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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/08 AND ENDING 12/31/09  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Cypress Capital Corporation, BD 42618

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

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(No. and Street)

San Francisco CA 94105  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
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(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Chu and Waters, LLP  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

120 Montgomery Street, Suite 1450, San Francisco, CA 94104  
(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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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Daniel P. Rael, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Cypress Capital Corporation, as of February 8, 2010, 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:

[Signature]
Signature
Senior Vice President
Title

[Signature]
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 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.

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**CYPRESS CAPITAL CORPORATION**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
WITH  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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FOR THE YEARS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholder of  
Cypress Capital Corporation  
San Francisco, California

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of Cypress Capital Corporation (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cypress Leasing Corporation) (The Company) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholder's equity and cash flows for the years 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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 audits provide 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 Cypress Capital Corporation (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cypress Leasing Corporation) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the accompanying schedules of Computation of Net Capital Pursuant to Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission and Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission 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 audits 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.

*Chu and Waters, LLP*  
**CHU and WATERS, LLP**  
Certified Public Accountants

San Francisco, California  
February 2, 2010

**CYPRESS CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
**(A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF CYPRESS LEASING CORPORATION)**

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

	December 31,	
	2009	2008
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash	\$ 380,068	\$ 293,261
Commission advances	598,672	251,771
Receivables from affiliates	-	184,710
	<b>\$ 978,740</b>	<b>\$ 729,742</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,311
Accrued expenses	241,775	133,936
	<b>246,179</b>	<b>138,247</b>
<b>STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY:</b>		
Common stock, no par value, 10,000 shares authorized, 1,000 shares issued and outstanding	15,000	15,000
Paid-in capital	1,509,590	1,209,590
Accumulated (deficit)	(792,029)	(633,095)
	<b>732,561</b>	<b>591,495</b>
	<b>\$ 978,740</b>	<b>\$ 729,742</b>

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

**CYPRESS CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
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**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

	For The Years Ended December 31,	
	2009	2008
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Commission income	\$ 5,006,365	\$ 8,794,996
Expense reimbursement revenue	2,464,090	2,718,182
Interest income	2,421	3,134
	7,472,876	11,516,312
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Commissions to other broker-dealers	5,009,600	8,794,919
Commissions to employees	2,325,202	2,617,217
Other operating expenses	297,008	175,914
	7,631,810	11,588,050
<b>NET (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ (158,934)</b>	<b>\$ (71,738)</b>

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

**CYPRESS CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

	<u>Common stock</u>	<u>Paid-in capital</u>	<u>Accumulated (deficit)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at December 31, 2007	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,209,590	\$ (561,357)	\$ 663,233
Activities for the year ended December 31, 2008:				
Net (loss)	-	-	(71,738)	(71,738)
Balance at December 31, 2008	15,000	1,209,590	(633,095)	591,495
Activities for the year ended December 31, 2009:				
Additional capital contributions	-	300,000	-	300,000
Net (loss)	-	-	(158,934)	(158,934)
Balance at December 31, 2009	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,509,590</u>	<u>\$ (792,029)</u>	<u>\$ 732,561</u>

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

**CYPRESS CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
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**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	For The Years Ended December 31,	
	2009	2008
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net (loss)	\$ (158,934)	\$ (71,738)
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) to net cash (used) provided by operating activities:		
(Increase) in commission advances	(346,901)	(21,922)
Decrease in receivables from affiliates	184,710	113,882
Increase in accounts payable	93	3,006
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses	107,839	(164,656)
Total adjustments	(54,259)	(69,690)
Net cash (used) by operating activities	(213,193)	(141,428)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from additional paid-in capital provided by The Parent	300,000	-
Net cash provided by financing activities	300,000	-
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	86,807	(141,428)
CASH, beginning of year	293,261	434,689
CASH, end of year	\$ 380,068	\$ 293,261

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

**CYPRESS CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Organization and Business Activity**

Cypress Capital Corporation (The Company) was incorporated under the laws of the State of California on November 27, 1996. It became a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, formerly known as National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and concurrently registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 15, 1997. The Company is a fully-disclosed broker-dealer engaged exclusively in the business of the wholesale offering and selling of investment interests in equipment leasing programs sponsored by its parent, Cypress Leasing Corporation (The Parent) and its affiliates. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cypress Leasing Corporation.

