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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 01/01/07 AND ENDING 12/31/07  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Edgewood Services, Inc.

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

Federated Investors Tower 1001 Liberty Avenue  
(No. and Street)

Pittsburgh PA 15222-3779  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
Denis McAuley III 412-288-7712  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Ernst & Young LLP Certified Public Accountants

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

2100 One PPG Place Pittsburgh PA 15222  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

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

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Denis McAuley III, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Edgewood Services, Inc., as of December 31, 2007, 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:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Notarial Seal  
Deanna L. Marley, Notary Public  
City Of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County  
My Commission Expires June 14, 2008

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Deanna L. Marley  
Notary Public

Denis McAuley III  
Signature

Treasurer  
Title

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 15c3-1 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.
- (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).

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Edgewood Services, Inc.

Year ended December 31, 2007  
with Report and Supplementary Report of Independent Registered Public  
Accounting Firm

**EDGEWOOD SERVICES, INC.**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

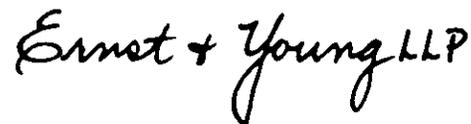
Board of Directors of  
Edgewood Services, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Edgewood Services, Inc. (the Broker/Dealer) as of December 31, 2007, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholders' 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 Broker/Dealer'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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Broker/Dealer's internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included 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 Broker/Dealer'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 financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and 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 Edgewood Services, Inc. at December 31, 2007, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information 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 our 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.



February 22, 2008

**EDGEWOOD SERVICES, INC.**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2007**  
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 1,727
Receivable from affiliates, net.....	8,161
Prepaid expenses.....	18
Current deferred tax asset, net.....	67
Long-term deferred tax asset.....	<u>217</u>
 Total assets.....	 <u>\$ 10,190</u>
 <b>Liabilities:</b>	
Total liabilities.....	<u>\$ 0</u>
 <b>Shareholder's Equity:</b>	
Capital stock, par value \$.01 per share- 20,000 shares authorized, 12,309 shares issued and outstanding.....	0
Additional paid-in capital.....	2,421
Retained earnings.....	<u>7,769</u>
 Total shareholder's equity.....	 <u>10,190</u>
 Total liabilities and shareholder's equity.....	 <u>\$ 10,190</u>

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

**EDGEWOOD SERVICES, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**  
(dollars in thousands)

Revenue:	
Commission income.....	\$ 63
Other income.....	35
Total revenue.....	<u>98</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Other tax expense.....	50
Error expense.....	30
Corporate licensing and registration fees.....	29
Other.....	13
Total operating expenses.....	<u>122</u>
Operating loss.....	(24)
Nonoperating Income:	
Interest and dividends.....	<u>90</u>
Income before income taxes.....	66
Income tax provision.....	<u>35</u>
Income from continuing operations.....	31
Discontinued operations, net of tax.....	<u>58</u>
Net income.....	<u><u>\$ 89</u></u>

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

**EDGEWOOD SERVICES, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**  
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Capital Stock</u>	<u>Additional Paid-In Capital</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>Total Shareholder's Equity</u>
Balance at January 1, 2007.....	\$ 0	\$ 2,421	\$ 7,680	\$ 10,101
Net income.....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>89</u>
Balance at December 31, 2007.....	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 2,421</u>	<u>\$ 7,769</u>	<u>\$ 10,190</u>

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

**EDGEWOOD SERVICES, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF CREDITORS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**  
(dollars in thousands)

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Balance at January 1, 2007.....	\$ .	0
Additions and/or reductions.....		<u>0</u>
Balance at December 31, 2007.....	<u>\$</u>	<u>0</u>

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

**EDGEWOOD SERVICES, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**  
(dollars in thousands)

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Operating Activities:		
Net income.....	\$	89
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Provision for deferred income taxes.....		6
Increase in receivable from affiliates, net.....		(64)
		<hr/>
Net cash provided by operating activities.....		31
		<hr/>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents.....		31
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year.....		<hr/> 1,696
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year.....	\$	<hr/> <hr/> 1,727

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

**EDGEWOOD SERVICES, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2007**

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(1) **DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

In the third quarter 2006, Edgewood Services, Inc. (the Company) completed the sale of certain assets associated with its TrustConnect® mutual fund processing business (the Clearing Business) to Matrix Settlement and Clearance Services, LLC, one of the leading providers of mutual fund clearing and settlement processing for banks, trust companies and 401(k) providers. The sale was completed over a series of closings which began in the first quarter 2006 and was completed at the beginning of the third quarter 2006. The assets included in the sale of the Clearing Business consisted primarily of customer relationships, customer contracts and intellectual property, which had no recorded carrying values on the Company's Balance Sheet. In addition, the Company is entitled to receive contingent consideration due in the third quarter 2008 if certain revenue targets are met. The contingent consideration will be calculated as a percentage of annualized net revenue directly attributed to the Clearing Business earned during the period of April through June 2008.

