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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/05 AND ENDING 12/31/05  
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: **The Benchmark Company, LLC**

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

**40 Fulton Street, 19th Floor**

(No. and Street)

**New York**

(City)

**NY**

(State)

**10038**

(Zip Code)

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

**J Richard Messina**

**(212) 312-6567**

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

**Spicer Jeffries LLP**

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

**5251 S Quebec St, Suite 200**

(Address)

**Greenwood Village**

(City)

**CO**

(State)

**80111**

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

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

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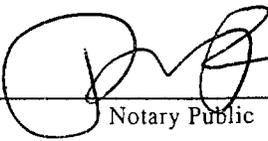
OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, J Richard Messina, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of The Benchmark Company, LLC, as of December 31, 2005, 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:

J Richard Messina; SCA Retirement Plan; SCA Money Purchase Plan; Lexdale Partners; Summit Capital Associates; Delaware Charter; Adam Gordon

  
Signature

ROBERTA BELL President  
Title

  
Notary Public

Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 02BE6094683  
Qualified in Nassau County  
My Commission Expires June 23, 2007

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 of Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital (including reconciliation of X-17A-5 Part II filing with this Rule 17a-5(d) report, if applicable).
- (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) Independant Auditors' Report on Internal Accounting Control.

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

THE BENCHMARK COMPANY, LLC

REPORT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

THE BENCHMARK COMPANY, LLC

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors of  
The Benchmark Company, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of The Benchmark Company, LLC as of December 31, 2005, and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors, and cash flows for the year then ended. 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 The Benchmark Company, LLC as of December 31, 2005, 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 made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the supplemental schedule listed in the accompanying index is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not required for a fair presentation of the 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 our audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Greenwood Village, Colorado  
January 27, 2006

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THE BENCHMARK COMPANY, LLC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2005

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,999,883
Receivable from clearing broker	1,331,868
Securities owned, at market value	777,661
Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$450,292	450,297
Other assets	<u>133,722</u>
<i>Total assets</i>	<u>\$ 5,693,431</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

**LIABILITIES:**

Commissions and salaries payable	\$ 740,739
Accounts payable	2,117,778
Securities sold, not yet purchased	260
Interest payable	36,235
Other liabilities	<u>203,693</u>
<i>Total liabilities</i>	<u>3,098,705</u>

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Notes 4 and 5)

MEMBERS' EQUITY (Note 3)	<u>2,594,726</u>
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<i>Total liabilities and member's equity</i>	<u>\$ 5,693,431</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

THE BENCHMARK COMPANY, LLC

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

REVENUES:

Commissions	\$ 16,938,652
Trading profit, net	5,260,729
Other	<u>174,786</u>

*Total revenues* 22,374,167

EXPENSES:

Commissions and salaries	14,100,791
Clearance and floor brokerage fees	1,571,510
General and administrative	3,018,762
Occupancy	362,121
Travel and entertainment	988,081
Professional fees	701,588
Communications and data processing	621,906
Depreciation	165,495
Interest Expense	<u>62,362</u>

*Total expenses* 21,592,616

NET INCOME \$ 781,551

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

THE BENCHMARK COMPANY, LLC

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	<u>Members'</u> <u>Equity</u>
<b>BALANCES, December 31, 2004</b>	\$ 1,189,308
Capital contributions	1,187,135
Capital distributions	(563,268)
Net income	<u>781,551</u>
<b>BALANCE, December 31, 2005</b>	<u><b>\$ 2,594,726</b></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

THE BENCHMARK COMPANY, LLC

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES  
SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

BALANCE, December 31, 2004	\$ 1,006,849
Accrued interest	14,386
Payments of principal and interest	<u>(1,021,235)</u>
BALANCE, December 31, 2005	<u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

THE BENCHMARK COMPANY, LLC

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

Net income	\$ 781,551
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	165,495
Decrease in receivable from clearing broker	230,799
Increase in securities owned, at market value	(762,312)
Increase in other assets	(9,791)
Decrease in commissions and salaries payable	(4,653,483)
Increase in accounts payable	1,364,582
Increase in securities sold, not yet purchased	259
Increase in interest payable	50,617
Decrease in other liabilities	<u>(29,920)</u>
<i>Net cash flows used in operating activities</i>	<u>(2,862,203)</u>

**CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES:**

Furniture and equipment purchases	<u>(120,324)</u>
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**CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

Capital contributions	1,187,135
Capital distributions	(563,268)
Payments of subordinated debt	<u>(1,021,235)</u>
<i>Net cash flows used in financing activities</i>	<u>(397,368)</u>

**NET DECREASE IN CASH** (3,379,895)

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, at beginning of year** 6,379,778

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, at end of year** \$ 2,999,883

**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:**

Cash paid during the year for interest \$ 62,362

THE BENCHMARK COMPANY, LLC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

*Organization and Business*

The Company was originally incorporated in New York on June 22, 1988. During 2003, the Company contributed all of its assets and liabilities to a limited liability company and continues to be registered as a broker-dealer in securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

*Clearing Agreement*

The Company under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) is exempt from the reserve and possession or control requirements of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company does not carry or clear customer accounts. Accordingly, all customer transactions are executed and cleared on behalf of the Company by its clearing broker on a fully disclosed basis. The Company's agreement with its clearing broker provides that as clearing broker, that firm will make and keep such records of the transactions effected and cleared in the customer accounts as are customarily made and kept by a clearing broker pursuant to the requirements of Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"). It also performs all services customarily incident thereon, including the preparation and distribution of customer's confirmations and statements and maintenance margin requirements under the Act and the Rules of the Self Regulatory Organizations of which the Company is a member.

