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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/11 AND ENDING 12/31/11  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: HedgeCo Securities, LLC

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

400 Clematis Street, Suite 205

(No. and Street)

West Palm Beach

FL

33401

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

David Konits

770-220-0098

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

WADE J. BOWDEN & COMPANY, CPAS P.C.

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

1720 EPPS BRIDGE PARKWAY, SUITE 108-381

ATHENS, GA

30606

(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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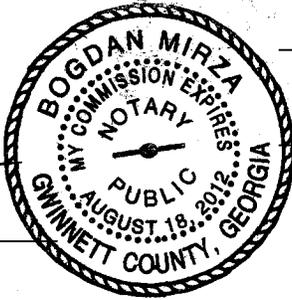
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, David Kovits, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of HedgeCo 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



[Signature]  
Signature

CFO  
Title

Bogdan Mirza  
Notary Public

2/27/12

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).

**HEDGECO SECURITIES, LLC**

(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER, 31 2011  
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**Wade J. Bowden & Company, P.C.**

# **HEDGE CO SECURITIES, LLC**

(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

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# WADE J BOWDEN & COMPANY

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Member  
HedgeCo Securities, LLC

We have audited the statement of financial condition of HedgeCo Securities, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2011 and the related statements of operations, changes in member's 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 HedgeCo Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2011 and the results of its operations 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 the supplementary schedule 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.

*Wade J Bowden & Company*

Atlanta, Georgia  
February 18, 2012

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# HEDGE CO SECURITIES, LLC

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2011

### ASSETS

<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	103,408
Accounts receivable		67,215
Prepaid expenses		24,938
Due from employees		8,009
Deposits		3,330
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>206,900</b>

### LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	3,615
Commissions payable		9,755
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,370</b>
<b>MEMBER'S EQUITY</b>		<b>193,530</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>206,900</b>

See Independent Auditors' Report and  
Notes to Financial Statements.

# HEDGE CO SECURITIES, LLC

(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

<b>PLACEMENT FEES</b>	<b>\$ 797,919</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	
Compensation and benefits	579,061
Rent	86,150
Payroll	32,027
Licenses and registration	30,675
Professional services	25,898
Travel	11,850
Information technology services	10,035
Research	7,666
Meals and entertainment	6,964
Insurance	5,029
Dues and subscriptions	4,010
Education and training	1,645
Office	1,357
Utilities	582
Charitable contributions	280
Bank service charges	145
Advertising and marketing	125
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>803,499</b>
<b>Net loss before other income &lt;expense&gt;</b>	<b>\$ (5,580)</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME - interest</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>\$ (5,420)</b>

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# **HEDGE CO SECURITIES, LLC**

(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

## **STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

<b>MEMBER'S EQUITY, JANUARY 1</b>	\$	189,300
Net loss		(5,420)
Member contributions		19,650
Member distributions		(10,000)
<b>MEMBER'S EQUITY, DECEMBER 31</b>	\$	<b>193,530</b>

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# HEDGE CO SECURITIES, LLC

(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

### OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Net loss	\$	(5,420)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable		10,140
Due from employees		(8,009)
Prepaid expenses		1,120
Deposits		(3,330)
Decrease in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(6,641)
Commissions payable		(1,370)
Net cash used by operating activities		(13,510)

### FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Member contributions		19,650
Member distributions		(10,000)
Net cash provided by financing activities		9,650

### NET DECREASE IN CASH

\$ (3,860)

### CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

107,268

### CASH AT END OF YEAR

\$ 103,408

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# **HEDGE CO SECURITIES, LLC**

(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### Organization and Nature of Business

HedgeCo Securities, LLC (the "Company"), is a securities broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Company is a Delaware limited liability Company (LLC) and a wholly owned subsidiary of HedgeCo Securities Holdings, LLC (the "Parent" and sole member).

Since the Company is a limited liability company, the member is not liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, unless the member has signed a specific guarantee.

#### Basis of Presentation

The Company is engaged in a single line of business as a placement agent to hedge funds and other broker-dealers.

#### Income Taxes

The Company is a limited liability company for income tax reporting purposes, and as such, is not subject to income tax. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is provided in the financial statements.

