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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

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	(No. and Stree	t)	
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(City)	(State)		(Zip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF I Howard B. Landers, CEO	PERSON TO CONTACT	IN REGARD TO THIS R	REPORT 786-375-5644 (Area Code - Telephone Number
B. AC	COUNTANT IDEN	<b>FIFICATION</b>	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT Price CPAs, PLLC	whose opinion is contai		
3825 Bedford Avenue, Ste. 20	02 Nashville	TN	37215
(Address)	(City)	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	CE COMMISSION (Zip Code)
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Certified Public Accountant		MAD	2012
☐ Public Accountant		MAR 1	2012
☐ Accountant not resident in Un	ited States or any of its	possession REGISTRATIONS	BRANCH
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# OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I,	Н	loward B. Landers	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
m	y kn	nowledge and belief the accompanying financial sta	ttement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
	1:	st BridgeHouse Securities, LLC	
of	De	December 31.	, as 20_11, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
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	(d)	Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.	
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<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).



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SECURITIES, LLC

Financial Statements December 31, 2011





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#### **VIA US POSTAL OVERNIGHT**

RE: Delivery of Annual Audit for 1st BridgeHouse Securities, LLC SEC# 8-50763

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to SEC Rule 17a-5(d) please find two originally signed and notarized copies of the annual audit for 1st BridgeHouse Securities, LLC.

Thanks in advance.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard B Nanders

**CEO** 

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Mr. Howard B. Landers 1<sup>st</sup> BridgeHouse Securities, LLC Miami, Florida

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of 1st BridgeHouse Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2011, and the related statement of operations and 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 an 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 estimated 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 1st BridgeHouse 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 financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information contained in the supplemental schedules required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. 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 of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Price CPAs, PLLC February 27, 2012

PRICE CPAs, PLLC

# 1ST BRIDGEHOUSE SECURITIES, LLC Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2011

#### **ASSETS**

CURRENT ASSETS Cash Accounts receivable	\$ 14,860 167,500	
Total Assets	\$ 182,360	
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses  MEMBERS' EQUITY	\$ 170,145	
Members' capital	12,215	
Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	\$ 182,360	

# 1ST BRIDGEHOUSE SECURITIES, LLC

# **Statement of Operations**

# For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

REVENUES	
Investment banking fees	\$ 276,182
Reimbursed expenses	 5,002
Total Income	281,184
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Commissions	233,864
Regulatory fees	10,163
Professional fees	7,741
Consulting fees	15,687
Communications	4,317
Insurance	1,232
Bank service charges	396
Other taxes	 770
Total Expenses	 274,170
NET INCOME	\$ 7,014

# 1ST BRIDGEHOUSE SECURITIES, LLC Statement of Changes in Members' Equity For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

Members' Equity - Beginning of Year	\$ 5,201
Net Income	 7,014
Members' Equity - End of Year	\$ 12,215

# 1ST BRIDGEHOUSE SECURITIES, LLC

# **Statement of Cash Flows**

# For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	\$ 7,014
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash	
provided by operating activities:	
Increase in operating assets:	
Accounts receivable	(167,500)
Increase in operating liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	163,602
Total adjustments	(3,898)
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,116
NET CHANGE IN CASH	3,116
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	11,744
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 14,860

# 1<sup>ST</sup> BRIDGEHOUSE SECURITIES, LLC Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2011

#### Note 1 - Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies

1<sup>st</sup> BridgeHouse Securities, LLC (the Company) is a boutique investment banking firm focused on private placements of senior and subordinate debt and equity securities to institutional and private investors and providing mergers and acquisition financial advisory services for medium to smaller firms. The Company is a registered broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Company was formed in 1998 as a Tennessee Limited Liability Company.

This summary of significant accounting policies of the Company is presented to assist in understanding the Company's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Company's management, who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The books and records of the Company are maintained on the accrual basis for financial reporting purposes, which means that revenue is recognized as it is earned and expenditures are recognized as incurred.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### **Allowance for Doubtful Accounts**

The Company considers all accounts outstanding in excess of ninety (90) days delinquent. These accounts are evaluated on a customer-by-customer basis based on payment history to determine the allowance for doubtful accounts. Based on those criteria, the Company does not deem an allowance for doubtful accounts necessary at December 31, 2011.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following methods and assumptions were used by the Company in estimating its fair value disclosures for financial instruments:

• Current Assets and Liabilities: The carrying values of these items approximate their fair values due to the short maturities of these instruments.

