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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: Instinet Clearing Services, Inc.

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

OFFICIAL USE ONLY
FIRM I.D. NO.

(No. and Street)

New York, NY 10036

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

John Fay (212) 310-9500

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

PriceWaterhouse Coopers LLP

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

1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036

(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, John Fay, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Instinet Clearing Services, Inc., as 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:

LINDA M. CIRAGO
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01CI4526914
Qualified in Suffolk County
Commission Expires 2/28/2007

John F. Fay
Signature

CFO

Title

Linda M. Cirago
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.
- (o) Independent auditors report on internal accounting control.

**For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).



Instinet Clearing Services, Inc.

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Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2003

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Report of Independent Auditors

To the Board of Directors and Stockholder of
Instinet Clearing Services, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Instinet Clearing Services, Inc. (the "Company"), at December 31, 2003 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This consolidated financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on this consolidated financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit of this statement in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statement, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

February 12, 2004

Instinet Clearing Services, Inc.
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Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition
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Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 89,681,711
Cash and securities segregated in compliance with federal regulations	204,100,000
Securities borrowed	265,667,725
Receivable from broker-dealers and clearing organizations	111,056,458
Receivable from customers	98,680,507
Receivable from affiliates	987,940
Deferred tax asset, net	2,613,000
Other assets	3,667,886
Total assets	<u>\$ 776,455,227</u>

Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity

Payable to customers	\$ 298,222,182
Securities loaned	220,464,951
Payable to broker-dealers and clearing organizations	98,945,684
Payable to affiliates	11,530,150
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	27,802,291
Total liabilities	<u>656,965,258</u>

Stockholder's equity

Preferred stock, \$10.00 par value; 100 shares authorized (Series A Preferred Stock, \$10,000 liquidation preference 30 shares outstanding)	300
Common stock, \$1.00 par value; authorized 10,000 shares, issued and outstanding 8,300 shares outstanding	8,300
Additional paid-in capital	117,951,344
Retained earnings	1,530,025
Total stockholder's equity	<u>119,489,969</u>
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<u>\$ 776,455,227</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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1. Nature of Business

Instinet Clearing Services, Inc. (the "Company" or "ICS") is a wholly owned subsidiary of Instinet Group Incorporated ("IGI"), which is ultimately majority owned by Reuters Group PLC ("Reuters"). On January 7, 2003, pursuant to an existing option agreement, the Company purchased the remaining 90.1% of the membership interests of Harborview, LLC ("Harborview") for approximately \$594,000, thereby becoming the sole member of Harborview. The Company accounted for the transaction as a purchase under Financial Accounting Standard No. 141 "Business Combinations".

Prior to December 2003, the Company was a wholly owned subsidiary of Instinet Corporation which is a wholly owned subsidiary of IGI. In December 2003, IGI reorganized its corporate structure and Instinet Corporation was converted into a limited liability company, transferred ownership of ICS in the form of a non-cash dividend to IGI at its net book value, and was renamed Instinet, LLC. Also as part of the reorganization, the Company received a non-cash capital contribution of other assets of \$133,795 and paid a non-cash dividend of property and equipment of \$243,433 at book value.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, Harborview. All material intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated in consolidation. The Company and Harborview are registered broker/dealers with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and members of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"). ICS is also a member of the American, Boston, Cincinnati, Chicago, Pacific and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges, the Chicago Board Options Exchange and Euronext N.V. Harborview is a member of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

The Company provides securities clearance, customer financing and securities lending services. The Company, as a clearing broker, carries accounts and clears transactions for customer cash and margin accounts, for correspondent accounts on a fully disclosed basis and for proprietary trading accounts of correspondents. In addition, the Company acts as clearing broker for the customer activity of other IGI affiliates on a fully disclosed basis.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of the Company's consolidated 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 disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements. Management believes that the estimates utilized in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are prudent and reasonable. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

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Customer Transactions

Customer transactions are recorded on a settlement date basis, which is generally three business days after trade date for U.S. equities markets. Clearing fees and related clearing expenses are recorded on a trade date basis.

Receivable from and Payable to Customers

Amounts receivable from and payable to customers include amounts from cash and margin transactions. Securities owned by customers, other than those fully paid for, are held as collateral for receivables. Such collateral is not reflected in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

Securities Borrowed and Loaned

Securities borrowed and securities loaned are financing arrangements that are recorded at the amount of cash collateral advanced or received. Securities borrowed transactions facilitate the settlement process and require the Company to deposit cash, letters of credit or other collateral with the lender. The amount of collateral required to be deposited for securities borrowed is an amount generally in excess of market value of the securities borrowed. For securities loaned, the Company receives collateral in the form of cash or other collateral that exceeds the market value of securities loaned. The Company monitors the market value of securities borrowed and loaned daily, with additional collateral obtained, or refunded, when deemed appropriate.

