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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 01/01/04 AND ENDING 12/31/04  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Hovde Securities LLC  
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

OFFICIAL USE ONLY
FIRM I.D. NO.

1826 Jefferson Place, NW  
(No. and Street)  
Washington, DC 20036  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
Jeff Kashdin 202-775-8109  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Gruen & Wichansky, PC  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

4545 42nd St, NW Washington, DC 20016  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

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**CHECK ONE:**

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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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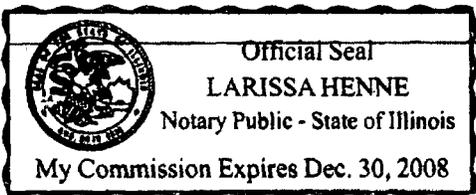
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Steven D. Hovde, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Hovde Securities 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:



Larissa J. Henne  
Notary Public

[Signature]  
Signature

President  
Title

4/19/05  
Date

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).

HOVDE SECURITIES LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2004

**ASSETS**

Current Assets:

Cash	\$	107,930
Cash-restricted		1,283
Prepaid expenses		<u>14,371</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>123,584</u></u>

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

Liabilities:

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	34,341
Due to affiliate (Note 2)	<u>1,935</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>36,276</u>
Members' Equity:	
Members' equity	<u>87,308</u>
Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	<u><u>\$ 123,584</u></u>

HOVDE SECURITIES LLC  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND  
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2004

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HOVDE SECURITIES LLC  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Members  
Hovde Securities LLC  
Washington, DC

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of Hovde Securities LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2004 and related statements of operations, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year 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 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 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 audit provides 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 Hovde Securities LLC as of December 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained on pages 8-10 are 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 audit 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.

  
Gruen & Wichansky, P.C.

February 4, 2005

HOVDE SECURITIES LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2004

**ASSETS**

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Members' equity	<u>87,308</u>
Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	<u><u>\$ 123,584</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

PROVDE SECURITIES LLC  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

**Revenues:**

Fee income	\$ 254,480
Interest income	<u>1,280</u>
Total Revenues	<u>255,760</u>

**Expenses:**

Professional fees	244,889
Commission expense	47,200
Administrative expense	30,000
Dues	25,168
Rent (Note 3)	10,693
Bank charges	653
Office expense and supplies	2,720
Other taxes and fees	800
Conferences	820
Travel	2,576
Insurance	781
Meals and entertainment	633
Other	<u>592</u>
Total Expenses	<u>367,525</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	(111,765)
State income tax	<u>(1,772)</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (113,537)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

HOVDE SECURITIES LLC  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

Members' equity at December 31, 2003	\$	200,845
Capital contributed		0
Members' distributions		0
Net income (loss)		(113,537)
Members' equity at December 31, 2004	\$	<u>87,308</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

HOVDE SECURITIES LLC  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

Cash flows from operating activities

Net Income (Loss)	\$ (113,537)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used by operating activities:	
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(1,115)
(Increase) decrease in due from (to) affiliates	3,046
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	31,341
Total adjustments	<u>33,272</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(80,265)</u>
Net decrease in cash	(80,265)
Cash, beginning of year	189,478
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 109,213</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:	
Cash paid during the year for:	
Income Tax	\$ 1,772

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

HOVDE SECURITIES LLC  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004

**NOTE 1-SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Nature of Business

Hovde Securities LLC was incorporated in the State of Delaware on June 13, 1989. Effective October 11, 2002, pursuant to Section 266 of the Delaware General Corporate Law, the Company converted from a corporation to a limited liability company. The name of the limited liability company as set forth in the certificate of formation is Hovde Securities LLC. The Company is registered as a broker/dealer in securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD) and various states, and, in this capacity, it performs underwriting and investment banking.

Cash-Restricted

Cash-restricted consists of amounts deposited into a separate checking account as required by the NASD. These deposits are used for expenses incurred for filing and registration fees. There is no minimum balance requirement on this account; however, it must always have a positive balance.

Income Taxes

The Company, with the prior consent of its members, elected under the Internal Revenue Code to be taxed as a partnership. The members of a limited liability company are taxed on their proportionate share of the Company's taxable income. The Company's net income or loss is allocated among the members in accordance with the policies of the Company. The Company may be subject to various state and local income taxes. The Company has a net operating loss carry-forward for District of Columbia unincorporated business franchise tax purposes of approximately \$82,000 that expires in various years through 2024 and a net operating loss carry-forward of approximately \$98,000 for Illinois replacement tax purposes that expires in year 2016. No significant differences exist in amounts reported for income taxes from the financial statements.

Use of 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 at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

## **NOTE 2-RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company's members are also officers and stockholders of Hovde Financial, Inc., which is in the business of providing consulting and advisory services in the financial services industry. Hovde Financial, Inc. incurs certain occupancy, professional fees, data service and office costs on behalf of the Company that are allocated for reimbursement. At times, amounts may be advanced to and from the Company and its affiliates for cash management. As of December 31, 2004, the Company had amounts due to affiliates of \$1,935.

## **NOTE 3-LEASE COMMITMENTS**

On October 1, 2004, the Company and two affiliates entered into a lease agreement with Pacific Corporate Towers LLC to lease office space in El Segundo, CA. The lease allows for an escalation of approximately 5.4% commencing July, 2006 through the end of the original lease term of December 31, 2007.

