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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, 2008 AND ENDING December 31, 2008 MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: The Spartan Group

OFFICIAL USE ONLY
FIRM I.D. NO.

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

39 E. Union Street

(No and Street)

Pasadena

California

91103

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT John Johnson (626) 204-6376

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Breard & Associates Inc., Certified Public Accountants

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

9221 Corbin Avenue Suite 170

Northridge

CA

91324

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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 report 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)

Handwritten signature

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, John Johnson, 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 Spartan Group of December 31, 2008, 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:

State of
County of
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this day of, 20 by personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s)

Signature
MANAGING DIRECTOR
Title

SEE ATTACHED certificate

Notary Public

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 Cash Flows
(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 15c3-3 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.

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

CALIFORNIA JURAT WITH AFFIANT STATEMENT

- See Attached Document (Notary to cross out lines 1-6 below)
- See Statement Below (Lines 1-5 to be completed only by document signer[s], *not* Notary)

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See Attached

Signature of Document Signer No. 1

Signature of Document Signer No. 2 (if any)

State of California
 County of Los Angeles

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this
30th day of January, 2009, by
Date Month Year
 (1) John Johnson
Name of Signer



proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence
 to be the person who appeared before me (.) (,)
 (and
 (2) _____
Name of Signer

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence
 to be the person who appeared before me.)
 Signature Sabrina Salas
Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal Above

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Though the information below is not required by law, it may prove valuable to persons relying on the document and could prevent fraudulent removal and reattachment of this form to another document.

Further Description of Any Attached Document

Title or Type of Document: Affidavit of Annual Audit Report

Document Date: _____ Number of Pages: 1

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: None

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RIGHT THUMBPRINT OF SIGNER #2
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BREARD & ASSOCIATES, INC.
Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
The Spartan Group LLC:

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of The Spartan Group LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2008, and the related statements of operations, changes in members' 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 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 Spartan Group LLC as of December 31, 2008, 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, and III 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.



Breard & Associates, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants

Northridge, California
March 25, 2009

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The Spartan Group LLC
Statement of Financial Condition
December 31, 2008

Assets

Cash	\$ 38,780
Accounts receivable	19,334
Leasehold improvement, net	13,087
Short-term investments	4,357
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,845</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 78,403</u>

Liabilities and Members' Equity

Liabilities

Accounts payable & accrued expenses	<u>\$ 1,602</u>
Total liabilities	1,602

Members' equity	<u>76,801</u>
Total liabilities and members' equity	<u>\$ 78,403</u>

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

The Spartan Group LLC
Statement of Operations
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

Revenues

Investment banking fees	\$ 31,395
Retainers	90,000
Interest and dividend income	<u>3,787</u>
Total revenues	125,182

Expenses

Employee compensation and benefits	284,116
Occupancy	45,189
Professional fees	25,015
Other operating expenses	<u>104,788</u>
Total expenses	<u>459,108</u>

Net income (loss) before income tax provision (333,926)

Income tax provision 800

Net income (loss) \$ (334,726)

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

The Spartan Group LLC
Statement of Changes in Members' Equity
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	<u>Members'</u> <u>Equity</u>
Balance at December 31, 2007	\$ 311,527
Members' contributions	100,000
Net income (loss)	<u>(334,726)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2008	<u><u>\$ 76,801</u></u>

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

The Spartan Group LLC
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

Cash flows from operating activities:

Net income (loss)		\$ (334,726)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	\$ 6,544	
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	3,997	
Short-term investments	201,214	
Prepaid expenses	720	
(Decrease) increase in:		
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	<u>(898)</u>	
Total adjustments		<u>211,577</u>
Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) operating activities		(123,149)
 Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of leasehold improvement	<u>(19,631)</u>	
Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) investing activities		(19,631)
 Cash flows from financing activities:		
Capital contributions	<u>100,000</u>	
Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>100,000</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(42,780)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>81,560</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u><u>\$ 38,780</u></u>

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the year for:

Interest	\$	—
Income taxes	\$	—

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

The Spartan Group LLC
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2008

Note 1: GENERAL & SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

The Spartan Group LLC (the "Company") was organized in the State of California, under the name Spartan Capital Partners, LLC. On February 13, 2003, the Company changed its name to The Spartan Group LLC. The Company is a Limited Liability Company operating as a registered broker/dealer in securities under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. The Company is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC").

The Company conducts business on a fully disclosed basis and does not hold customer funds and/or securities.

The Company raises capital for corporate clients as a placement agent and provides consulting advice for mergers and acquisitions. For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company earned revenue from fewer than 10 clients, with one client comprising about 37% of total revenue.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The presentation of financial statements 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 and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

For purposes relating to the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Receivables are stated net of allowance for doubtful accounts. An allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary because probable uncollectible accounts are material. As of December 31, 2008, the Company recorded \$10,237 as bad debt expense.

The Company receives fees in accordance with terms stipulated in its engagement contracts. Fees are recognized as earned. The Company also receives success fees when transactions are completed. Success fees are recognized when earned, the Company has no further continuing obligations, and collection is reasonably assured.

Leasehold improvements are stated at cost. Repairs and maintenance to these assets are charged to expense as incurred; major improvements, enhancing the function and/or useful life are capitalized. When items are sold or retired, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gains or losses arising from such transactions are recognized.