As a wholly-owned subsidiary, The Company is subject to the control of The Parent and its subsidiaries. It is also subject to related party transactions such as loans, dividends, and expense allocations. The Company has entered into an operating expense funding agreement with The Parent, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Parent, Cypress Equipment Management Corporation II, and affiliates of The Parent, Cypress Equipment Management Corporation III, Cypress Equipment Management Corporation IV and Cypress Management Corporation V, whereby The Parent, its wholly owned subsidiary and its affiliates, at their discretion, may directly pay certain commissions and other expenses on behalf of The Company. The payment of such expenses by The Parent, its wholly owned subsidiary and its affiliates results in the recognition of expense reimbursement revenue and the corresponding expense by The Company. In addition, The Parent bears overhead expenses of The Company by providing certain overhead items (such as office space, equipment use, utilities and administrative service) without charge to The Company.

**Method of Accounting**

The Company has prepared the accompanying financial statements using the accrual method of accounting.

**Cash**

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, The Company considers all demand deposit accounts and all interest bearing time deposit accounts due on demand as cash. The carrying amount of cash reported on the balance sheets approximates its fair value.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(Continued)

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Commission Advances

The Company pays commissions to third parties upon the sale of investment interests in equipment leasing programs. The Company records these payments as commission advances until such time as the investor is admitted as a member in the leasing program and The Company receives its commission income.

Receivables from Affiliates

Receivables from affiliates were recorded at cost, less any allowance for impairment. The Company, considering current information and events regarding the borrower's ability to repay its obligations, determined a receivable to be impaired when it was probable that The Company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the note agreement. The Company considered the receivables from affiliates to be fully collectible, and accordingly, no allowance for impairment was recorded.

Income Taxes

The Company is a qualified S Corporation subsidiary of The Parent and does not file separate income tax returns. As a result of The Parent's election to be treated as an S Corporation and the election by The Parent to have its subsidiaries, including The Company, become qualified S Corporation subsidiaries, effective January 1, 2003, The Parent and its qualified S Corporation subsidiaries are only subject to State Franchise tax at a rate of 1.5%. Federal and State individual income taxes are paid by the stockholder of The Parent based on the taxable income reported by The Parent. State Franchise tax is allocated to The Company based upon The Company's taxable income for the period as compared with the taxable income of The Parent and its subsidiaries.

Any income tax liability is reflected on the statement of financial condition as a payable to The Parent. Under the terms of the agreement with The Parent, no receivable is reported for income tax benefits. The Company does not have any significant taxable temporary difference that would require the recognition of deferred income taxes.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Employee Retirement Plan

The Company provides a retirement plan for its employees in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 408 (k) Simplified Employee Pension Individual Retirement Plan (SEP IRA). The retirement plan is sponsored by an affiliate, Cypress Financial Corporation. The plan covers all employees who have attained the age of twenty-one, worked three out of the last five years and received certain minimum levels of compensation. Contributions to the plan by The Company are at the discretion of the Board of Directors; however, the contributions are currently limited by The Company to 15% of each employee's allowable compensation resulting in maximum contributions of \$36,750 and \$34,500 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, the contribution to the plan was \$138,120 and \$100,965, respectively.

Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 2, 2010, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE B – RECEIVABLES FROM AFFILIATES

Receivables from affiliates represented expense reimbursement revenue due from the following affiliates as of December 31, 2008:

Cypress Equipment Management Corporation II	\$ 14,722
Cypress Equipment Management Corporation IV	<u>169,988</u>
	<u>\$ 184,710</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE C – NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

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 15 to 1. As of December 31, 2009, The Company's net capital as defined was \$133,142, which was \$116,730 in excess of its required amount of \$16,412. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness, as defined, to net capital was 1.849 to 1.