The results of operations of the Clearing Business included in "Discontinued operations, net of tax," were as follows for the year ended December 31, 2007:

*in thousands*

Net revenue from discontinued operations	\$	18
Pre-tax income from discontinued operations		99
Income tax expense		41
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$	58

The company had no continuing involvement with the Clearing Business subsequent to the sale. Discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2007 represents adjustments to estimates recorded in 2006, certain support services that were not phased out until 2007 and record storage fees. The majority of "Pre-tax income from discontinued operations" is composed of the reversal of bad debt reserves due to the collection of receivables that were fully reserved at December 31, 2006 in accordance with the Company's bad debt reserve policy.

(2) **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

(a) **Nature of Operations**

The Company is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Federated Investors, Inc. ("Federated"). The Company is registered as a broker/dealer to act as distributor for certain bank-advised mutual funds.

(b) **Basis of Presentation**

The financial statements include the accounts of the Company. Such statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates, and such differences may be material to the financial statements.

(c) **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

"Cash and cash equivalents" include an investment in a money market fund that is managed by another subsidiary of Federated as well as cash held at a bank. These investments may be redeemed upon demand.

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(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

(d) Revenue Recognition

The Company has contractual arrangements with third parties to provide distribution-related services to bank-advised mutual funds. Revenue is recognized during the period in which services are performed. The Company's revenue is recorded net of third-party payments. The Company records commission income earned from distribution-related activities upon receipt.

(e) Income Taxes

The operating results of the Company are included in the consolidated federal income tax return filed by Federated. As part of the Federated consolidated group, the Company participates in a tax-sharing agreement. Therefore, although the Company computes its federal income tax provision on a separate-company basis, the tax benefits related to its net operating or capital losses, if any, will be recorded by the Company to the extent that the losses can be used to reduce consolidated tax expense. The Company computes and remits state taxes on a separate- or combined-company basis, as required, in compliance with the respective state tax law.

The Company utilizes the liability method to account for deferred income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on temporary differences between financial statement carrying amounts and the corresponding tax bases of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in future years. These items are measured using enacted rates expected to be applied to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

(f) Disclosures of Fair Value

Carrying amounts approximate fair value for "Cash and cash equivalents." The "Receivable from affiliates, net" is not settled in cash nor is it Federated management's current plan to settle this item in cash and therefore, the Company is not able to determine its fair value.

(g) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

SFAS 159 – In February 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities" (SFAS 159). SFAS 159 allows entities to voluntarily choose to measure many financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The election is made on an instrument-by-instrument basis and is irrevocable. Once the election is made for an instrument, all subsequent changes in fair value for that instrument must be reported in earnings. SFAS 159 is effective on January 1, 2008 for calendar-year companies. Management has not elected the fair-value option for any assets or liabilities as of January 1, 2008 and has concluded that the adoption of this standard will not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

SFAS 157 and FSP SFAS 157-2 – In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" (SFAS 157). SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements because the FASB had previously concluded in those accounting pronouncements that fair value is the relevant measurement attribute. Accordingly, this Statement does not require any new fair value measurements. In February 2008, the FASB issued a

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(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

(g) Recent Accounting Pronouncements, continued

FASB Staff Position (FSP) to defer the effective date of SFAS 157 for one year for nonfinancial assets and liabilities. With respect to financial assets and liabilities, the provisions of SFAS 157 are effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. Management has concluded that the adoption of this standard for financial assets and liabilities will not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. Management continues to evaluate the impact this statement will have on the Company's financial statements once its provisions are adopted for nonfinancial assets and liabilities.

(3) TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

As a matter of general policy, Federated manages most cash-related activities of its domestic subsidiaries on a centralized basis. As such, certain expenses of the Company, including professional service fees and other support services, are funded by another subsidiary of Federated and charged to the Company. In addition, certain affiliates of the Company incur general support costs on its behalf. Such expenses are allocated to the Company, amounted to approximately \$3,000 for the year ended December 31, 2007 and are recorded in "Other" on the Statement of Income.

The "Receivable from affiliates, net" on the Company's Balance Sheet represents the amounts collected by another subsidiary of Federated on behalf of the Company in excess of expenses paid or incurred by this affiliate and other affiliates, respectively, on behalf of the Company. There is no intention now or in the foreseeable future to settle the net intercompany receivable.

