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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/08 AND ENDING 12/31/08 MM/DD/YYYY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: STEVEN A. BRANSON DBA FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

OFFICIAL USE ONLY FIRM I.D. NO.

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

515 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY, SUITE 103

(No. and Street)

DEDHAM

MA

02026

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

STEVEN A. BRANSON

781-326-1009

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

Larry D. Liberfarb, P.C.

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

11 Vanderbilt Avenue

Norwood

MA

02062

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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- [X] Certified Public Accountant [ ] Public Accountant [ ] Accountant not resident in United States or any of its properties

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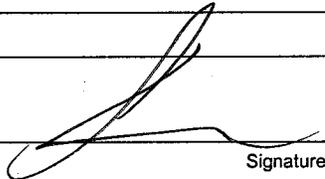
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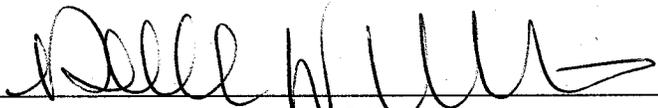
I, STEVEN A. BRANSON, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of STEVEN A. BRANSON DBA FINANCIAL STRATEGIES, as of DECEMBER 31, 20 08, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principle officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of A customer, except as follows:

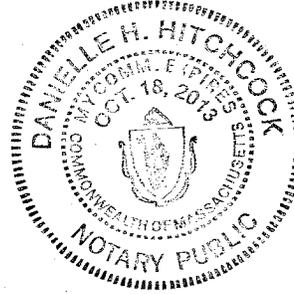
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Signature

OWNER

Title

  
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 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 15c2-3.
- (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).

**STEVEN A. BRANSON DBA FINANCIAL STRATEGIES  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

# LARRY D. LIBERFARB, P.C.

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AND FINANCIAL ADVISORS

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Sole Owner of  
Steven A. Branson dba Financial Strategies

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Steven A. Branson dba Financial Strategies as of December 31, 2008 and the related statements of income, changes in owner's equity, and cash flows for the initial period 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 Steven A. Branson dba Financial Strategies as of December 31, 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the initial period then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

  
Norwood, Massachusetts  
January 13, 2009

**STEVEN A. BRANSON dba FINANCIAL STRATEGIES**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$	6,302
Other assets		<u>1,167</u>
	\$	<u>7,469</u>

**LIABILITIES AND OWNER'S EQUITY**

Liabilities:		
None	\$	-
Owner's equity		<u>7,469</u>
	\$	<u>7,469</u>

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

STEVEN A. BRANSON dba FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE UNITAL PERIOD THEN ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Revenues:		
Commissions		\$ 25,506
Expenses:		
Other expenses		<u>7,877</u>
		<u>7,877</u>
Net income		<u>\$ 17,629</u>

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

**STEVEN A. BRANSON dba FINANCIAL STRATEGIES**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNER'S EQUITY**

**FOR THE INITIAL PERIOD THEN ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Balance at January 1, 2008	\$ -
Capital contributions	12,922
Net income	17,629
Capital withdrawals	<u>(23,082)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2008	<u>\$ 7,469</u>

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

STEVEN A. BRANSON dba FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE INITIAL PERIOD THEN ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Cash flows provided by operating activities:	
Net income	\$ 17,629
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
(Increase) Decrease in operating assets:	
Increase in other assets	(1,167)
Increase (Decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Increase in accounts payable, accrued expenses	<u>-</u>
Total adjustments	<u>(1,167)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	16,462
Cash flows used for investing activities:	
None	-
Cash flows used for financing activities:	
Capital contributions	12,922
Capital withdrawals	<u>(23,082)</u>
	<u>(10,160)</u>
Increase in cash	6,302
Cash at beginning of the year	<u>-</u>
Cash at end of the year	<u>\$ 6,302</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:	
Cash paid during the year for:	
Interest	\$ 0
Income taxes	\$ 0

Disclosure of accounting policy:

For purposes of 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.

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

**STEVEN A. BRANSON DBA FINANCIAL STRATEGIES**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Organization and Nature of Business:**

The Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA).

**Fee and Commission Income**

Fees are earned from providing advice on asset allocation, analysis and review of both marketable and privately placed securities, review of investment managers and brokers, and recommending specific mutual funds to clients.

