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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/06 AND ENDING 12/31/06  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER - DEALER: **Arbor Research & Trading, Inc.**

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

**1000 Hart Road, Suit 260**

(No. and Street)

**Barrington**  
(City)

**Illinois**  
(State)

**60010**  
(Zip Code)

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

**James R. Stevens**

**847-304-1550**  
(Area Code - Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

**Deloitte & Touche LLP**

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

**111 S. Wacker Drive**  
(Address)

**Chicago**  
(City)

**IL**  
(State)

**60606**  
(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

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

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Shareholder of  
Arbor Research & Trading, Inc.  
Barrington, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Arbor Research & Trading, Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2006, that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. 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 the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition, 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, such statement of financial condition presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Arbor Research & Trading, Inc. at December 31, 2006, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Deloitte & Touche LLP*

February 2, 2007

# ARBOR RESEARCH & TRADING, INC.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2006

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### ASSETS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$1,197,628
CLEARING ACCOUNT DEPOSIT WITH BROKER-DEALER	991,250
RECEIVABLE FROM CLEARING BROKER-DEALER	1,121,873
SECURITIES OWNED—At market value	2,029,312
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, Net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,251,140	189,225
OTHER ASSETS	<u>154,939</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5,684,227</u>

### LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY

#### LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable to Arbor UK	\$ 160,620
Deferred subscription revenue	406,748
Other accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>179,642</u>

Total liabilities 747,010

#### SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY:

Common stock—no par value, at stated value; 1,000,000 shares authorized; 172,900 shares issued	86,450
Additional paid-in capital	2,532,141
Retained earnings	<u>2,318,626</u>

Total shareholder's equity 4,937,217

TOTAL \$5,684,227

See notes to statement of financial condition.

# ARBOR RESEARCH & TRADING, INC.

## NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2006

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### 1. ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Arbor Research & Trading, Inc. (the "Company"), an Illinois corporation, is a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers. The Company deals primarily in securities issued by the United States Government and United States Government agencies. All trades are cleared on a fully disclosed basis. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Arbor Research Holdings, Inc. (the "Parent").

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Management's Use of Estimates**—The preparation of the statement of financial condition in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Securities Owned**—Securities owned represent a U.S. Treasury bill maturing in less than 90 days. The securities are reported at market value based on quoted market prices.

**Deferred Revenue**—Subscription income is generated from the sale of research services. Amounts received in advance are deferred and amortized straight line over the term of the subscription.

**Furniture and Equipment**—Furniture and equipment are stated at historical cost and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful life, generally five or seven years.

**Income Taxes**—The Company has elected to be taxed under Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, the taxable income or loss of the Company is allocated to the Parent, who is responsible for taxes thereon.

### 3. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company, as a registered broker-dealer, is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) and is required to maintain minimum net capital, as defined, which is equivalent to the greater of \$100,000 or 6-2/3% of "aggregate indebtedness," as defined.

At December 31, 2006, the Company had net capital, as defined, of \$3,576,338, which was \$3,476,338 in excess of its required minimum net capital of \$100,000.

### 4. CLEARING ACCOUNT DEPOSIT WITH BROKER-DEALER

The Company is required to maintain a deposit with its clearing broker-dealer. The deposit is a U.S. Treasury bill with a market value of \$991,250 maturing in less than 90 days. The security is reported at market value based on quoted market price.

**5. RECEIVABLE FROM CLEARING BROKER-DEALERS**

As a securities broker, the Company is engaged almost exclusively in buying and selling government and government agency securities for a select group of institutional investors. The Company introduces these transactions for clearance by another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis.

The receivable from the clearing broker-dealers arises in the normal course of business from the settlement of securities transactions. The receivables are generally collected within 30 days. The Company utilizes mainly one broker-dealer as its clearing broker. This clearing broker is nationally recognized and is a member of the major exchanges.

The Company is obligated for nonperformance by customers it has introduced to the clearing broker. The Company actively monitors its exposure under this obligation by requesting substantiation of its customers' activities from the clearing broker on a daily basis. No such nonperformance by a customer, based on refusal or inability to fulfill its obligation, occurred in 2006.

**6. COMMITMENT**

The Company's lease expired during 2006 and it is in the process of negotiating a new operating lease which they expect to be effective in 2007.

**7. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Arbor Research & Trading UK Limited ("Arbor UK"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Parent, introduces trades to the Company, who in turn pays Arbor UK a fee for such services. At December 31, 2006, the Company owed Arbor UK \$160,620 for such services. The Parent also has an ownership interest in Bianco Research LLC, who performs research services for the Company.

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February 2, 2007

To the Board of Directors and Shareholder of  
Arbor Research & Trading, Inc.  
Barrington, Illinois

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Arbor Research & Trading, Inc. (the "Company") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006 (on which we issued our report dated February 2, 2007), in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of compliance with such practices and procedures 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 requirements 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 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 controls 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 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 internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error 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.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities 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, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2006, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the National Association of Securities Dealers, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered broker-dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Yours truly,

*Deloitte & Touche LLP*