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PART III**

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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 AS OF 12/31/11  
MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

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**FIRM ID. NO.**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

**ADVANTAGE SECURITIES LLC**

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

**141 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 2045**  
(No. and Street)

**Chicago**  
(City)

**Illinois**  
(State)

**60604**  
(Zip Code)

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

**James Haney**

**(312) 347-4800**  
(Area Code - Telephone No)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

**Ryan & Juraska, Certified Public Accountants**  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

**141 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 2250**  
(Address)

**Chicago**  
(City)

**Illinois**  
(State)

**60604**  
(Zip Code)

**CHECK ONE:**

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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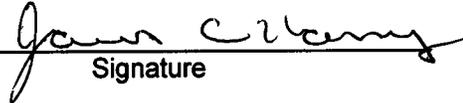
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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, **James C. Haney**, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of **Advantage Securities 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:

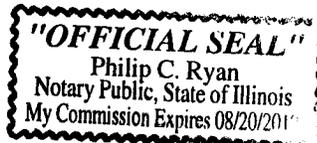
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None  
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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Financial Officer  
Title

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012



  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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 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 General Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital for Brokers and Dealers pursuant to Rule 15c3-1.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements for Brokers and Dealers 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 on Internal Accounting Control.
- (p) Schedule of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation - Customers' Regulated Commodity Futures Accounts Pursuant to CFTC Rule 1.11(d)2(iv).

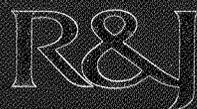
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**ADVANTAGE SECURITIES LLC**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
AND SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES  
PURSUANT TO SEC RULE 17a-5(d)**

December 31, 2011

AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION



**RYAN & JURASKA**

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**ADVANTAGE SECURITIES LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**AND SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES**  
**PURSUANT TO SEC RULE 17a-5(d)**

**December 31, 2011**  
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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Member of  
Advantage Securities LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Advantage Securities LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2011, that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. 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 statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. 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 financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Advantage Securities LLC as of December 31, 2011, 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 statement taken as a whole. The information contained in the supplementary schedules is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statement, 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 our audit of the basic financial statement and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statement taken as a whole.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryan &amp; Juraska".

Chicago, Illinois  
February 10, 2012

**ADVANTAGE SECURITIES LLC**

**Statement of Financial Condition**

**December 31, 2011**

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**Assets**

Cash	\$	1,934,491
Receivable from broker-dealer		1,000,000
Other asset		<u>4,036</u>
	\$	<u>2,938,527</u>

**Liabilities and Member's Equity**

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	6,000
Member's equity		<u>2,932,527</u>
	\$	<u>2,938,527</u>

See accompanying notes.

# ADVANTAGE SECURITIES LLC

## Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2011

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### 1. Organization and Business

Advantage Securities LLC (the "Company"), an Illinois limited liability company, was organized on August 1, 1995. The Company is a broker-dealer registered with Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA").

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Revenue Recognition

Commission revenue and related expenses are recorded on the accrual basis.

#### Income Taxes

No provision has been made for federal income taxes as the taxable income or loss of the Company is included in the respective income tax return of the ultimate member.

#### 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 reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### 3. Related Party Transactions

The Company has an expense sharing agreement with Advantage Futures LLC, its sole member, under which they share general and administrative services. The member allocates these expenses to the Company and they are recorded in various expense categories on the Company's statement of operations.

### 4. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15(c)3-1). Under this rule, the Company is required to maintain "net capital" equal to the greater of \$250,000 or two percent of "aggregate debit items", as defined.

At December 31, 2011, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$2,928,491 and \$250,000, respectively.

## ADVANTAGE SECURITIES LLC

### Notes to Statement of Financial Condition, Continued

December 31, 2011

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#### 5. Fair Value Disclosure

ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, requires enhanced disclosures about investments that are measured and reported at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs reflect the Company's assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

Level 1 Inputs Valuation is based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the reporting date.

Level 2 Inputs Valuation is based on other than quoted prices included with Level 1 that are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 assets include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities that are not active; and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, such as models or other valuation methodologies.

Level 3 Inputs Valuation is based on unobservable inputs for the valuation of the asset or liability. Level 3 assets include investments for which there is little, if any, market activity. These inputs require significant management judgment or estimation.

