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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 01/01/2007 AND ENDING 12/31/2007  
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER DEALER:  
SPECIALTY FINANCE GROUP, LLC

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

2505 SOUTH OCEAN BOULEVARD, SUITE 212

(No. and Street)

PALM BEACH

FLORIDA

33480

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

RICHARD BENSON

800-860-2907

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT DESIGNATION

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

P. Jason Ling, CPA, P.A.

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

Boca Raton

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Florida

(State)

(City)

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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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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual audit 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, Richard Benson, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Specialty Finance Group, LLC, as of December 31, 31 07 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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Jeremy H Holland  
My Commission DD373326  
Expires December 14, 2008

Richard Benson  
Signature

President  
Title

Jeremy H Holland  
Public Notary

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 15c3-1.
- (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).

**SPECIALTY FINANCE GROUP, LLC  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007  
AND  
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT**

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**Report of Independent Certified Public Accountant**

Members  
Specialty Finance Group, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Specialty Finance Group, LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2007, and the related statement of income, changes in stockholders' 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 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 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 Specialty Finance Group, LLC as of December 31, 2007, 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 in Schedules I, II, III, and IV is 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 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. 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.

*P. JASON LING, CPA, P.A.*

P. Jason Ling, CPA, P.A.  
Boca Raton, FL  
February 15, 2008

SPECIALTY FINANCE GROUP, LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

**ASSETS**

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 191,720
Commissions receivable	44,000

235,720

Furniture, fixtures, and equipment, net	32,259
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u><u>267,979</u></u></b>
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**LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accrued professional fees	4,500
Accrued office & occupancy expenses	248

4,748

TOTAL LIABILITIES

MEMBERS' EQUITY	263,231
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 267,979</u></u></b>
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SPECIALTY FINANCE GROUP, LLC  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

**REVENUES:**

Commission income	635,000
Other Income	<u>35,000</u>
Total Income	670,000

**EXPENSES:**

Professional Fees	351,432
Office & occupancy	47,593
Travel	35,215
Dues, licenses, and registrations	9,994
Depreciation	<u>6,421</u>
Total Expenses	450,654

**NET INCOME**

\$ 219,346

SPECIALTY FINANCE GROUP, LLC  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>Members' Equity</u>
<b>Balance at beginning of year</b>	199,139
Members' Distributions	(155,253)
Net Income	219,346
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 263,231</u></u>

SPECIALTY FINANCE GROUP, LLC  
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

**Cash Flows From Operating Activities**

Net income (Loss)	\$ 219,346
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	6,421
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses	(336)
(Increase) decrease in commission receivable	48,000
Total adjustments	<u>54,086</u>
Net Cash Used In Operating Activities	<u>273,431</u>

**Cash Flows From Investing Activities**

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**Cash Flows From Financing Activities**

Member distributions	<u>(155,253)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	118,178
Cash & cash equivalents - Beginning of Period	<u>73,542</u>
Cash & cash equivalents - End of Period	<u>\$ 191,720</u>

**Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:**

Cash paid during the year for interest	<u>-</u>
Cash paid during the year for income taxes	<u>-</u>

SPECIALTY FINANCE GROUP, LLC  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

**1. ORGANIZATION**

Specialty Finance Group, LLC (the Company) is a Florida limited liability Company formed on November 02, 2001. The Company's main office is located in Palm Beach, FL, is registered in three states (FL, NY, CT), and has one registered person. The Company was formed for the purpose of conducting business as a broker-dealer in private placements in direct participation programs, mergers and acquisitions services, and investment banking consulting. The Company is a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash equivalents are short-term, liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less and are carried at cost, which approximates market value.

Commission income

Commission income from private placements are recorded on a trade date basis as securities transactions occur. Commission income which also includes fees for merger, acquisition and advisory assignments are recorded when services for the transactions are determined to be completed, generally as set forth under the terms of the engagement, and the income is reasonably determinable.

Income tax status

The Company, with the consent of its sole member has elected to be taxed as a partnership under Subchapter K of the Internal Revenue Code. All taxable income or loss flows through to the members. Accordingly, no income tax expense or liability is recorded in the accompanying 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 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.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Substantially all of the Company's financial assets and liabilities are carried at market value or at amounts, which, because of their short-term nature, approximate current fair value.

Computation of customer reserve

The Company is exempt from customer reserve requirements and providing information relating to possession or control of securities pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. The Company meets the exemptive provisions of Paragraph (k)(2)(i).

SPECIALTY FINANCE GROUP, LLC  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment

Furniture, fixtures, and equipment, are recorded at cost and depreciated over the useful lives of those assets using straight-line and accelerated methods. Expenditure for routine maintenance and repairs are charged to expenses as incurred.

Income taxes

The Company, with the consent of its members, elected to be taxed as a partnership under the Internal Revenue Code. All taxable income or loss flows through to the members. Accordingly, no income tax expense or liability is recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

**3. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's uniform net capital rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of \$5,000 minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2007, the Company had net capital of \$186,972 (\$181,972) in excess of its requirement) and the Company's aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was 0.03 to 1 (3%).

**4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During 2007 the Company paid \$280,000 in consulting fees to Specialty Finance Group, Inc (SFGI). SFGI is wholly owned by Richard Benson, who is 95% owner and managing member of the Company. This amount is represented in the Statement of Income as professional fees. Additionally; during 2007, the Company paid Solutions Etc., Inc. \$60,192 for administrative and secretarial services. Solutions etc, Inc. is a company wholly owned by Cynthia Benson, the wife of Richard Benson, and 5% owner in the Company. This amount is also represented in the Statement of Income as professional fees.

**5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK**

The Company maintains cash balances at a large national bank. The cash balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000, but the balances may exceed that amount at any time.

SPECIALTY FINANCE GROUP, LLC  
 COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO SEC RULE 15c3-1 AND  
 RECONCILIATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO SEC RULE 17a-5(d)(4)  
 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

Computation of Net Capital

Members' Equity:	\$ 263,231
Less: Non-allowable assets	
Commissions receivable	44,000
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment, net	<u>32,259</u>
Tentative Net Capital	186,972
Haircuts on securities inventory	-
Net Capital	<u><u>186,972</u></u>
Minimum Net Capital Requirement	5,000
Net Capital in Excess of Requirement	<u><u>181,972</u></u>

Computation of Aggregate Indebtedness

Accrued professional fees	4,500
Accrued office & occupancy expenses	<u>248</u>
Total Aggregate Indebtedness	4,748
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	0.03 to 1
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	3%

Reconciliation with company's calculation as reported on December 31, 2007 FOCUS report

Net Capital as reported in December 31, 2007 Form X-17A-5, Part IIA (unaudited) FOCUS report	\$ 188,557
Decrease in Cash	(2,275)
Decrease in year-end payables	<u>691</u>
Net Capital, Per Above	<u><u>186,972</u></u>

SPECIALTY FINANCE GROUP, LLC  
INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR  
CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER SEC RULE 15C3-3  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

The Company operates pursuant to the (K)(2)(i) exemption under SEC Rule 15c3-3 and does not hold customer funds or securities. The Company is therefore exempt from the reserve formula calculations and possession and control computations.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE AS  
REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5**

Members  
Specialty Finance Group, LLC:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Specialty Finance Group, LLC (the Company), as of and for the year ended December 31, 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 and Exchange Commission (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 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 (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
2. 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

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 the 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, 2007, to meet the SEC's objectives.

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

*P. JASON LING, CPA, P.A.*

P. Jason Ling, CPA, P.A.  
Boca Raton, FL  
February 15, 2008

**END**