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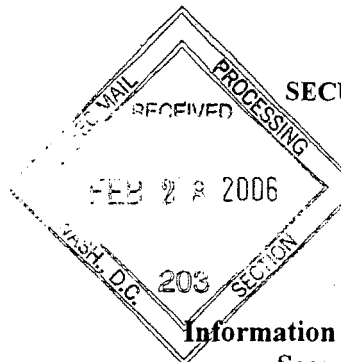
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**ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT  
FORM X-17A-5**

**PART III**

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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, 2005 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

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MARA CAPITAL, LLC

FIRM ID. NO.

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

110 WALL STREET - 24<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

NEW YORK,

NEW YORK

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

JOHN McDONNELL

(212) 825 - 0178

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

LERNER & SIPKIN, CPAs, LLP

132 Nassau Street, Suite 1023

New York

NY

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Certified Public Accountant

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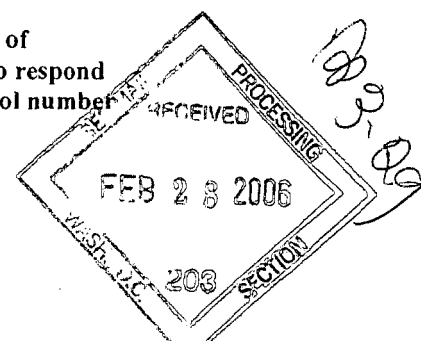
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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, **JOHN R. McDONNELL**, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of **MARA CAPITAL, LLC**, as of **DECEMBER 31, 2005**, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, member, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

NONE

X John R. McDonnell  
Signature  
Manager / CCO  
Title

X Lisa Carbonara  
Notary Public

Lisa Carbonara  
Notary Public State of New York  
No #01CA6010513  
Qualified in Kings County  
Commission Expires July 20, 2007

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (x) (a) Facing page.
- ☒ (x) (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (x) (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☒ (x) (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- ☒ (x) (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- ☒ (x) (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (x) (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.
- ☒ (x) (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.
- ☒ (x) (o) Independent Auditors' Report.

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

**MARA CAPITAL, LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**DECEMBER 31, 2005**

**MARA CAPITAL, LLC**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' COMMENTS**

DECEMBER 31, 2005



## LERNER & SIPKIN

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LLP

132 Nassau Street, New York, NY 10038 Tel 212.571.0064 / Fax 212.571.0074

E-mail: LS@lernersipkin.com

To the Members of  
Mara Capital, LLC  
110 Wall Street  
New York, NY 10005

Gentlemen:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Mara Capital, 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 of the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5 (g) (1) and (2) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by Mara Capital, LLC that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5 (g), (1) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3 (a) (11); (2) in complying with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company (1) in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13; (2) in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and (3) in obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3, 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 Commission'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 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 irregularities 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.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that may 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 irregularities 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 determining compliance with the exemption provisions of Rule 15c3-3, 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 Commission 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 Commission's objectives.

This report recognizes that it is not practicable in an organization the size of Mara Capital, 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.

Further, that no material differences existed between our computations of your net capital, or determination of the reserve requirements, and your corresponding Focus Report Part IIA filing, except as noted on Schedule 1.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lerner & Sipkin CPAs LLP".

Lerner & Sipkin, CPAs, LLP  
Certified Public Accountants (N.Y.)

New York, NY  
February 20, 2006

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: MARA CAPITAL, LLC

ADDRESS: 110 Wall Street-24<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10004

DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2005

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.  
20 BROAD STREET - 23rd Floor  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10005

Att: Member Firms Department

Gentlemen:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED **members or allied members** of **MARA CAPITAL, LLC** have caused an audit to be made in accordance with the prescribed regulations and have arranged for the prescribed financial report based upon such audit.

We hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial report prepared as of **DECEMBER 31, 2005** represents a true and correct financial statement of our organization and that the report will promptly be made available to those members and allied members whose signatures do not appear below.

