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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

| supporting that neith | ng sche ner the | nes, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and edules pertaining to the firm of WIC Corp. as of December 31, 2011, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified fa customer, except as follows: |
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| | (f) | Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors. |
| × | | Computation of Net Capital |
| | | 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 15c-3-1 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. |
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| | ` ' | 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 Auditing report on internal accounting controls. |

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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INDEPENDENT REGISTERED AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors

WIC CORP.

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of WIC Corp. as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 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(g) 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. 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 WIC Corp. as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Minneapolis, Minnesota February 15, 2012

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2011 and 2010

| | 2011 | · | 2010 |
|--|---|--------|-------------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| ASSETS Cash Accounts receivable Clearing deposit Investment securities | \$ 57,216 1,609 10,000 38,993 | \$ | 54,465 1,909 10,029 37,521 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 107,818 | \$ | 103,924 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| LIABILITIES Accrued income tax and expenses Deferred tax liability TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$ 1,280 890 2,170 | \$ | 1,025 890 1,915 |
| CAPITAL CONTRIBUTED Common stock, par value \$.01, authorized 1,000,000 shares, issued and outstanding 12,000 shares Additional paid-in capital TOTAL CAPITAL CONTRIBUTED | 120 41,880 42,000 | _ | 120 41,880 42,000 |
| RETAINED EARNINGS TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY | 63,648 105,648 | | 60,009 102,009 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY | \$ 107,818 | \$ | 103,924 |

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

| Commissions and fees Investment income TOTAL REVENUE KPENSE Management fee Trading fees Other TOTAL EXPENSES ICOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES | | 2010 | | |
|--|----|--------|--------------|--|
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Commissions and fees | \$ | 31,091 | \$ 33,765 | |
| Investment income | | 507 | 1,365 | |
| TOTAL REVENUE | | 31,598 | 35,130 | |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| Management fee | | 2,000 | 2,000 | |
| Trading fees | | 9,100 | 11,755 | |
| Other | | 15,644 | 17,320 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | 26,744 | 31,075 | |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES | | 4,854 | 4,055 | |
| INCOME TAXES | | 1,215 | 1,014 | |
| NET INCOME | \$ | 3,639 | \$ 3,041 | |

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

| | Common Stock Shares | . S | mmon itock nount | | dditional Paid-In Capital | | etained arnings | Sto | Total ckholder's Equity |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----|------------------------|----|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2009 | 12,000 | \$ | 120 | \$ | 41,880 | \$ | 56,968 | \$ | 98,968 |
| Net income | _ | | | | | | 3,041 | | 3,041 |
| Balance, December 31, 2010 | 12,000 | | 120 | | 41,880 | | 60,009 | | 102,009 |
| Net income | - | | | | _ | <u> </u> | 3,639 | | 3,639 |
| Balance, December 31, 2011 | 12,000 | \$ | 120 | \$ | 41,880 | \$ | 63,648 | \$ | 105,648 |

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| | 2011 | | 2010 |
|---|--------------|----|---------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Net income | \$ 3,639 | \$ | 3,041 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash | | | |
| flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Change in unrealized (gain) loss | 289 | | (790) |
| Reinvested dividends and interest | (795) | | (575) |
| Decrease (increase) in operating assets: | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 300 | | (1,729) |
| Clearing deposit | 29 | | - |
| Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities: | | | |
| Accrued expenses | 55 | | 10 |
| Accrued income taxes | 201 | | (651) |
| NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 3,718 | | (694) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | - | | 12,824 |
| Purchase of investments | (967) | | |
| NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | (967) | • | 12,824 |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH | 2,751 | | 12,130 |
| CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR | 54,465 | | 42,335 |
| CASH, END OF YEAR | \$ 57,216 | \$ | 54,465 |

(1) Nature of business and significant accounting policies

Nature of business - WIC Corp. (the Company) acts as an introducing broker and dealer in securities primarily consisting of stocks, bonds and mutual funds. It clears all transactions with and for customers on a fully disclosed basis with a clearing broker or dealer, who carries all the customer accounts and maintains the records pertaining thereto. The Company's customers consist primarily of individuals located in the upper Midwest area. The Company's principal source of business is the execution of security trades as directed by WCMI for WCMI's managed accounts.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of WCMI, Inc. (WCMI).

