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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 January 1, 2004 AND ENDING December 31, 2004  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Bengal Partners, LLC

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

#1 Stamford Landing, Suite 114, 62 Southfield Avenue

(No. and Street)

Stamford

Connecticut

06902

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Gennaro J. Fulvio

212-490-3113

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Halpern & Associates

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

143 Weston Road

Weston

CT

06883

(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, Gennaro J. Fulvio, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Bengal Partners, LLC, as of December 31, 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:

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Signature

Chief Financial Officer

Title

  
Notary Public

VIKTORIYA PISETSKAYA  
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York  
No. 01PI6063786  
Qualified in Kings County  
Commission Expires September 10, 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.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's 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 15c3-1 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).

BENGAL PARTNERS, LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2004

# Halpern & Associates, LLC

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

143 Weston Road • Weston, CT 06883 • (203)227-0313 • FAX (203)226-6909 • Info@Halpernassoc.com

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of  
Bengal Partners, LLC



We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Bengal Partners, LLC, (the "Company") as of December 31, 2004. 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 this financial statement is 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 statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bengal Partners, LLC as of December 31, 2004, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Halpern & Associates, LLC*

Weston, Connecticut  
January 25, 2005

BENGAL PARTNERS, LLC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2004

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 140,371
Receivable from clearing broker	185,268
Prepaid expenses	11,949
Office equipment, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation of \$109,742	20,351
Other assets	<u>9,380</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 367,319</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

LIABILITIES	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 68,243
Capital lease obligation	<u>14,429</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 82,672
 MEMBERS' EQUITY	 <u>284,647</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	 <u>\$ 367,319</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

# BENGAL PARTNERS, LLC

## NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2004

### 1. NOTES ON SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Bengal Partners, LLC (the "Company") was organized as a Delaware Limited Liability Company in March 1998 and began doing business as a registered broker-dealer in securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers in June 1998. The Company operates on a fully disclosed basis through its clearing broker, Fortis Investments Services, LLC.

In the normal course of its business, the Company enters into financial transactions where the risk of potential loss due to changes in market (market risk) or failure of the other party to the transaction to perform (credit risk) exceeds the amounts recorded for the transaction.

The Company's policy is to continuously monitor its exposure to market and counter-party risk through the use of a variety of financial, position and credit exposure reporting and control procedures. In addition, the Company has a policy of reviewing the credit standing of each broker-dealer, clearing organization, customer and/or other counter-party with which it conducts business.

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America required management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company records commission income and related revenues and expenses on a trade date basis.

Security transactions and financing with the clearing broker are classified as operating activities on the statement of cash flows since this is the Company's principal business.

The Company maintains its books and records on an accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Depreciation for furniture and equipment is provided for using straight-line and accelerated methods over the estimated useful lives of the related property. Leasehold improvements are being amortized on a straight-line basis over a seven year period.

BENGAL PARTNERS, LLC

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION (continued)

DECEMBER 31, 2004

3. INCOME TAXES

The Company is recognized as a Limited Liability Company (an "LLC") by the Internal Revenue Service. As an LLC, the Company is not subject to income taxes. The Company's income or loss is reportable by its members on their individual tax returns based on methodology prescribed in the Company's Operating Agreement.

4. LEASES

The Company occupies space in Stamford, CT under a lease expiring April 30, 2007. Future minimum lease payments pertaining to this agreement are as follows:

<u>Year ending</u>	
December 31, 2005	62,806
December 31, 2006	65,253
April 30, 2007	<u>22,023</u>
	\$150,082

The Company has capital lease obligations in connection with the purchase of a copier and a telephone system, expiring at different times through 2007. Future minimum payments including interest are as follows:

<u>Year ending</u>	
December 31, 2005	8,975
December 31, 2006	5,756
April 30, 2007	<u>1,821</u>
	\$16,552

5. RULE 15C3-3

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under paragraph (k)(2)(ii) in that the Company carries no customer accounts.

BENGAL PARTNERS, LLC

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION (continued)

DECEMBER 31, 2004

6. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital 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. At December 31, 2004, the Company had net capital of \$242,967, which exceeded the minimum requirement of \$50,000 by \$192,967. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was .34 to 1.