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

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING January 1, 2011 AND ENDING December 31, 2011  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: The Spartan Group, LLC  
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)  
39 E. Union Street

OFFICIAL USE ONLY  
FIRM I.D. NO.

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

9221 Corbin Avenue, Suite 170 Northridge California 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)

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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, LLC, as of December 31, 2011, 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 California  
County of Los Angeles  
Subscribed and sworn to ~~(or affirmed)~~ before me on this 17th day of February, 2012 by JOHN JOHNSON proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidences to be the person who appeared before me.

[Signature]  
Signature  
MANAGING DIRECTOR  
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.

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



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, 2011, and the related statements of income, 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, 2011, and the results of its income 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  
February 17, 2012

**The Spartan Group LLC**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**December 31, 2011**

**Assets**

Cash	\$ 235,419
Accounts receivable	38,263
Deposits	<u>2,775</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 276,457</u></b>

**Liabilities and Members' Equity**

**Liabilities**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 702</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>702</b>

**Members' equity**

Members' equity	<u>275,755</u>
<b>Total members' equity</b>	<b><u>275,755</u></b>
<b>Total liabilities and members' equity</b>	<b><u>\$ 276,457</u></b>

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

**The Spartan Group LLC**  
**Statement of Income**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2011**

**Revenues**

Financial advisory fees	\$ 1,131,750
Retainer fees	235,000
Other income	<u>913</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,367,663</b>

**Expenses**

Employee compensation and benefits	372,329
Guaranteed payments	763,000
Occupancy and equipment rental	33,535
Professional fees	25,622
Other operating expenses	<u>155,874</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>1,350,360</u></b>
<b>Net income (loss) before income tax provision</b>	<b>17,303</b>
<b>Income tax provision</b>	<u>6,800</u>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b><u>\$ 10,503</u></b>

*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, 2011**

	<b>Members'</b>
	<b>Equity</b>
	<hr/>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2010</b>	\$ 90,252
Member's contributions	175,000
Net income (loss)	<hr/> 10,503
<b>Balance at December 31, 2011</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 275,755</b> <hr/>

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

**The Spartan Group LLC**  
**Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated**  
**to the Claims of General Creditors**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2011**

	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2010</b>	\$ -
Increase:	-
Decrease:	<u>-</u>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2011</b>	<u><u>\$ -</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, 2011**

<b>Cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
Net income (loss)		\$ 10,503
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Accounts receivable	\$ (38,263)	
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>(6,000)</u>	
Total adjustments		<u>(44,263)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>		<b>(33,760)</b>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) in investing activities</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Cash flow from financing activities:</b>		
Capital contributions	<u>175,000</u>	
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>		<u><b>175,000</b></u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash</b>		<b>141,240</b>
<b>Cash at beginning of year</b>		<u><b>94,179</b></u>
<b>Cash at end of year</b>		<u><u><b>\$ 235,419</b></u></u>
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>		
Cash paid during the year for:		
Interest	\$ -	
Income taxes	\$ 6,800	

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

**The Spartan Group LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2011**

**Note 1: GENERAL AND 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 raises capital for corporate clients as a placement agent on a best-efforts basis and provides consulting advice for mergers and acquisitions. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company earned revenue from fewer than 10 clients, with one client comprising about 86% of total revenue.

Under its membership agreement with FINRA and pursuant to Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(i), the Company conducts business on a fully disclosed basis and does not execute or clear securities transactions for customers. Accordingly, the Company is exempt from the requirement of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 pertaining to the possession or control of customer assets and reserve requirements.

*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.

Accounts receivable are stated at face amount with no allowance for doubtful accounts. An allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary because probable uncollectible accounts are immaterial.

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.

**The Spartan Group LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2011**

**Note 1: GENERAL AND 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. Accordingly, no provision or liability for Federal Income Taxes is included in these financial statements.

The Company has evaluated events subsequent to the balance sheet date for items requiring recording or disclosure in the financial statements. The evaluation was performed through February 17, 2012, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this review, the Company has determined that there were no events which took place that would have a material impact on its financial statements.

**Note 2: INCOME TAXES**

The Company is subject to a limited liability company gross receipts tax, with a minimum franchise tax. As of December 31, 2011, the income tax provision consists of the following:

Franchise tax	\$ 800
Gross receipts tax	<u>6,000</u>
Total income tax provision	<u>\$ 6,800</u>

**Note 3: OCCUPANCY**

The Company currently has a month-to-month lease for its office space and parking. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company incurred \$33,535 in occupancy expense.