At December 31, 2011 the Company held no Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 investments.

#### 6. Subsequent Events

The Company's management has evaluated events and transactions through February 10, 2012, the date the financial statements were issued, noting no material events requiring disclosure in the Company's financial statements.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART III**

**BROKER OR DEALER: ADVANTAGE SECURITIES LLC**

as of **December 31, 2011**

**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL**

1.	Total ownership (from Statement of Financial Condition- Item 1800)	\$	<u>2,932,527</u>	[3480]
2.	Deduct: Ownership equity not allowable for net capital			[3490]
3.	Total ownership equity qualified for net capital	\$	<u>2,932,527</u>	[3500]
4.	Add:			
	A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital			[3520]
	B. Other (deductions) or allowable subordinated liabilities			[3525]
5.	Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities	\$	<u>2,932,527</u>	[3530]
6.	Deductions and/or charges:			
	A. Total non-allowable assets from Statement of Financial Condition (Other asset)	\$	<u>4,036</u>	[3540]
	1. Additional charges for customers' and non-customers' security accounts			[3550]
	2. Additional charges for customers' and non-customers' commodity accounts			[3560]
	B. Aged fail-to-deliver			[3570]
	1. Number of items			[3450]
	C. Aged short security differences- less reserved of			[3460]
	2. Number of items			[3470]
	D. Secured demand note deficiency			[3590]
	E. Commodity futures contract and spot commodities proprietary capital charges			[3600]
	F. Other deductions and/or charges			[3610]
	G. Deductions for accounts carried under Rule 15c3-1(a)(6), (a)(7) and (c)(2)(x)			[3615]
	H. Total deduction and/or charges	\$	<u>(4,036)</u>	[3620]
7.	Other additions and/or allowable credits (List)			[3630]
8.	Net Capital before haircuts on securities positions	\$	<u>2,928,491</u>	[3640]
9.	Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable pursuant to 15c3-1(f)):			
	A. Contractual securities commitments			[3660]
	B. Subordinated securities borrowings			[3670]
	C. Trading and Investment securities			
	1. Bankers' acceptance, certificates of deposit, and commercial paper			[3680]
	2. U.S. and Canadian government obligations			[3690]
	3. State and municipal government obligations			[3700]
	4. Corporate obligations			[3710]
	5. Stocks and warrants			[3720]
	6. Options			[3730]
	7. Arbitrage			[3732]
	8. Other securities			[3734]
	D. Undue concentration			[3650]
	E. Other (List)			[3736]
10.	Net Capital	\$	<u>2,928,491</u>	[3750]
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**Note: There are no material differences between the audited computation of net capital and that per the Company's unaudited FOCUS report as filed.**

**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART III**

**BROKER OR DEALER: ADVANTAGE SECURITIES LLC**

as of December 31, 2011

**COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT**

<b>Part A</b>			
11.	Minimum net capital required (6-2/3% of line 19)	_____	[3756]
12.	Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)	_____	[3758]
13.	Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12)	_____	[3760]
14.	Excess net capital (line 10 less 13)	_____	[3770]
15.	Excess net capital at 1000% (line 10 less 10% of line 19)	_____	[3780]

**COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS**

16.	Total A.I. liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition	_____	[3790]
17.	Add:		
	A. Drafts for immediate credit	_____ [3800]	
	B. Market value of securities borrowed for which no equivalent value is paid or credited	_____ [3810]	
	C. Other unrecorded amounts (List)	_____ [3820]	[3830]
18.	Deduct: Adjustment based on deposits in Special Reserve Bank Accounts (15c3-1(c)(1)(vii))	_____	[3838]
19.	Total aggregate indebtedness	_____	[3840]
20.	Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (line 19 ÷ by line 10)	_____	[3850]
21.	Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital <u>after</u> anticipated capital withdrawals (line 19 ÷ by line 10 less item 4880 page 11)	_____	[3853]

**COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT**

<b>Part B</b>			
22.	2% of combined aggregate debit items as shown in Formula for Reserve Requirements pursuant to Rule 15c-3-3 prepared as of the date of the net capital computation including both brokers or dealers and consolidated subsidiaries debits	\$ _____	[3870]
23.	Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)	\$ <u>250,000</u>	[3880]
24.	Net capital requirement (greater of line 22 or 23)	\$ <u>250,000</u>	[3760]
25.	Excess net capital (line 10 less 24)	\$ <u>2,678,491</u>	[3910]
26.	Percentage of Net Capital to Aggregate Debits (line 10 ÷ by line 17 page 8)	_____	[3851]
27.	Percentage of Net Capital, <u>after</u> anticipated capital withdrawals, to Aggregate Debits (line 10 less item 4880, page 11 ÷ by line 17 page 8)	_____	[3854]
28.	Net capital in excess of the greater of: 5% of combined aggregate debit items or 120,000	\$ <u>2,628,491</u>	[3920]

**OTHER RATIOS**

<b>Part C</b>			
29.	Percentage of debt to debt-equity total computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1(d)	_____	[3860]
30.	Options deductions/Net Capital ratio (1000% test) total deductions exclusive of liquidating equity under Rule 15c3-1(a)(6), (a)(7) and (c)(2)(x) ÷ Net Capital	_____	[3852]

**NOTES:**

- A. The minimum net capital requirement should be computed by adding the minimum dollar net capital requirement of the reporting broker dealer and, for each subsidiary to be consolidated, the greater of:
1. Minimum dollar net capital requirement, or
  2. 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or 2% of aggregate debits if alternative method is used.
- B. Do not deduct the value of securities borrowed under subordination agreements of secured demand notes covered by subordination agreements not in satisfactory form and the market values of memberships in exchanges contributed for use of Company (contra to item 1740) and partners securities which were included in non-allowable assets.
- C. For reports filed pursuant to paragraph (d) of Rule 17a-5, respondent should provide a list of material non-allowable assets.

**Note: There are no material differences between the audited computation of net capital and that per the Company's unaudited FOCUS report as filed.**

**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART III**

**BROKER OR DEALER:                    ADVANTAGE SECURITIES LLC**

as of **December 31, 2011**

**COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR BROKER-DEALERS UNDER RULE 15c3-3  
(See Rule 15c303, Exhibit A and Related Notes)**

**CREDIT BALANCES**

1.	Free credit balances and other credit balances in customers' security accounts (see Note A, Exhibit A, Rule 15c3-3) .....	\$ -	[4340]
2.	Monies borrowed collateralized by securities carried for the accounts of customers (see Note B).....		[4350]
3.	Monies payable against customers' securities loaned (see Note C) .....		[4360]
4.	Customers' securities failed to receive (see Note D) .....		[4370]
5.	Credit balances in firm accounts which are attributable to principal sales to customers .....		[4380]
6.	Market value of stock dividends, stock splits and similar distributions receivable outstanding over 30 calendar days.....		[4390]
7.	**Market value of short security count differences 30 calendar days old .....		[4400]
8.	**Market value of short securities and credits (not to be offset by longs or by debits) in all suspense accounts over 30 calendar days .....		[4410]
9.	Market value of securities which are in transfer in excess of 40 calendar days and have not been confirmed to be in transfer by the transfer agent or the issuer during the 40 days.....		[4420]
10.	Other (List) .....		[4425]
11.	TOTAL CREDITS.....	\$ -	[4430]

**DEBIT BALANCES**

12.	Debit balances in customers cash and margin accounts excluding unsecured accounts and accounts doubtful of collection net of deductions pursuant to Note E, Exhibit A, Rule 15c3-3 .....		[4440]
13.	Securities borrowed to effectuate short sales by customers and securities borrowed to make delivery on customers' securities failed to deliver.....		[4450]
14.	Failed to deliver of customers' securities not older than 30 calendar days.....		[4460]
15.	Margin required and on deposit with the Options Clearing Corporation for all option contracts written or purchased in customer accounts (See Note F)...		[4465]
16.	Other (List).....		[4469]
17.	**Aggregate debit items .....		[4470]
18.	**less 3% (for alternative method only -- see Rule 15c3-1 (f) (5) (i)).....		[4471]
19.	**TOTAL 15c3-3 DEBITS.....		[4472]