Commissions are earned from referring clients to full service brokers.

**Accounts Receivable**

Management closely monitors outstanding accounts receivable, and charges off to expense all balances that are determined to be uncollectible.

**Income Taxes**

Taxable income (or loss) is passed through to the sole owner of the company, and not taxed at the company level. Thus there is no provision or liability for income taxes in these financial statements.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation 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 amounts reported in these financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 2 - NET CAPITAL**

As a broker-dealer, the Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's regulations and operating guidelines, which requires the Company to maintain a specified amount of net capital, as defined of \$5,000, and a ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, as defined, not exceeding 8 to 1. The Company's net capital, as computed under Rule 15c3-1, was \$6,302 at December 31, 2008, which exceeds required net capital of \$5,000 by \$1,302. The ratio of aggregated indebtedness to net capital at December 31, 2008 was 0 to 1.

**STEVEN A. BRANSON DBA FINANCIAL STRATEGIES**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**NOTE 3 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company utilizes office space from its sole owner. No rent was charged to the Company in 2008.

**NOTE 4 - CONCENTRATIONS**

The Company derived 100% of its revenue from one customer for the initial period ending December 31, 2008.

**STEVEN A. BRANSON DBA FINANCIAL STRATEGIES**

**SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES**

**DECEMBER 31, 2008**

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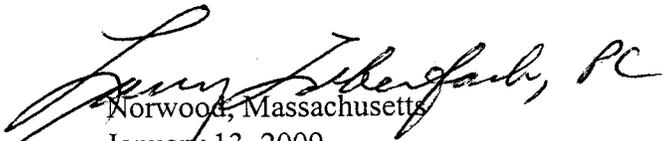
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**Independent Auditor's Report on  
Supplementary Information Required by Rule 17a-5 of the  
Securities and Exchange Commission**

To the Sole Owner of  
Steven A. Branson dba Financial Strategies

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Steven A. Branson dba Financial Strategies as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated January 13, 2009. 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 and II 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 and 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.

  
Norwood, Massachusetts  
January 13, 2009

## SCHEDULE I

### STEVEN A. BRANSON dba FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

#### COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS AND NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1

DECEMBER 31, 2008

Aggregate Indebtedness		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	-
Net Capital		
Total Owner's Equity	\$	7,469
Adjustments to Net Capital		
Other assets		<u>(1,167)</u>
Net Capital, as defined	\$	<u>6,302</u>
Net Capital Requirement	\$	5,000
Net Capital In Excess of Requirement	\$	1,302
Ratio Of Aggregate Indebtedness To Net Capital		0 to 1
Reconciliation with the Company's computation of net capital:		
Net capital as reported in the Company's Part IIA (unaudited)		
Focus Report	\$	6,302
Net audit adjustments		-
Increase in non-allowables and haircuts		-
Net capital per above	\$	<u>6,302</u>

There are no material differences between the computation of net capital presented above and the computation of net capital in the Company's unaudited Form X-17A-5, Part IIA filing as of December 31, 2008.

**SCHEDULE II**

**STEVEN A. BRANSON DBA FINANCIAL STRATEGIES**

**COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF  
RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKER/DEALER UNDER  
RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Steven A. Branson dba Financial Strategies is exempt under subparagraph (k)(2)(i) from the reserve requirements of Rule 15c3-3 as its transactions are limited, such that it does not handle customer funds or securities, accordingly, the computation for determination of reserve requirements pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 and information relating to the possession or control requirement pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 are not applicable.

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## **Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Required by SEC Rule 17a-5(g)(1)**

To the Sole Owner of  
Steven A. Branson dba Financial Strategies

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Steven A. Branson dba Financial Strategies (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 determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions, 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 recordations 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 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.

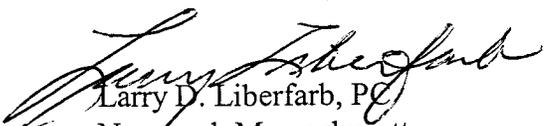
A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control 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 the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of the report, were adequate at December 31, 2008, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., 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.

  
Larry D. Liberfarb, PC  
Norwood, Massachusetts  
January 13, 2009