**Note 4: CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK**

The Company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities in which counter-parties primarily include broker-dealers, banks, and other financial institutions. In the event counter-parties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counter-party or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counter-party.

**The Spartan Group LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2011**

**Note 5: RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

In June of 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") implemented a major restructuring of U.S. accounting and reporting standards. This restructuring established the Accounting Standards Codification ("Codification" or "ASC") as the source of authoritative accounting principles ("GAAP") recognized by the FASB. The principles embodied in the Codification are to be applied by nongovernmental entities in the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. New accounting pronouncements are incorporated into the ASC through the issuance of Accounting Standards Updates ("ASUs")

For the year ending December 31, 2011, various ASUs issued by the FASB 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 ASU releases to determine relevance to the Company's operations:

<u>ASU No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
2010-29	Business Combinations (Topic 805): Disclosure of Supplementary Pro Forma Information for Business Combinations (December 2010).	After December 15, 2010
2011-04	Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IRFSS (May 2011).	After December 15, 2011
2011-05	Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income (June 2011).	After December 15, 2011
2011-08	Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Goodwill for Impairment (September 2011).	After December 15, 2011

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, 2011**

**Note 6: 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, 2011, the Company had net capital of \$234,717 which was \$229,717 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000; and the Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness (\$702) to net capital was 0 to 1, which is less than the 15 to 1 maximum allowed.

**The Spartan Group LLC**  
**Schedule I - Computation of Net Capital Requirements**  
**Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1**  
**As of December 31, 2011**

**Computation of net capital**

Members' equity	\$ 275,755	
<b>Total members' equity</b>		<b>\$ 275,755</b>
Less: Non-allowable assets		
Accounts receivable	(38,263)	
Deposits	<u>(2,775)</u>	
<b>Total non-allowable assets</b>		<u>(41,038)</u>
<b>Net capital</b>		<b>234,717</b>

**Computation of net capital requirements**

Minimum net capital requirements		
6 2/3 percent of net aggregate indebtedness	\$ 47	
Minimum dollar net capital required	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	
Net capital required (greater of above)		<u>(5,000)</u>
<b>Excess net capital</b>		<b><u>\$ 229,717</u></b>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	0 : 1	

There was no material difference between net capital computation shown here and the net capital computation shown on the Company's unaudited Form X-17A-5 report dated December 31, 2011.

*See independent auditor's report*

**The Spartan Group LLC**  
**Schedule II - Computation for Determining of Reserve**  
**Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3**  
**As of December 31, 2011**

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, 2011**

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**  
**Supplementary Accountant's Report**  
**on Internal Accounting Control**  
**Report Pursuant to 17a-5**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2011**



**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, 2011, 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 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 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 that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2011, 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 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.



Breard & Associates, Inc.  
Certified Public Accountants

Northridge, California  
February 17, 2012

**The Spartan Group LLC**  
**Report on the SIPC Annual Assessment**  
**Pursuant to rule 17a-5 (e) 4**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2011**



**BREARD & ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Board of Directors  
The Spartan Group LLC

Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 (e) (4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have performed the following procedures with respect to the accompanying schedule (Form SIPC-7) of Securities Investor Protection Corporation assessments and payments of The Spartan Group LLC ("the Company") for the year ended December 31, 2011. Our procedures were performed solely to assist the Company in complying with Rule 17a-5 (e) (4), and our report is not to be used for any other purpose. The procedures we performed are as follows:

1. Compared listed assessment payments with respective cash disbursements records entries;
2. Compared amounts reported on the unaudited Form X-17A-5 for the year ended December 31, 2011, with the amounts reported in General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7);
3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers;
4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations in the Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers supporting adjustments; and
5. Compared the amount of any overpayment applied with the Form SIPC-7 on which it was computed.

Because the above procedures do not constitute an examination made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we do not express an opinion on the schedule referred to above.

In connection with the procedures referred to above, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the amounts shown on the Form SIPC-7 were not determined in accordance with applicable instructions and forms. This report relates only to schedules referred to above and does not extend to any financial statements of The Spartan Group LLC taken as a whole.

Breard & Associates, Inc.  
Certified Public Accountants

Northridge, California  
February 17, 2012

**The Spartan Group LLC**  
**Schedule of Securities Investor Protection Corporation**  
**Assessments and Payments**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2011**

	<u>Amount</u>
Total assessment	\$ 3,417
SIPC-6 general assessment Payment made on July 7, 2011	(217)
SIPC-7 general assessment Payment made on December 31, 2011	<u>(3,200)</u>
Total assessment balance (overpayment carried forward)	<u>\$ -</u>

**The Spartan Group LLC**  
**Report Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 (d)**  
**Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2011**