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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

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

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ECKHART & CO., INC.

FIRM ID. NO. **PROCESSED**

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

**MAR 13 2009**

c/o GETTENBERG CONSULTING - 40 WALL STREET - 34<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

**THOMSON REUTERS**

NEW YORK

NEW YORK

10005

(City)

(State)

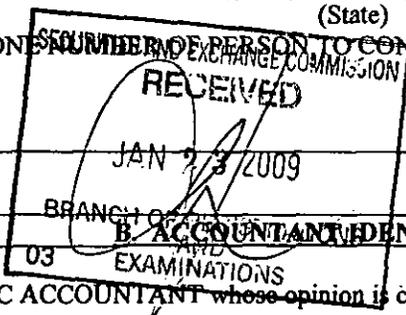
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NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

ALAN KRIM

(212) 668 - 8700

(Area Code - Telephone No.)



**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

**LERNER & SIPKIN, CPAs, LLP**

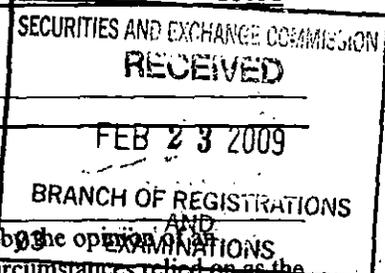
132 Nassau Street, Suite 1023

New York

NY

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Certified Public Accountant



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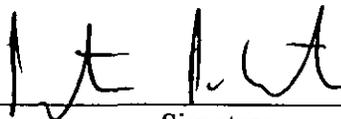
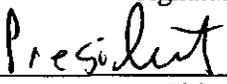
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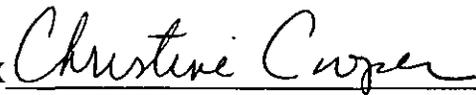
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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, **PETER COSTA**, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of **ECKHART & CO., INC., as of DECEMBER 31, 2008**, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, member, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

NONE

X   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

X   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

CHRISTINE COOPER  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 01CO6085064  
Qualified in Queens County  
Commission Expires Dec. 23, 2010

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Operations.
- (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- (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 15c3-3.
- (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.
- (o) Independent Auditors' Report.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: ECKHART & CO., INC.

ADDRESS: c/o Gettenberg Consulting, 40 Wall Street - 34TH Floor - New York, NY 10005

DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2008

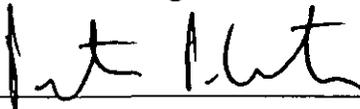
FINRA - NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.  
20 BROAD STREET - 21<sup>ST</sup> Floor  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10005

Att: Member Firms Department

Gentlemen:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED members or allied members of **Eckhart & Co., Inc.** caused an audit to be made in accordance with the prescribed regulations and have arranged for the prescribed financial report based upon such audit.

We hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial report prepared as of **DECEMBER 31, 2008** represents a true and correct financial statement of our organization and that the report will promptly be made available to those members and allied members whose signatures do not appear below.

  
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I, **PETER COSTA**, swear that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedule(s) pertaining to the Firm of **ECKHART & CO., INC.**, as of **DECEMBER 31, 2008**, are true and correct. I further swear that neither the Company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer, director or member has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of customer, except as follows:

No Exceptions  
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Peter Costa  
(Signature)

President  
(Title)

Christine Cooper  
(Notary Public)

CHRISTINE COOPER  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 01CO6085064  
Qualified in Queens County  
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**ECKHART & CO., INC.**  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2008

**ECKHART & CO., INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 40,424
Commissions receivable	<u>208,754</u>
Total assets	<u>\$249,178</u>

**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY**

**Liabilities:**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 162,240
Total liabilities	<u>162,240</u>

**Commitments and Contingencies (Note 3)**

**Stockholder's equity (Note 4)**

Common stock, no par value, 200 shares authorized, 10 shares issued and outstanding.	100,000
Additional paid-in capital	454,500
Retained earnings	<u>(467,562)</u>
Total stockholder's equity	<u>86,938</u>
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<u>\$249,178</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.*

**ECKHART & CO., INC.**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

**Note 1 -**

**Nature of Business**

Eckhart & Co., Inc. (The "Company") is a New York State corporation formed in March 1998, for the purpose of conducting business as a broker on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The Company is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

The Company operates under the provisions of Paragraph (k) (2) (ii) of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission and, accordingly, is exempt from the remaining provisions of that rule. Essentially, the requirements of Paragraph (k) (2) (ii) provide that the Company clears all transactions on behalf of customers on a fully disclosed basis with a clearing broker/dealer, and promptly transmits all customer funds and securities to the clearing broker/dealer. The clearing broker/dealer carries all of the accounts of the customers and maintains and preserves all related books and records as are customarily kept by a clearing broker/dealer.

**Note 2 -**

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*a)*

***Revenue Recognition***

Securities transactions (and the recognition of related income and expenses) are recorded on a trade date basis. Commission income and related expense are recorded on a settlement date basis. There is no material difference between settlement date and trade date.

*b)*

***Income Taxes***

The Company has elected to be treated as an "S" Corporation under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and New York State tax regulations. Under the provisions, the Company does not pay federal or state corporate income taxes on its taxable income. Instead, the stockholder is liable for individual income taxes on her respective share of the Company's taxable income. The Company continues to pay New York City general corporation taxes.

*c)*

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The Company considers demand deposited money market funds to be cash equivalents. The Company maintains cash in bank accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits or where no insurance is provided. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

*d)*

***Equipment***

Equipment is carried at cost and is depreciated over a useful life of 5-7 years using accelerated methods.

**ECKHART & CO., INC.**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**e) Use of Estimates**

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses.

**Note 3- Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Credit Risk**

As a securities broker, the Company is engaged in buying and selling securities for a diverse group of institutional investors. The Company introduces these transactions for clearance to another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis. The Company's exposure to credit risk associated with non-performance of customers in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets which may impair customers' ability to satisfy their obligations to the Company and the Company's ability to liquidate the collateral at an amount equal to the original contracted amount. The agreement between the Company and its clearing broker provides that the Company is obligated to assume any exposure related to such non-performance by its customers.

The Company seeks to control the aforementioned risks by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory requirements and the clearing broker's internal guidelines. The Company monitors its customer activity by reviewing information it receives from its clearing broker on a daily basis, and requiring customers to deposit additional collateral, or reduce positions, when necessary.

**Note 4- Net Capital Requirement**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (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 1500%. At December 31, 2008, the Company had net capital of \$16,844, which was \$6,027 in excess of its required net capital of \$10,817. The Company's net capital ratio was 963.19%.

**Note 5- Subsequent Event**

Effective on January 2, 2009, the name of the Company was changed to Empire Executions, Inc.

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A copy of the Firm's Statement of Financial Condition as of December 31, 2008, pursuant to SEC Rule 17a-5, is available for examination at the Firm's office and at the regional office of the SEC.



**LERNER & SIPKIN**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS LLP

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Officers and Directors of  
Eckhart & Co., Inc.  
c/o Gettenberg Consulting  
40 Wall Street – 34<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10005

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of **Eckhart & Co., Inc.** as of **December 31, 2008**. This financial statement is the responsibility of the company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards required that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Eckhart & Co., Inc.** as of **December 31, 2008**, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Advanced Equities Services Corp.** as of **December 31, 2008**, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Lerner & Sipkin CPAs, LLP*  
Lerner & Sipkin, CPAs, LLP  
Certified Public Accountants (NY)

New York, NY  
February 17, 2009

**END**