The Company has a securities borrowed and lending matched book business, in which it borrows securities from one party and lends them to another party. When the Company borrows securities, it provides cash to the lenders as collateral. Similarly, when the Company lends securities to another party, that party provides cash to the Company as collateral. The initial collateral advanced or received approximates or is greater than, the fair value of the securities borrowed or loaned. The Company monitors the market value of securities borrowed and loaned daily, with additional collateral obtained, or refunded, as necessary.

Securities Purchased Under Agreements to Resell and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase

Transactions involving purchases of securities under agreements to resell are treated as collateralized financing transactions and are recorded at their contracted resale amounts plus accrued interest. It is the Company's policy to take possession of securities with a market value in excess of the principal amount loaned plus the accrued interest thereon, in order to collateralize reverse repurchase agreements. Similarly, the Company is required to provide securities to counterparties in order to collateralize repurchase agreements. The Company's agreements with counterparties generally contain contractual provisions allowing for additional collateral to be obtained, or excess collateral returned, when necessary. It is the Company's policy to value collateral daily and to obtain additional collateral, or to retrieve excess collateral from counterparties, when deemed appropriate.

Collateral Arrangements

At December 31, 2003, the fair value of collateral held by the Company that can be sold or repledged totals approximately \$456,366,000. Such collateral is generally obtained under resale and securities borrowed agreements. Of this collateral, approximately \$448,662,000 has been sold or repledged, generally to cover short sales or effect deliveries of securities. In addition,

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securities in customer and affiliate accounts with fair market value of approximately \$100,676,000 can be sold or repledged by the Company.

Derivatives

The Company may enter into forward foreign currency contracts to facilitate customers' settling transactions in various currencies, primarily the U.S. dollar, British pound or Euro. The Company enters into forward foreign currency contracts with third parties, with terms generally identical to its customers' transactions, thereby mitigating its exposure to currency risk. Forward foreign currency contracts generally do not extend beyond 14 days and realized and unrealized gains and losses resulting from these transactions are recognized in the consolidated statement of income during the period in which they are incurred.

3. Receivable from and Payable to Broker-Dealers and Clearing Organizations

Amounts receivable from and payable to broker-dealers and clearing organizations as of December 31, 2003, consist of the following:

	Receivable	Payable
Securities failed-to-deliver/receive	\$ 85,170,862	\$ 11,420,914
Receivable/payable from/to clearing organizations	7,037,684	2,880
Fees, commissions and other receivable/payable	18,847,912	87,521,890
	<u>\$111,056,458</u>	<u>\$ 98,945,684</u>

4. Related Party Transactions

The Company has clearing agreements with its affiliates. Pursuant to an operating agreement, IGI provides the Company with all operational, management and administrative personnel, facilities and other services necessary to conduct its securities processing business.

The Company occupies space for which the lease is held by IGI.

Harborview has entered into administrative services and brokerage services agreements with affiliated companies. Under these agreements, the affiliates provide various administrative and management services to Harborview, and in return Harborview provides floor brokerage services.

Substantially all employees of the Company participate in the IGI Stock Option Plan, which was adopted in February 2000, and amended on September 2, 2000. It is the Company's policy to grant options for the purchase of shares of common stock at not less than market value. Options generally vest over a four-year period and expire on the tenth anniversary of the grant date, pursuant to the terms of the agreement. IGI applies Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and related interpretations in accounting for its stock options plans.

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Substantially all employees of the Company participate in a defined contribution pension plan sponsored by IGI. The IGI Retirement Plan ("401(k) Plan") was established under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Eligible employees can contribute up to 50% of their annual base salary to the 401(k) Plan. IGI matched 25% of the employees' pre-tax contributions. To be eligible for the contribution, employees need to be an active employee as of December 31, 2003 with at least 3 months of service.

5. Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Company may be named as a defendant in various lawsuits and may be involved in certain investigations and proceedings. Some of these matters may involve claims for substantial amounts. It is the opinion of management, after consultation with counsel, that there are no matters pending against the Company that could have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition.

Harborview is obligated under non-cancelable lease agreements with respect to seats on the NYSE. These agreements were extended during 2003 and are to expire in August, November and December 2004.

6. Credit, Market and Other Risks

The Company is exposed to substantial credit risk from its customers' securities transactions during the period between the transaction date and the settlement date. This period is generally three business days in the U.S. equities markets and can be as much as 30 days in some international markets. In addition, the Company may have credit exposure that extends beyond the settlement date in the case of a party that does not settle in a timely manner by failing either to make payment or to deliver securities. The Company holds the securities that are the subject of the transaction as collateral for our customer receivables. Adverse movements in the prices of these securities can increase our credit risk. The majority of the Company's transactions and, consequently, the concentration of its credit exposure are with broker-dealers and other financial institutions, primarily located in the United States. The Company seeks to control its credit risk through a variety of reporting and control procedures, including establishing credit limits and enforcing credit standards based upon a review of the counterparty's financial condition and credit ratings. The Company monitors trading activity and collateral levels on a daily basis for compliance with regulatory and internal guidelines and obtains additional collateral, if appropriate.

