer activity.