#### Date of Management's Review

Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 27, 2012, which is the date the financial statements were issued.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> BRIDGEHOUSE SECURITIES, LLC Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2011

#### Note 1 - Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company is taxed as a partnership under the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state statutes, and, therefore, the Company's income flows through to the members to be taxed at the individual level rather than the corporate level. Accordingly, the Company will have no tax liability (with limited exceptions) as long as the partnership election is in effect.

The Company has adopted the effective accounting standards within FASB ASC 740-10, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, which prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. For those benefits to be recognized, a tax position must be more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. To the extent that all or a portion of the benefits of an income tax position are not recognized, a liability would be recognized for the unrecognized benefits, along with any interest and penalties that would result from disallowance of the position. These standards also provide guidance on derecognition of tax benefits, classification on the balance sheet, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods and disclosure. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company has no material uncertain tax positions to be accounted for in the financial statements under the new rules. No interest or penalties have been accrued or charged to expense as of December 31, 2011 or for the year then ended. Based on the results of management's evaluation, the Company has no material uncertain tax positions to be accounted for in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Since tax matters are subject to some degree of uncertainty, there can be no assurance that the Company's tax returns will not be challenged by the taxing authorities and that the Company or its shareholders will not be subject to additional tax, penalties, and interest as a result of such challenge. The Company's federal and state income tax returns are subject to possible examination by the taxing authorities until the expiration of the related statutes of limitations on those tax returns. In general, the federal income tax returns have a three year statute of limitations.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements, in accordance 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Note 2 - Credit Risk and Other Concentrations

The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts at regional financial institutions, which at times, may exceed the FDIC limit. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts, therefore management does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk related to cash and cash equivalents.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> BRIDGEHOUSE SECURITIES, LLC Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2011

#### Note 3 – Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires that a Broker/Dealer's aggregate indebtedness, as defined, shall not exceed fifteen times net capital, subject to a minimum net capital requirement. Minimum net capital for the Company is \$5,000; however, the Company cannot distribute income to its members until the capital is at least 120% of the minimum net capital, or \$6,000 as of December 31, 2011. The Company had net capital of \$9,715 at December 31, 2011, which was \$4,715 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000.

#### Note 4 – Revenue Concentration

The Company had four major customers for the year ended December 31, 2011, which comprised 100% of total revenue.

#### Note 5 - Related Party Transactions

Consulting fees include \$15,687 in payments to 1<sup>st</sup> BridgeHouse Consulting, an entity related to the Company through common ownership.

Accounts payable includes an amount due to the Company's CEO totaling \$14,450 for commissions earned as of December 31, 2011.



Required Supplementary Information December 31, 2011

# 1ST BRIDGEHOUSE SECURITIES, LLC Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 December 31, 2011

Total members' equity	\$ 12,215
Less non-allowable assets and haircuts: Accounts Receivable	 (2,500)
Net Capital	9,715
Net capital required	5,000
Excess net capital	\$ 4,715
Reconciliation with Company's computation (included in Part II of form X-17A-5 as of December 31, 2011)	
Excess as reported in Company's Part II FOCUS report	\$ 3,179
Overaccrued accounts payable and accrued expenses	 1,536
	\$ 4,715

# 1<sup>ST</sup> BRIDGEHOUSE SECURITIES, LLC Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 December 31, 2011

The Company is exempt from the requirements of Rule 15c3-3 under Section K(2)(i) of the Rule.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> BRIDGEHOUSE SECURITIES, LLC Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3 December 31, 2011

The Company is exempt from the requirements of Rule 15c3-3 under Section K(2)(i) of the Rule.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> BRIDGEHOUSE SECURITIES, LLC

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

December 31, 2011

Not Applicable

# 1<sup>ST</sup> BRIDGEHOUSE SECURITIES, LLC Material Inadequacies Found to Exist or Found to Have Existed Since the Date of the Previous Audit December 31, 2011

None



#### Report on Internal Control Required by SEC Rule 17A-5(g)(1) for a Broker-Dealer Claiming an Exemption from SEC Rule 15c3-3

Mr. Howard B. Landers 1<sup>st</sup> BridgeHouse Securities, LLC Miami, Florida

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of 1st BridgeHouse Securities, 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 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 on 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 on 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 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 the 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 conformity 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 deficiency in internal control 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 and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or 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 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 the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulation 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.

Price CPAs, PLLC February 27, 2012