*Securities Owned or Sold, not yet Purchased*

Securities owned or sold, but not yet purchased by the Company (substantially common stock) are recorded at market value and related changes in market value are reflected in income. The Company records securities transactions and related revenue and expenses on a trade date basis.

*Depreciation*

The Company provides for depreciation of furniture and equipment on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from five to seven years.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

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

*Income Taxes*

The Company is not considered a separate taxable entity for tax purposes. All income is reported on the respective members' tax return.

THE BENCHMARK COMPANY, LLC

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Continued)

**NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that effect 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 - LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS**

The Company had borrowed money under two subordination agreements as follows:

Bearing interest at 8.5% and 3.0% and due on June 6, 2006 and December 12, 2005, respectively	\$ 235,000	\$ 750,000
Accrued interest on subordinated note	26,735	9,500
Payments of principal and interest	<u>(261,735)</u>	<u>(759,500)</u>
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The subordinated borrowings were covered by an agreement approved by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and were thus available in computing net capital under the Securities and Exchange Commission's uniform net capital rule. As of December 31, 2005, the Company had paid the subordinated debt balances in full.

**NOTE 3 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital, as defined under such provisions. At December 31, 2005, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$1,845,215 and \$608,500 respectively. The Company's net capital ratio (aggregate indebtedness to net capital) was 1.68 to 1. According to Rule 15c3-1, the Company's net capital ratio shall not exceed 15 to 1.

THE BENCHMARK COMPANY, LLC

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Continued)

**NOTE 4 - COMMITMENTS**

The Company leases office space under noncancellable operating leases expiring through September, 2007. At December 31, 2005, aggregate minimum future rental commitments under these leases with initial or remaining terms in excess of one year are as follows:

<u>Fiscal year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2006	\$ 299,894
2007	246,249
2008	59,589
Total minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 605,732</u>

Total rental expense of \$260,222 including the noncancellable leases referred to above, was charged to operations during the year ended December 31, 2005.

**NOTE 5 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISKS AND CONTINGENCIES**

In the normal course of business, the Company's client activities ("clients") through its clearing broker involve the execution, settlement, and financing of various client securities transactions. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance sheet risk. In the event the client fails to satisfy its obligations, the Company may be required to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices in order to fulfill the client's obligations.

In the Company's trading activities, the Company has purchased securities for its own account and has sold securities that it does not own and may incur losses if the market value of the securities changes subsequent to December 31, 2005.

The Company has a substantial portion of its assets on deposit with banks and clearing brokers. Assets deposited with banks and clearing brokers are subject to credit risk. In the event of a bank's or clearing broker's insolvency, recovery of the Company's assets on deposit may be limited to account insurance or other protection afforded such deposits. As of December 31, 2005, the Company had cash of \$922,777 in excess of the federally insured amount.

The Company's financial instruments, including cash and receivables are carried at amounts which approximate fair value. Securities owned or sold, but not yet purchased are valued at market value using quoted market prices. Payables and other liabilities are carried at amounts which approximate fair value.

The Company is a defendant in various legal actions arising out of its activities as a broker-dealer. Several of these actions claim damages which are material to the financial statements taken as a whole. While predicting the outcome of litigation is inherently very difficult, and the ultimate resolution, range of loss and impact on operating results cannot be reliably estimated, management believes, based upon its understanding of the facts and the advice of applicable legal counsel, that it has meritorious defenses for all such actions and it intends to defend each of these vigorously, and that resolution of these actions will not have a materially adverse effect on the Company's financial condition.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

THE BENCHMARK COMPANY, LLC

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO UNIFORM  
NET CAPITAL RULE 15c3-1  
DECEMBER 31, 2005

**CREDIT:**

Members' equity	\$ <u>2,594,726</u>
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**DEBITS:**

Nonallowable assets:	
Furniture and equipment, net	450,297
Non-marketable securities	3,300
Other assets	<u>133,722</u>
<i>Total debits</i>	<u>587,319</u>

<i>Net capital before haircuts on securities positions</i>	2,007,407
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Haircuts on securities positions and money market instruments	<u>162,192</u>
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<b>NET CAPITAL</b>	1,845,215
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Minimum requirements of 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness of \$3,098,445 or \$608,500, whichever is greater	<u>608,500</u>
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<i>Excess net capital</i>	<u><u>\$ 1,236,715</u></u>
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**AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS:**

Commissions and salaries payable	\$ 740,739
Accounts payable	2,117,778
Interest payable	36,235
Other liabilities	<u>203,693</u>

<b>TOTAL AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS</b>	<u><u>\$ 3,098,445</u></u>
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<b>RATIO OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL</b>	<u><u>1.68 to 1</u></u>
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**NOTE:** There are no material differences between the above computation of net capital and the corresponding computation as amended by the Company with the unaudited Form X-17A-5 as of December 31, 2005.



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

The Board of Directors of  
The Benchmark Company, LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplementary information of The Benchmark Company, LLC for the year ended December 31, 2005, we considered its internal control structure, including procedures 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 structure.

Also, as required by Rule 17a5(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 Benchmark Company, LLC that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g), (i) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3; and (ii) for safeguarding the occasional receipt of securities and cash until promptly transmitted to the Company's clearing brokers. 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 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, 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 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 conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 operation may deteriorate. This report recognizes that it is not practicable in an organization the size of The Benchmark Company, LLC to achieve all the divisions of duties and cross-checks generally included in a system of internal accounting control and that alternatively greater reliance must be placed on surveillance by management.

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 elements 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 structure, 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, 2005, to meet the SEC's objectives.

In addition, our review indicated that The Benchmark Company, LLC was in compliance with the conditions of exemption from Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to paragraph k(2)(ii) as of December 31, 2005, and no facts came to our attention to indicate that such conditions had not been complied with during the year.

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



Greenwood Village, Colorado  
January 27, 2006