#### Estimates

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Revenue Recognition

Placement fees are recognized in accordance with terms agreed upon with each client and are generally based on (1) a percentage of capital raised or (2) profit allocated and management fees earned by a client on funds received from investors introduced by the Company. Other consulting fees are recognized as billed.

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, which at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk for cash.

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

Cash Equivalents

The Company has defined cash equivalents as highly liquid investments, with original maturities of less than three months, that are not held for sale in the ordinary course of business.

**2. 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 (and the rule of the "applicable" exchange also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1). At December 31, 2011, the Company had net capital of \$99,092, which was \$94,092 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 13.49%.

**3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During 2011 the Company had a management services agreement with a company under common control. The total amount paid pursuant to the agreement for 2011 was \$58,950 and is included in rent expense on the accompanying Statement of Operations. There were no amounts due to such entity at December 31, 2011.

In 2011 the member forgave \$19,650 of rent expense due to an entity under common control in exchange for additional equity in the Company. Such expenses and member contributions are reflected in rent expense on the accompanying Statement of Operations and member contributions on the Statement of Changes in Member's Equity.

**4. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company has evaluated commitments and contingencies in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 450, Contingencies (ASC 450) and Accounting Standards Codification 440, Commitments (ASC 440). Management has determined that no significant commitments and contingencies exist as of December 31, 2011.

**5. COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15C3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Security Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to paragraph (k)(2)(i) of the rule.

**6. INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Security Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to paragraph (k)(2)(i) of the rule.

7.

**SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On February 8, 2012 management determined that \$10,508 of accounts receivable reported on the accompanying Statement of Financial Condition as of December 31, 2011, is uncollectible. Accounts receivable and bad debt expense were adjusted accordingly in February 2012. Had such adjustment been recorded in 2011, total assets and net income would be reduced by the aforementioned \$10,508. Since the adjustment would have decreased a non-allowable asset and reduced net income, there would have been no change in the Company's net capital.

# HEDGE CO SECURITIES, LLC

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## COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011

<b>SCHEDULE 1</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY QUALIFIED FOR NET CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$ 193,530</b>
<b>DEDUCTIONS AND/OR CHARGES:</b>	
Non-allowable assets:	
Accounts receivable, non-allowable	(58,161)
Due from employees	(8,009)
Prepaid expenses	(24,938)
Deposits	(3,330)
<b>NET CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$ 99,092</b>
<b>AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS:</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,615
Commissions payable	9,755
<b>Total aggregate indebtedness</b>	<b>\$ 13,370</b>
<b>COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT -</b>	
Minimum net capital required	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Excess net capital</b>	<b>\$ 94,092</b>
<b>Excess net capital at 1,000 percent</b>	<b>\$ 93,092</b>
<b>Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital</b>	<b>13.49%</b>

There is no difference in the above computation and the Company's net capital, as reported in the Company's Part II (unaudited) FOCUS report as of December 31, 2011.

See Independent Auditors' Report

# WADE J BOWDEN & COMPANY

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

REQUIRED BY

SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) RULE 17A-5(e)(4)  
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES RELATED TO AN ENTITY'S  
SIPC ASSESSMENT RECONCILIATION

To the Member  
HedgeCo Securities, LLC

In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, I have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to the accompanying Schedule of Assessment and Payments Form SIPC-7 - pages 12 and 13 - to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) for the year ended December 31, 2011, which were agreed to by HedgeCo Securities, LLC and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and the SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating HedgeCo Securities, LLC's compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). HedgeCo Securities, LLC's management is responsible for the HedgeCo Securities, LLC's compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

1. Compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7 with respective cash disbursement records entries in the general ledger noting no differences.
2. Compared the amounts reported on the audited Form X-17A-5 for the year ended December 31, 2011, as applicable, with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7 for the year ended December 31, 2011 noting no differences.
3. There were no adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7, thus, no differences.
4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers.
5. There was no application of overpayment, thus, no difference between the current assessment and the original computation.

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We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specific parties.