(4) INCOME TAXES

Income tax expense from continuing operations consisted of the following components for the year ended December 31, 2007:

<i>in thousands</i>	Current	Deferred	Total
Federal	\$ 20	\$ 5	\$ 25
State	8	2	10
Total	<u>\$ 28</u>	<u>\$ 7</u>	<u>\$ 35</u>

The Company's effective income tax rate attributed to continued operations for the year ended December 31, 2007 was 52.6%. This rate is higher than the Company's 35% federal statutory income tax rate primarily as a result of state income taxes. All tax-related balances due to or from affiliates, if any, are included in "Receivable from affiliates, net."

The Company's deferred tax assets totaled \$288,000 at December 31, 2007, primarily related to the sale of the Clearing Business. The Company had no significant deferred tax liabilities at December 31, 2007.

(5) REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Company, as a registered broker/dealer in securities, is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) and is required to maintain net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of \$25,000 or 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness. At December 31, 2007, the Company had net capital of \$1.7 million, which was approximately \$1.6 million in excess of its required net capital of \$25,000.

**EDGEWOOD SERVICES, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2007**

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(6) COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In 2005, Federated entered into settlement agreements with the Securities and Exchange Commission and New York State Attorney General to resolve the past mutual fund trading issues. Under the terms of the settlements, Federated paid for the benefit of fund shareholders a total of \$80.0 million. In addition, Federated agreed to reduce the investment advisory fees on certain Federated funds by \$4.0 million per year for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2006, based upon effective fee rates and assets under management as of September 30, 2005. Depending upon the level of assets under management in these funds during the five-year period, the actual investment advisory fee reduction could be greater or less than \$4.0 million per year. For the year ended December 31, 2007, these fee reductions were approximately \$4 million.

Since October 2003, Federated has been named as a defendant in twenty-three cases filed in various federal district courts and state courts involving allegations relating to market timing, late trading and excessive fees. All of the pending cases involving allegations related to market timing and late trading have been transferred to the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland and consolidated for pre-trial proceedings. One market timing/late trading case was voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff without prejudice.

The seven excessive fee cases were originally filed in five different federal courts and one state court. All six of the federal cases are now pending in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. The state court case was voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff without prejudice.

All of these lawsuits seek unquantified damages, attorneys' fees and expenses. Federated is defending this litigation. The potential impact of these recent lawsuits and future potential similar suits as well as the timing of settlements, judgments or other resolution of these matters, are uncertain. It is possible that an unfavorable determination will cause a material adverse impact to Federated's reputation, financial position, results of operations and/or liquidity in the period in which the effect becomes reasonably estimable.

Federated's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007 reflect \$4.4 million for costs associated with various legal, regulatory and compliance matters, including costs related to Federated's internal review, costs incurred on behalf of the funds, costs incurred and estimated to complete the distribution of Federated's regulatory settlement, costs related to certain other undertakings of these settlement agreements, and costs incurred and estimated to resolve certain of the above-mentioned ongoing legal proceedings. Accruals for these estimates represent management's best estimate of probable losses at this time. Actual losses may differ from the estimate, and such differences may have a material impact on Federated's consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows. Various expenses and accruals related to these matters were allocated to the Company and are included in the \$3,000 of expense allocated for the year ended December 31, 2007, as discussed in Note (3).

In addition, Federated has other claims asserted and threatened against it in the ordinary course of business. These other claims are subject to inherent uncertainties. It is possible that an unfavorable determination will cause a material adverse impact on Federated's financial position, results of operations and/or liquidity in the period in which the effect becomes reasonably estimable.

# Supplemental Information

**EDGEWOOD SERVICES, INC.**  
**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2007**  
(dollars in thousands)

**Computation of net capital:**

Shareholder's equity.....	\$	10,190
Deductions and/or changes:		
Nonallowable assets.....	\$	8,463
Haircut on securities owned.....		34
		8,497
Net capital.....	\$	1,693
Aggregate indebtedness.....	\$	0

**Computation of basic net capital requirement:**

Minimum net capital required (greater of \$25 or 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness).....	\$	25
Excess net capital.....	\$	1,668
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital.....		0 to 1

Note: There were no material differences between the audited Computation of Net Capital included in this report and the corresponding schedule included in the Company's unaudited December 31, 2007 Part IIA FOCUS filing.

**EDGEWOOD SERVICES, INC.**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2007**

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Statement Regarding Rule 15c3-3

The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under paragraph (k)(2)(i) of that rule.

## Supplementary Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control Required by SEC Rule 17a-5(g)(1)

Board of Directors of  
Edgewood Services, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Edgewood Services, Inc. (the Broker/Dealer), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, we considered its 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 Broker/Dealer's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Broker/Dealer'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 Broker/Dealer, including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. The 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 Broker/Dealer 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 Broker/Dealer 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 Broker/Dealer 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 Broker/Dealer 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 Broker/Dealer'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, 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 brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Ernst + Young LLP*

February 22, 2008

**END**