**RESERVE COMPUTATION**

20.	Excess of total debits over total credits (line 19 less line 11) .....		[4480]
21.	Excess of total credits over total debits (line 11 less line 19) .....	\$ -	[4490]
22.	If computation permitted, on a monthly basis, enter 105% of excess of total credits over total debits.....		[4500]
23.	Amount held on deposit in "Reserve Bank Account(s)", including value of qualified securities, at end of reporting period .....	\$ -	[4510]
24.	Amount of deposit (or withdrawal) including [4515] value of qualified securities .....		[4520]
25.	New amount in Reserve Bank Account(s) after adding deposit or subtracting withdrawal including \$ [4525] value of qualified securities .....	\$ -	[4530]
26.	Date of deposit (MMDDYY).....		[4540]

**FREQUENCY OF COMPUTATION**

27. Daily [4332]                    Weekly [4333]                    Monthly   X   [4334]

\*\* In the event the Net Capital Requirement is computed under the alternative method, this "Reserve Formula" shall be prepared in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (f) of Rule 15c3-1.

**Note: There are no material differences between the audited computation for determination of reserve requirements and that per the Company's unaudited FOCUS report as filed.**



**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART III**

**BROKER OR DEALER:            ADVANTAGE SECURITIES LLC**

as of December 31, 2011

**COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF PAIB RESERVE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR BROKER-DEALERS**

**CREDIT BALANCES**

1.	Free credit balances and other credit balances in proprietary accounts of introducing brokers (PAIB).....	\$ -	[2110]
2.	Monies borrowed collateralized by securities carried PAIB.....		[2120]
3.	Monies payable PAIB securities loaned (see Note 2-PAIB) .....		[2130]
4.	PAIB securities failed to receive.....		[2140]
5.	Credit balances in firm accounts which are attributable to principal sales to PAIB.....		[2150]
6.	Other (List) .....		[2160]
7.	<b>TOTAL PAIB CREDITS.....</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>[2170]</b>

**DEBIT BALANCES**

8.	Debit balances in PAIB excluding unsecured accounts and accounts doubtful of.....	\$ -	[2180]
9.	Securities borrowed to effectuate short sales by PAIB and securities borrowed to make delivery on PAIB securities failed to deliver .....		[2190]
10.	Failed to deliver PAIB securities not older than 30 calendar days.....		[2200]
11.	Margin required and on deposit with the Options Clearing Corporation for all option contracts written or purchased in PAIB accounts.....	\$ -	[2210]
12.	Margin related to security futures products written, purchased or sold in PAIB accounts required and on deposit with a clearing agency or a derivative clearing organization .....	\$ -	[2210]
13.	Other (List).....		[2220]
14.	<b>TOTAL PAIB DEBITS.....</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>[2230]</b>

**RESERVE COMPUTATION**

15.	Excess of total PAIB debits over total PAIB credits (line 13 less line 17) .....	\$ -	[2240]
16.	Excess of total PAIB credits over total PAIB debits (line 7 less line 13) .....	\$ -	[2250]
17.	Excess debits in customer reserve formula computation.....		[2260]
18.	PAIB Reserve requirement (line 15 less line 16) .....	\$ -	[2270]
19.	Amount held on deposit in "Reserve Bank Account(s)", including [2275] value of qualified securities, at end of reporting period .....	\$ -	[2280]
20.	Amount of deposit (or withdrawal) including [2285] value of qualified securities .....		[2290]
21.	New amount in Reserve Bank Account(s) after adding deposit or subtracting [2295] value of qualified securities .....	\$ -	[2300]
22.	Date of deposit (MMDDYY).....		[2310]

**FREQUENCY OF COMPUTATION**

Daily \_\_\_\_\_ [2315]            Weekly \_\_\_\_\_ [2320]            Monthly   X   [2330]

**Note: There are no material differences between the audited computation for determination of PAIB reserve requirements and that per the Company's unaudited FOCUS report as filed.**



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL**

To the Member of  
Advantage Securities LLC:

In planning and performing our audit of the statement of financial condition of Advantage Securities LLC (the Company) as of 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 statement, 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 the following:

1. Making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the reserve required by Rule 15c3-3(e)
2. Making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
3. 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
4. Obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3

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 previously 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 the financial statement 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 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 statement 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 previously.

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 management, the SEC, 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryan &amp; Juraska".

Chicago, Illinois  
February 10, 2012