*Wade J. Bowden & Company*

Atlanta, Georgia  
February 18, 2012

General Assessment Reconciliation

For the fiscal year ended DECEMBER 31, 2011  
(Read carefully the instructions in your Working Copy before completing this Form)

TO BE FILED BY ALL SIPC MEMBERS WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDINGS

1. Name of Member, address, Designated Examining Authority, 1934 Act registration no. and month in which fiscal year ends for purposes of the audit requirement of SEC Rule 17a-5:

067470 FINRA DEC  
HEDGECO SECURITIES LLC 16\*16  
400 CLEMATIS ST STE 205  
WEST PALM BEACH FL 33401-5322

Note: If any of the information shown on the mailing label requires correction, please e-mail any corrections to form@sipc.org and so indicate on the form filed.

Name and telephone number of person to contact respecting this form.

DAVID KONITS (770) 220-0098

- 2. A. General Assessment (item 2e from page 2) \$ 1,995
- B. Less payment made with SIPC-6 filed (exclude interest) ( 1,128.50 )  
JULY 31, 2011  
Date Paid
- C. Less prior overpayment applied ( )
- D. Assessment balance due or (overpayment) \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Interest computed on late payment (see instruction E) for \_\_\_\_\_ days at 20% per annum \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Total assessment balance and interest due (or overpayment carried forward) \$ 866
- G. PAID WITH THIS FORM:  
Check enclosed, payable to SIPC  
Total (must be same as F above) \$ 866
- H. Overpayment carried forward \$( )

3. Subsidiaries (S) and predecessors (P) included in this form (give name and 1934 Act registration number):

The SIPC member submitting this form and the person by whom it is executed represent thereby that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete.

HEDGECO SECURITIES LLC

(Name of Corporation, Partnership or other organization)

Dated the 20 day of February, 2012.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Signature)

CFO  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

This form and the assessment payment is due 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. Retain the Working Copy of this form for a period of not less than 6 years, the latest 2 years in an easily accessible place.

SIPC REVIEWER

Dates: Postmarked Received Reviewed

Calculations \_\_\_\_\_ Documentation \_\_\_\_\_ Forward Copy \_\_\_\_\_

Exceptions:

Disposition of exceptions:

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# DETERMINATION OF "SIPC NET OPERATING REVENUES" AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT

Amounts for the fiscal period  
beginning JAN 1, 2011  
and ending DEC 31, 2011  
Eliminate cents

Item No.

2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030)

\$ 798,079

2b. Additions:

- (1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above.
- (2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts.
- (3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts.
- (4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining item 2a.
- (5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities.
- (6) Expenses other than advertising, printing, registration fees and legal fees deducted in determining net profit from management of or participation in underwriting or distribution of securities.
- (7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts.

Total additions

2c. Deductions:

- (1) ~~Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit~~ investment trust, from the sale of variable annuities, from the business of insurance, from investment advisory services rendered to registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts, and from transactions in security futures products.
- (2) Revenues from commodity transactions.
- (3) Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with securities transactions.
- (4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation.
- (5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts.
- (6) 100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of deposit and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances or commercial paper that mature nine months or less from issuance date.
- (7) Direct expenses of printing advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with other revenue related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Act).
- (8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business.  
(See Instruction C):

(9) (i) Total interest and dividend expense (FOCUS Line 22/PART IIA Line 13, Code 4075 plus line 2b(4) above) but not in excess of total interest and dividend income. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) 40% of margin interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960). \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii)

Total deductions

2d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues

\$ 798,079

2e. General Assessment @ .0025

\$ 1,995

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# **WADE J BOWDEN & COMPANY**

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

## **REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL**

**REQUIRED BY  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) RULE 17A-5  
FOR A BROKER-DEALER CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION FROM  
(SEC) RULE 15C3-3**

To the Member  
HedgeCo Securities, LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplementary schedule of HedgeCo Securities, LLC (the "Company"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on 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 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 quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. 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

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 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

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Because of inherent limitations in any internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors 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 the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weakness 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 were adequate as of December 31, 2011 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report recognizes that it is not practicable in an organization the size of the Company to achieve all the division of duties and cross-checks generally included in a system of internal accounting control, and that alternatively, greater reliance must be placed on surveillance by management.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Member, management, the SEC, 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 used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Atlanta, Georgia  
February 18, 2012