MC McNamee  
John R. McDonnell

I, **JOHN R. McDONNELL**, swear that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedule(s) pertaining to the Firm of **MARA CAPITAL, LLC**, as of **DECEMBER 31, 2005**, are true and correct. I further swear that neither the Company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer, director or member has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of customer, except as follows:

No Exceptions  
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John R. McDonnell  
(Signature)

Manager / eco  
(Title)

Lisa Carbonara  
(Notary Public)

**Lisa Carbonara**  
Notary Public State of New York  
No #01CA6010513  
Qualified in Kings County  
Commission Expires July 20 2006

**MARA CAPITAL, LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2005**

**ASSETS**

|                                                                                |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                      | \$ 57,247         |
| Due from clearing broker                                                       | 195,231           |
| Commissions receivable                                                         | 88,110            |
| Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation<br>of \$20,952 (Note 2(d))       | 29,595            |
| Organization cost - net of accumulated<br>amortization of \$24,712 (Note 2(f)) | 21,350            |
| Other assets                                                                   | -                 |
| Total assets                                                                   | <u>\$ 391,533</u> |

**LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL**

**Liabilities**

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 41,953     |
| Total liabilities                     | <u>41,953</u> |

**Commitments and Contingencies (Notes 3 and 4)**

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Capital (Note 6)              | <u>349,580</u>    |
| Total liabilities and capital | <u>\$ 391,533</u> |

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

**MARA CAPITAL, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

**Note 1 - Nature of Business**

Mara Capital, LLC, a limited liability company (The "Company") is a New York State company formed in 2003, for the purpose of conducting business as a broker on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The Company is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*a) Revenue Recognition*

Securities transactions (and the recognition of related income and expenses) are recorded on a trade date basis. Commission income and related expense are recorded on a settlement date basis. There is no material difference between settlement date and trade date.

*b) Income Taxes*

Income taxes are not payable by, or provided for, the Company. Members are taxed individually on their share of Company earnings for federal and state income tax purposes. The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to provide for unincorporated business tax based upon Company income, if applicable.

*c) Cash and Cash Equivalents*

The Company considers demand deposited money market funds to be cash equivalents. The Company maintains cash in bank accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits or where no insurance is provided. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

*d) Equipment*

Equipment is carried at cost and is depreciated over a useful life of 5-7 years using the straight-line method.

*e) Use of Estimates*

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses.

*f) Organization Cost*

Organization costs are being amortized over five years using the straight-line method.

**MARA CAPITAL, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

**Note 3 - Commitments**

***Seat Lease***

The Company leases two seats on the New York Stock Exchange. The first lease expires on November 26, 2006 and calls for payments of \$5,000 per month. The second lease expires on January 15, 2007 and calls for payments of \$5,000 per month.

***Office Lease***

The Company leases premises under a lease expiring March 31, 2009. At December 31, 2005, the minimum rental commitment before escalations under the lease is as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------|---------------|
| 2006        | \$60,000      |
| 2007        | \$61,828      |
| 2008        | \$62,370      |
| 2009        | \$15,593      |

**Note 4 - Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Credit Risk**

As a securities broker, the Company is engaged in buying and selling securities for a diverse group of institutional and individual investors. The Company introduces these transactions for clearance to another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis.

The Company's exposure to credit risk associated with non-performance of customers in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets which may impair the customer's ability to satisfy their obligations to the Company and the Company's ability to liquidate the collateral at an amount equal to the original contracted amount. The agreement between the Company and its clearing broker provides that the Company is obligated to assume any exposure related to such non-performance by its customers.

The Company seeks to control the aforementioned risks by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory requirements and the clearing broker's internal guidelines. The Company monitors its customer activity by reviewing information it receives from its clearing broker on a daily basis, and requiring customers to deposit additional collateral, or reduce positions, when necessary

**Note 5 - Subsequent Event**

On February 23, 2006, a member made a contribution of \$500,000. Management has indicated that additional capital contributions will be made, if needed.

**MARA CAPITAL, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

**Note 6 - Net Capital Requirement**

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 and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 1500%. At December 31, 2005, the Company had net capital of \$298,635, which was \$293,635 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's net capital ratio was 15.72%.

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A copy of the Firm's statement of Financial Condition as of December 31, 2005, pursuant to SEC Rule 17a-5, is available for examination at the Firm's office and at the regional office of the SEC.



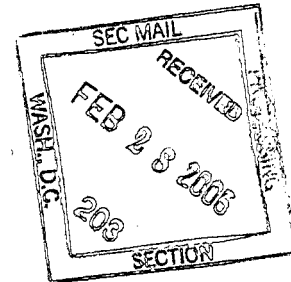
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT



To the Members of  
Mara Capital, LLC  
110 Wall Street  
New York, NY 10005

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Mara Capital, LLC as of December 31, 2005. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the statement of financial condition based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards required 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 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 Mara Capital, LLC as of December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Lerner & Sipkin CPAs LLP*

Lerner & Sipkin, CPAs, LLP  
Certified Public Accountants (NY)

New York, NY  
February 20, 2006