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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**

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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/09 AND ENDING 12/31/09
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER DEALER:

RHINO TRADING PARTNERS, LLC.

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

80 BROAD STREET, 5TH FLOOR

(No. And Street)

NEW YORK,
(City)

NY
(State)

10004
(Zip Code)

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

MICHAEL J. SCHILLING

(212) 837-7710

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report *

FULVIO & ASSOCIATES, LLP

ATTN: JOHN FULVIO, CPA

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

5 West 37th Street, 4th Floor
(Address)

NEW YORK
(City)

NY
(State)

10018
(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of it 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 basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

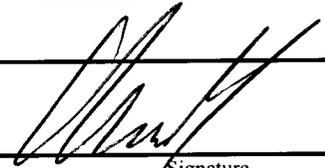
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, MICHAEL J. SCHILLING, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of RHINO TRADING PARTNERS, LLC, as of DECEMBER 31, 2009, 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:

Brian R. Bollinger
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01806127461
Qualified in Nassau County
Commission Expires May 23, 2013

Notary Public



Signature

MANAGING MEMBER

Title

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

- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (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 or 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 previous audit.
- (o) Supplemental independent Auditors Report on Internal Accounting Control.

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

RHINO TRADING PARTNERS, LLC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2009

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of
Rhino Trading Partners, LLC:

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Rhino Trading Partners, LLC (the "Company"), as of December 31, 2009. 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 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. 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 statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rhino Trading Partners, LLC as of December 31, 2009 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



New York, New York
January 21, 2010

RHINO TRADING PARTNERS, LLC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2009

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 926,162
Due from broker	317,240
Prepaid expenses	47,289
Fixed assets, at cost (net of accumulated depreciation of \$8,566)	<u>18,827</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 1,309,518</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

Liabilities:

Accrued expenses	\$ 165,513
Total liabilities	<u>165,513</u>

Members' equity:

Members' equity	<u>1,144,005</u>
Total members' equity	<u>1,144,005</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	<u>\$ 1,309,518</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

RHINO TRADING PARTNERS, LLC
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2009

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Rhino Trading Partners, LLC (the “Company”), was formed as Bluestone Trading Partners, LLC on September 7, 2007 in the State of New York. The Company changed its name on October 4, 2007. The Company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and became a broker-dealer on May 28, 2008. The Company is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”).

The Company acts as an introducing broker and is exempt from SEC rule 15c3-3 under Section k(2)(ii).

The Company records transactions in securities and commission revenue and expense on a trade-date basis.

No provision for federal and state income taxes has been made for the Company since, as a limited liability company, the Company is not subject to income taxes. The Company’s income or loss is reportable by its members on their tax returns. The Company is subject to New York City unincorporated business tax.

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 in determining the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Fair Value Measurement – Definition and Hierarchy

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (formerly FASB Statement 157, Fair Value measurements) establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels explained below:

Level 1 Valuations based on quoted prices available in active markets for identical investments.

Level 2 Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

RHINO TRADING PARTNERS, LLC
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2009
(continued)

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(continued)

The availability of observable inputs can vary from instrument to instrument and is affected by a wide variety of factors. This includes the type of instrument, whether the instrument is new and not yet established in the marketplace, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Company in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the instrument is reported in the lowest level that has a significant input. Even when inputs are not observable, the Company's own assumptions and methodologies are established to reflect those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. In addition, during periods of market dislocation, the observability of inputs may be reduced for many instruments. This condition could cause an instrument to be reclassified to a lower level within the fair value hierarchy.

NOTE 2 DUE FROM BROKER

The clearing and depository operations for the Company's security transactions are provided by one broker. At December 31, 2009, the amount due from broker reflected in the statement of financial condition is due from this broker.

NOTE 3 NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

The Company is subject to SEC Uniform Net Capital 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 times net capital. At December 31, 2009, the Company had net capital of \$1,077,889, which was \$1,066,855 in excess of the required net capital of \$ 11,034.

NOTE 4 FIXED ASSETS

Fixed Assets are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is based on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Fixed assets consist of the following

Computers	\$ 27,393
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(8,566)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 18,827</u>

RHINO TRADING PARTNERS, LLC
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2009
(continued)

NOTE 5 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Lease commitments

On December 3, 2009 the Company entered into a lease extension agreement for office space, which expires on April 30, 2010.

As of December 31, 2009, future minimum lease rental payments are payable as follows:

For the years ending
December 31:

2010	\$ <u>20,300</u>
Total	\$ <u>20,300</u>

NOTE 6 SIGNIFICANT GROUP CONCENTRATION OF RISK

In the normal course of its business, the Company enters into financial transactions where the risk of potential loss due to failures of the other parties to the transaction to perform (counterparty risk) exceeds the amounts recorded for the transaction.

The Company's policy is to continuously monitor its exposure to the market and counterparty risk through the use of a variety of financial, position and credit exposure reporting and control procedures. In addition, the Company has a policy of reviewing the customers and/or other counterparties with which it conducts business.

As of December 31, 2009, there were no customer accounts having debit balances which presented any risks nor was there any exposure with any other transaction conducted with any other broker.