A summary of the Company's significant accounting policies follows:

Cash and cash equivalents - The Company considers cash in demand deposit accounts and temporary investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Company maintains its cash and cash equivalents with high credit quality financial institutions. From time to time, the Company's balances in its bank accounts exceed Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits. The Company periodically evaluates the risk of exceeding insurance levels and may transfer funds as it deems appropriate. The Company has not experienced any losses with regards to balances in excess of insured limits or as a result of other concentrations of credit risk.

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 certain amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment securities - Investment securities valued using level 1 inputs are based on unadjusted quoted market prices within active markets. Investment securities valued using level 2 inputs are based primarily on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active or inactive markets. Investment securities valued using level 3 inputs were primarily valued using management's assumptions about the assumptions market participants would utilize in pricing the asset or liability. Valuation techniques utilized to determine fair value are consistently applied. Changes in this fair value are recognized currently as unrealized gains or losses and included in the statement of operations under the caption investment income.

Income recognition - Security transactions and their related commission revenue are recognized for accounting purposes on the trade date.

Income taxes - Deferred taxes are provided on a liability method whereby deferred tax assets are recognized for differences in deductible temporary differences and operating losses and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the dates of enactment.

(1) <u>Nature of business and significant accounting policies</u> (continued)

Receivables and credit policies - Receivables from clearing organizations for commissions earned by the Company are paid within 30 days of trade date. Management has reviewed its outstanding receivable amounts and believes that all the receivables are collectible at December 31, 2011.

Subsequent events policy - Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 15, 2012 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(2) <u>Investment securities</u>

Fair value measurement definition and hierarchy - ASC Topic 820 establishes a hierarchal disclosure framework which prioritizes and ranks the level of market price observability used in measuring assets and liabilities at fair value. Market price observability is affected by a number of factors, including the type of investment, the characteristics specific to the investment and the state of the marketplace including the existence and transparency of transactions between market participants. Assets and liabilities with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices in an orderly market generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. ASC Topic 820 establishes a three-level valuation 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 inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Company's assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

(2) <u>Investment securities</u> (continued)

The hierarchy is broken down into three levels based on the observability of inputs as follows:

- Level 1 Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Valuation adjustments and block discounts are not applied to Level 1 instruments. Since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these products does not entail a significant degree of judgment.
- Level 2 Valuations based on one or more quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

The availability of observable inputs can vary by types of assets and liabilities and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, whether the investment is established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by management in determining fair value is greatest for assets and liabilities categorized in Level 3.

Cost, fair value and aggregate unrealized gains and losses for investment securities measured on a recurring basis at December 31, 2011 and 2010 are as follows:

| • | | Fair | | | | Unre | alized | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------|-----|
| 2011 | | Value | | Cost | | Gains | Los | ses |
| Money market fund Mutual funds-fixed income Total investment securities | \$ | 9,346 29,647 38,993 | \$ - \$ | 9,346 26,531 35,877 | \$ - \$ | 3,116 3,116 | \$ | - |
| • | | Fair | | | _ | Unrea | alized | |
| 2010 | | Value | | Cost | | Gains | Los | ses |
| Money market fund Mutual funds-fixed income | \$ | 8,382 29,139 | \$ | 8,382 25,736 | \$ | 3,403 | \$ | - |
| Total investment securities | \$ | 37,521 | \$ | 34,118 | \$ <u></u> | 3,403 | \$ | - |

(2) <u>Investment securities</u> (continued)

Fair value measurement definition and hierarchy - The fair values of all the investments are measured at December 31, 2011 and 2010 using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1). Investment income reflected on the statement of operations includes realized and unrealized gains and losses as follows:

| | Yea | Le [.] rs Ended | vel 1) Decen | nber 31, |
|--|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | 2 | 2011 | | 2010 |
| Net realized gains (losses) Net unrealized gains (losses) | \$ | 289 | \$ | 265 525 |
| Total realized and unrealized gains and losses | \$ | 289 | \$ | 790 |

(3) Customer transactions

The Company does not hold customer funds or securities and does not execute open market transactions for its customers. Accordingly, the Company is exempt from the requirement to maintain a "Special Reserve Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers" under provisions of SEC Rule 15c3-3 based on Paragraph k(2)(ii) of the rule.

(4) Related party transactions

The Company shares office facilities with its parent company. A management fee of \$2,000 was paid during the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 to cover certain operating expenses. The Company received \$33,765 and \$37,589 from its parent as reimbursement for the costs associated with the execution of security transactions and other services during the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

(5) <u>Net capital requirements</u>

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's uniform net capital rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of a minimum amount of net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15-to-1. The rule 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 and net capital requirements of \$99,205 and \$50,000, respectively. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .02 to 1 at December 31, 2011.