On January 1, 2003, the Company entered into two separate lease agreements with 1824-26 Jefferson Place, LLP (Jefferson Place) and with Colonial Jefferson LLC (Colonial Jefferson) to lease office space in Washington, DC and Inverness, Illinois, respectively. Certain of the Company's members are also partners in Jefferson Place and Colonial Jefferson. Both leases provide for an annual base rent of \$3,702. Commencing at the beginning of the second lease year (2004) and continuing each year through December 31, 2007, the then effective base rent increases by an escalating factor which equals two percent (2%) of the base rent for the previous year. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

2005	\$18,684
2006	20,160
2007	<u>20,641</u>
	<u>\$59,485</u>

## **NOTE 4-NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

As a registered broker/dealer and member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., 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. As applied to the Company, the Rule requires minimum net capital of \$5,000.

As of December 31, 2004, the Company had net capital (as defined) of \$71,654 of which \$66,654 was in excess of its requirement.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HOVDE SECURITIES LLC  
COMPUTATION OF REGULATORY NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND  
EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 31, 2004

SCHEDULE I

Net Capital:

Total assets	\$123,584
Total liabilities	<u>(36,276)</u>
Net capital before deductions	87,308
Non-allowable assets	<u>(15,654)</u>
<b>Regulatory Net Capital</b>	71,654
Minimum net capital required	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Excess Net Capital</b>	<u><u>\$66,654</u></u>
Aggregate indebtedness	\$36,276
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u><u>50.63%</u></u>

No material difference exists in the computation of net capital above and as reported in the Company's (unaudited) FOCUS report.

HOVDE SECURITIES LLC  
COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE  
REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF  
THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

SCHEDULE II

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to Section (k) (2) (i) of such Rule, and the Company was in compliance with the conditions of the exemption at December 31, 2004.

No material difference exists in the computation of the reserve requirement above and as reported in the Company's (unaudited) FOCUS report.

HOVDE SECURITIES LLC  
INFORMATION RELATING TO POSSESSION OR CONTROL  
REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF  
THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

SCHEDULE III

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to Section (k) (2) (i) of such Rule, and the Company was in compliance with the conditions of the exemption at December 31, 2004.

No material difference exists in the information relating to possession or control requirements above and as reported in the Company's (unaudited) FOCUS report.

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

To The Members  
Hovde Securities LLC  
Washington, DC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplementary information of Hovde Securities LLC. (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2004, we considered its internal control structure 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 and Exchange Commission (SEC), 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 indebtedness 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 requirement 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 security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

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 judgments 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 responsibilities 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 preparation of financial statements in conformity 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 any 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 operations may deteriorate. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure 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 structure components does not reduce to 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 structure 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, 2004 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealer, Inc., and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5 (g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and should not be used for any other purpose.

  
Gruen & Wichansky, P.C.

February 4, 2005



**Hovde**  
SECURITIES LLC

April 20, 2005

**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. Steven C. Kach  
Supervisor of Examiners  
NASD, Inc.  
Philadelphia District Office  
1835 Market Street, Suite 1900  
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**Re: Annual Audit Report of Hovde Securities LLC Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder.**

Dear Mr. Kach:

This letter is in response to the concerns you expressed regarding the Annual Audit Report of Hovde Securities LLC for the period ended December 31, 2004 that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. on February 23, 2005 pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 thereunder. Specifically, you noted that that oath or affirmation of a duly authorized representative of Hovde Securities LLC on Form X-17A-5 Part III that accompanied the Annual Audit Report was deficient in that it was not made by an officer of Hovde Securities LLC. Accordingly, enclosed herewith, please find the Annual Audit Report of Hovde Securities LLC for the period ended December 31, 2004, accompanied by a Form X-17A-5 Part III (including the oath or affirmation attached thereto) executed by Steven D. Hovde, the President of Hovde Securities LLC.

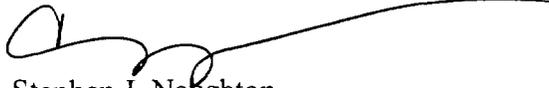
The Statement of Financial Condition of Hovde Securities LLC is in a format which is consistent with Form X-17A-5, Part II or Part IIA, and is bound separately from the rest of the annual audited financial statements. Hovde Securities LLC hereby requests that its annual audited financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2004, excluding the Statement of Financial Condition, receive confidential treatment in pursuant to Rule 17a-5(e)(3).

Additionally, in response to your inquiry of April 7, 2005, effective November 5, 2004, Hovde Securities LLC changed its independent public accountant from Mehler & Wichansky, P.C. to Gruen & Wichansky, PC. Copies of the letters furnished by each of Hovde Securities LLC and Mehler & Wichansky, P.C. notifying the NASD and the SEC of such change pursuant to Rule 17a-5(f)(4) are enclosed herewith.

Mr. Steven C. Kach  
Supervisor of Examiners  
NASD, Inc.  
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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the foregoing, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (202) 775-8109.

Kindest regards,



Stephen J. Naughton

Enclosures:

Letter of Eric D. Hovde, dated 11/16/04  
Letter of I. Barry Mehler, dated 11/16/04)

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