The Spartan Group LLC
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2008

Note 1: GENERAL & SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(Continued)

The Company, with the consent of its Members, has elected to be a California Limited Liability Company. For tax purposes, the Company is treated like a partnership, therefore in lieu of business income taxes, the Members are taxed on the Company's taxable income. Therefore, no provision or liability for Federal Income Taxes is included in these financial statements. The State of California has similar treatment, although there exists a provision for a minimum Franchise Tax of \$800 and a gross receipts fee.

Note 2: LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, NET

Leasehold improvements are recorded at cost and summarized by major classifications as follows:

		<u>Useful Life</u>
Leasehold improvement	\$ <u>19,631</u>	3 years
	19,631	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,544)</u>	
Leasehold improvement, net	<u>\$ 13,087</u>	

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2008, was \$6,544.

Note 3: INCOME TAXES

As discussed in the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Note 1), the Company has elected Limited Liability Company tax status, therefore no federal income tax provision is included.

The Company is subject to a limited liability company gross receipts tax, and a minimum franchise tax. As of December 31, 2008, the income tax provision consists of the following:

Franchise tax	\$ 800
Gross receipts tax	<u>—</u>
Total income tax provision	<u>\$ 800</u>

The Spartan Group LLC
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2008

Note 4: SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

As of December 31, 2008, the short-term investment account consists of \$4,357 in certificates of deposits with an effective interest rate of 2.27% at a financial institution which matures on January 16, 2009. This investment is reported at its fair market value and is FDIC insured.

Note 5: OCCUPANCY

The Company currently has a month-to-month lease for its office space and parking. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company incurred \$45,189 in occupancy expense.

Note 6: RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

For the year ended December 31, 2008, various accounting pronouncements or interpretations by the Financial Accounting Standards Board were either newly issued or had effective implementation dates that would require their provisions to be reflected in the financial statements for the year then ended. The Company has reviewed the following Financial Interpretation (“FIN”) and Statements of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) for the year to determine relevance to the Company’s operations:

<u>Statement Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
FIN 48	Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109	After 12/15/07
SFAS 141(R)	Business Combinations	After 12/15/08
SFAS 157	Fair Value Measurements	After 12/15/07
SFAS 160	Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements – an amendment of ARB No. 51	After 12/15/07
SFAS 161	Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities – an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133	After 12/15/08

The Company has either evaluated or is currently evaluating the implications, if any, of each of these pronouncements and the possible impact they may have on the Company’s financial statements. In most cases, management has determined that the pronouncement has either limited or no application to the company and, in all cases, implementation would not have a material impact on the financial statements taken as a whole.

The Spartan Group LLC
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2008

Note 7: NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC 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 15 to 1. Rule 15c3-1 also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. Net capital and aggregate indebtedness change day to day, but on December 31, 2008, the Company had net capital of \$41,535, which was \$36,535 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000; and the Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness (\$1,602) to net capital was 0.04 to 1, which is less than the 15 to 1 maximum ratio allowed for broker/dealer.

Note 8: RECONCILIATION OF AUDITED NET CAPITAL TO UNAUDITED FOCUS

There is a \$1,603 difference between the computation of net capital under net capital SEC Rule 15c3-1 and the corresponding unaudited FOCUS part IIA.

Net capital per unaudited schedule		\$ 43,138
Adjustments:		
Members' equity	\$ 13,979	
Non-allowable assets	<u>(15,582)</u>	
Total adjustments		<u>(1,603)</u>
Net capital per audited statements		<u>\$ 41,535</u>

The Spartan Group LLC
Schedule I - Computation of Net Capital Requirements
Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1
As of December 31, 2008

Computation of net capital

Members' equity		\$ 76,801
Less: Non-allowable assets		
Accounts receivable	\$ (19,334)	
Leasehold improvements	(13,087)	
Prepaid expenses	<u>(2,845)</u>	
Total non-allowable assets		<u>(35,266)</u>
Net capital		41,535

Computation of net capital requirements

Minimum net capital requirements		
6 2/3 percent of net aggregate indebtedness	\$ 107	
Minimum dollar net capital required	\$ 5,000	
Net capital required (greater of above)		<u>(5,000)</u>

Excess net capital \$ 36,535

Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital 0.04:1

There was a \$1,603 difference between net capital shown here and net capital as reported on the Company's unaudited Form X-17A-5 report dated December 31, 2008. See Note 8.

See independent auditor's report.

The Spartan Group LLC
Schedule II - Computation for Determination of Reserve
Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3
As of December 31, 2008

A computation of reserve requirements is not applicable to The Spartan Group LLC as the Company qualifies for exemption under Rule 15c3-3 (k)(2)(i).

See independent auditor's report.

The Spartan Group LLC
Schedule III - Information Relating to Possession or Control
Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3
As of December 31, 2008

Information relating to possession or control requirements is not applicable to The Spartan Group LLC as the Company qualifies for exemption under Rule 15c3-3 (k)(2)(i).

See independent auditor's report.

The Spartan Group LLC
Report Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 (d)
Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

BREARD & ASSOCIATES, INC.
Certified Public Accountants

Board of Directors
The Spartan Group LLC:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of The Spartan Group LLC (the Company), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, 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 entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential 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, 2008, 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 Industry, 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.



Breard & Associates, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants

Northridge, California
March 25, 2009

The Spartan Group LLC
Report Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 (d)
Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008