NOTE D – CONCENTRATION OF REVENUES

During the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, The Company received substantially all of its commission income and expense reimbursement revenue from equipment leasing programs sponsored by The Parent and its affiliates, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Parent, Cypress Equipment Management Corporation II, and affiliates of The Parent, Cypress Equipment Management Corporation IV and Cypress Equipment Management Corporation V.

NOTE E – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company receives commission income and expense reimbursement revenue from various related entities. The related entities consist of equipment leasing programs sponsored by The Parent and its affiliates, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Parent, Cypress Equipment Management Corporation II, and affiliates of The Parent, Cypress Equipment Management IV and Cypress Equipment Management Corporation V.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE E – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

The Company received the following income from related parties during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008:

	For The Years Ended December 31,	
	2009	2008
<b>COMMISSION INCOME:</b>		
Cypress Equipment Fund VII, LLC	\$ 2,568	\$ 2,568
Cypress Equipment Fund VIII, LLC	802	802
Cypress Equipment Fund XI, LLC	538	538
Cypress Equipment Fund XII, LLC	269	269
Cypress Equipment Fund 14, LLC	-	2,766,758
Cypress Equipment Fund 15, LLC	170,659	2,533,925
Cypress Equipment Fund 16, LLC	2,180,137	-
Cypress Growth Fund, LLC	-	249,570
Cypress Income Fund V, LLC	-	189,818
Cypress Income Fund VI, LLC	-	1,494,285
Cypress Income Fund VII, LLC	-	1,479,194
Cypress Income Fund 8, LLC	1,394,032	77,269
Cypress Income Fund 9, LLC	1,257,360	-
	<b>\$ 5,006,365</b>	<b>\$ 8,794,996</b>
<b>EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE:</b>		
Cypress Equipment Management Corporation II	\$ 115,136	\$ 14,722
Cypress Equipment Management Corporation IV	1,436,222	2,703,460
Cypress Equipment Management Corporation V	912,732	-
	<b>\$ 2,464,090</b>	<b>\$ 2,718,182</b>

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**CYPRESS CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
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SCHEDULE OF COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO UNIFORM  
NET CAPITAL RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 31, 2009

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**NET CAPITAL**

Total stockholder's equity	<u>\$</u>	732,561
Total stockholder's equity qualified for net capital		<u>732,561</u>
Deductions and/or charges:		
Non-allowable assets:		
Commission advances		598,672
Other deduction and/or charges		<u>748</u>
Total deductions and/or charges		<u>599,420</u>
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions		133,141
Haircuts on securities positions		<u>-</u>
Net capital	<u>\$</u>	<u>133,141</u>

**AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS**

Item included in statement of financial condition:		
Accounts payable	<u>\$</u>	4,404
Accrued expenses		<u>241,775</u>
Total aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$</u>	<u>246,179</u>

**COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT**

Minimum net capital required (based on aggregate indebtedness)	<u>\$</u>	<u>16,412</u>
Minimum net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer	<u>\$</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Net capital requirement (greater of above)	<u>\$</u>	<u>16,412</u>
Excess net capital over requirement	<u>\$</u>	<u>116,729</u>
Ratio: aggregate indebtedness to net capital		<u>1.849</u>

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

**CYPRESS CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
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**SCHEDULE OF COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO UNIFORM  
NET CAPITAL RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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**RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION**

For the year ended December 31, 2009, there were no material differences from The Company's net capital computation; accordingly, a reconciliation with The Company's computation has not been included.

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

**CYPRESS CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
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**SCHEDULE OF COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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The Company is exempt under provision of Rule 15c3-3 due to the fact that The Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities. The Company was in compliance with the conditions of the exemption.

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

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5**

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To the Board of Directors  
Cypress Capital Corporation

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Cypress Capital Corporation (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cypress Leasing Corporation) (The Company), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, 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 compliance with 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 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 the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons, and the 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 or 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 deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of The Company's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

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, 2009, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, 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.

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San Francisco, California  
February 2, 2010