(6) <u>Income tax expense</u>

The components of the income tax provision for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 are as follows:

| | _Ye | ars Ended | Dece | mber 31, |
|--|-----|-----------|------|----------|
| | | 2011 | | 2010 |
| Currently payable: | | | | |
| Federal | \$ | 715 | \$ | 715 |
| State | | 500 | | 299 |
| Total income tax provision | \$ | 1,215 | \$ | 1,014 |
| Cash paid WCMI during the year for WIC's | | | | |
| share of the taxes payable | \$ | 1,014 | \$ | 1,042 |

The Company reviews and assesses its tax positions taken or expected to be taken in tax returns. Based on this assessment the Company determines whether it is more likely than not that the position would be sustained upon examination by tax authorities. The Company's assessment has not identified any significant positions that it believes would not be sustained under examination.

The Company files tax returns in the United States (U.S.) federal jurisdiction and in various state jurisdictions. Uncertain tax positions include those related to tax years that remain subject to examination. U.S. tax returns for fiscal years ended December 31, 2009, 2010, and 2011 remain subject to examination by federal tax authorities. Tax returns for state and local jurisdictions for fiscal years ended December 31, 2009 through 2011 remain subject to examination by state and local tax authorities.

The Company files a consolidated tax return with WCMI. Tax expense is allocated to each entity based on its income or loss as it compares to the consolidated income or loss.

(7) Financial instruments

Off-balance-sheet credit risk - In the normal course of business, the Company's activities involve the execution and settlement of various securities transactions. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance-sheet risk in the event the customer is unable to fulfill its contracted obligations.

The Company's customer securities activities are transacted on a cash basis.

(7) <u>Financial instruments</u> (continued)

As a securities broker and dealer, the Company is engaged in various brokerage activities servicing primarily individual investors. The Company's exposure to credit risk associated with the nonperformance of these customers in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets which may impair the customer's ability to satisfy their obligations to the Company.



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INDEPENDENT REGISTERED AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

To the Board of Directors

WIC CORP.

We have audited the financial statements of WIC Corp. as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, which expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements, appears on page 1. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements 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 financial statements but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Minneapolis, Minnesota February 15, 2012

COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS AND NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1 December 31, 2011

| Total ownership equity from Statement of Financial Condition | \$ 105,648 |
|--|---------------|
| Additions: Other - | - |
| Deductions: Non-allowable assets | (1,609) |
| Net capital before haircuts on securities positions | 104,039 |
| Haircuts on securities: Trading and investment securities | 4,834 |
| Net capital | \$ 99,205 |
| Aggregate indebtedness: Included in statement of financial condition: Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 2,170 |
| Computation of basic net capital requirement: Minimum net capital required (the greater of \$50,000 or 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness | \$ 50,000 |
| Capital in excess of minimum requirement | \$ 49,205 |
| Ratio, aggregate indebtedness to net capital | 2.2% |

RECONCILIATION OF THE COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS AND NET CAPITAL WITH THAT OF THE REGISTRANT AS FILED IN PART IIA OF FORM X-17A-5 December 31, 2011

RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL

| Total aggregate indebtedness as reported on Schedule I | \$ | 2,170 |
|--|-------|--------|
| No significant adjustments | | - |
| Total aggregate indebtedness as reported in Part IIA of Form X-17A-5 | \$ | 2,170 |
| RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE IND | EBTED | NESS |
| | · · · | , |
| Net capital as reported on Schedule I | | 99,205 |
| No significant adjustments | | |
| et capital as reported in Part I of Form X-17A-5 | | |

WIC CORP. STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 December 31, 2011

As more fully described in Note 3 of the notes to financial statements, the Company does not hold funds or securities of customers. Accordingly, the Company is exempt from the requirements of possession and control and to maintain a "Special Reserve Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers" under provisions of SEC Rule 15c3-3 based on Paragraph k(2) of the rule.

WIC CORP.

AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL

ACCOUNTING CONTROL

December 31, 2011



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INDEPENDENT REGISTERED AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL

To the Board of Directors

WIC CORP.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of WIC Corp. (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 quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and 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.

Board of Directors WIC Corp.
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Because of inherent limitations in internal control and 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 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 and no facts that came to our attention to cause us to believe that the Company was not in compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3.

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, 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.

Minneapolis, Minnesota February 15, 2012