The Company uses securities borrowed and loaned transactions to facilitate the settlement process to meet its customer's needs. Under these transactions, the Company either receives or provides collateral, generally cash or securities. In the event the counterparty is unable to meet its contractual obligations to return the pledged collateral, the Company may be exposed to the market risk of acquiring the collateral at prevailing market prices.

The Company is subject to operational, technological and settlement risks. These include the risk of potential financial loss attributable to operational factors such as untimely or inaccurate trade execution, clearance or settlement or the inability to process large volumes or transactions. The Company is also subject to risk of loss attributable to technological limitations or computer

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failures that may constrain the Company's ability to gather, process and communicate information efficiently, securely and without interruption.

7. Income Taxes

The Company, together with IGI and certain other affiliates in the U.S., files a consolidated federal income tax return. The Company pays or recovers from IGI the taxes it has recorded which are calculated on a separate company basis under a tax sharing agreement with IGI. The Company records deferred tax assets and liabilities for the difference between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and the amounts recorded for financial reporting purposes, using current tax rates.

The temporary differences which have created deferred tax asset and liability as of December 31, 2003 are detailed below:

Deferred tax assets	
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 49,000
Accruals and allowances	<u>2,701,000</u>
Total deferred tax asset	2,750,000
Deferred tax liability	
Unrealized gains on securities	<u>(137,000)</u>
Deferred tax asset, net	<u>\$ 2,613,000</u>

The Company determined that no valuation allowance against the deferred tax asset, net, as of December 31, 2003 was necessary as management believes that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax asset will be realized.

8. Short-Term Financing

The Company meets its short-term financing needs by obtaining bank loans on a secured basis. The Company has a secured line of credit (broker's line) of \$50,000,000 and intra day overdraft facilities of \$150,000,000. As of December 31, 2003, there were no outstanding balances on these facilities. Interest rates on such borrowings are generally negotiated at the time of the transactions and reflect market interest rates.

9. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 107, "Disclosure about Fair Value of Financial Instruments," requires the disclosure of the fair value of financial instruments, including assets and liabilities recognized on the consolidated statement of financial condition. Management estimates that the aggregate fair value of all financial instruments recognized on the consolidated statement of financial condition approximates their carrying value. As such, financial instruments have been adjusted to reflect their estimated fair value or are short term in nature and bear interest at current market rates.

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10. Regulatory Requirements

The Company is a registered broker-dealer and, accordingly, is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule ("Rule 15c3-1") under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital. The Company has elected to use the alternative net capital method, permitted by Rule 15c3-1, which requires that the Company maintain minimum net capital equal to the greater of \$1,500,000 or 2% of aggregate debit items arising from customer transactions.

At December 31, 2003, the Company had net capital of \$109,124,251, which was \$103,752,482 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,371,769.

The Company is subject to Rule 15c3-3 of the SEC. At December 31, 2003, the Company computed the reserve requirement for customers and was required to segregate \$130,854,278 in the special reserve bank account for the exclusive benefit of its customers. At December 31, 2003, the Company had on deposit \$164,884,421 in this account.

The Company also computed the reserve requirement for proprietary accounts of introducing broker-dealers. At December 31, 2003, the Company's calculation required \$32,214,928 to be segregated in the special reserve bank account for the exclusive benefit of its introducing broker-dealers. At December 31, 2003, the Company had on deposit \$11,162,360. On January 2, 2004, the Company deposited an additional \$23,837,640 to meet its requirements.

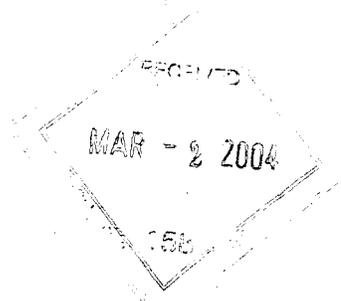
11. Consolidated Subsidiaries

The assets of \$1,872,462 and liabilities of \$864,328 of Harborview have been consolidated in the financial statements, but have not been consolidated in the Company's Net Capital Computation.

Report of Independent Auditors on Internal Accounting Control Pursuant to SEC Rule 17a-5

February 12, 2004

To The Board of Directors and
Stockholder of Instinet Clearing Services, Inc.



In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplement schedules of Instinet Clearing Services, Inc. (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2003, we considered its internal control, including control activities for 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.

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 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 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 SEC's 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 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.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of internal control to future periods is subject to the risk that controls 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 one or more of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that 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 internal control, including procedures 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 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Price Waterhouse Coopers WP".