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**ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT  
FORM X-17A-5  
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 for the period beginning 07/01/11 and ending 06/30/12

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:  
Cressman Esser Securities, Inc.

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Firm ID No.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS (Do not use P.O. Box No.):  
700 E. Diehl Road, Suite 140  
(No. and Street)

Naperville IL 60563  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

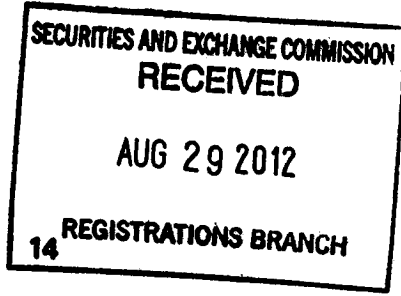
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS  
REPORT: James P. Cressman (630)505-5005  
(Area Code - Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*  
DeMarco Sciacotta Wilkens & Dunleavy, LLP  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

1211 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 110  
(No. and Street)

Oak Brook Illinois 60523  
(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 covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, James P. Cressman, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Cressman Esser Securities, Inc., as of June 30, 2012, 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:

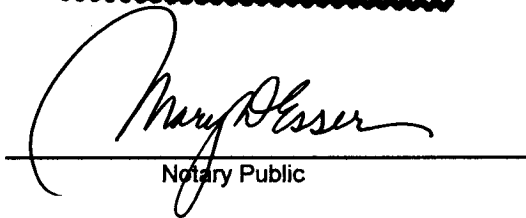
Mary A Cressman IRA - (Spouse)

Mary D Esser & Cheryl L Schlytter



  
Signature

Vice President  
Title

  
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 Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c-3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c-3-3.
- (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 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).

CRESSMAN ESSER SECURITIES, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

JUNE 30, 2012

SEC  
REGISTRATION  
STATEMENT  
FORM 10-K  
CRESSMAN ESSER SECURITIES, INC.  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

CRESSMAN ESSER SECURITIES, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

JUNE 30, 2012



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors  
Cressman Esser Securities, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Cressman Esser Securities, Inc. as of June 30, 2012 that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities and 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 financial statements are 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 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 statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cressman Esser Securities, Inc. as of June 30, 2012, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*DeMarco Sciacotta Wilkens & Dunleavy LLP*

Oak Brook, Illinois  
August 22, 2012

CRESSMAN ESSER SECURITIES, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

JUNE 30, 2012

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 591
Receivable from broker/dealers	<u>26,138</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 26,729</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY**

<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Commissions Payable	<u>\$ 383</u>
Common stock, no par value; authorized 10,000 shares; issued and outstanding 1,000 shares	\$ 30,000
Additional paid-in capital	27,300
Retained earnings (deficit)	<u>(30,954)</u>
<b>Total Shareholder's Equity</b>	<b><u>26,346</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$ 26,729</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

CRESSMAN ESSER SECURITIES, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization - The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cressman Esser, Inc. and was incorporated in the state of Illinois on July 8, 1992. The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Company's principal business activity is the sale of securities. Operations began in November, 1992. Effective May 1, 2008, the Company no longer receives managed account fees from its customers. See Note 4 for further information.

Securities Transactions - Revenues and related expenses arising from securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis, which is the same business day as the transaction date.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with 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.

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

In addition, the Company's cash is on deposit at one financial institution and the balance at times may exceed the federally insured limit. The Company believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk to cash.

CRESSMAN ESSER SECURITIES, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

NOTE 2 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, creates a framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques. Fair value is 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. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income or cost approach, as specified by FASB ASC 820, are used to measure fair value.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities the Company has the ability to access.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs (other than quoted prices included within level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability and rely on management's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. *(The unobservable inputs should be developed based on the best information available in the circumstances and may include the Company's own data.)*

Level 1 inputs have been applied to cash and to the receivable from broker/dealers on the statement of financial condition.

No valuation techniques have been applied to all other assets and liabilities included in the statement of financial condition. Due to the nature of these items, all have been recorded at their historic values.



CRESSMAN ESSER SECURITIES, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

NOTE 3 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

As a registered broker/dealer and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule, 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 1500%. At June 30, 2012 the Company's net capital and required net capital were \$26,346 and \$5,000 respectively. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 1%.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As previously mentioned, the Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cressman Esser, Inc. (Parent). The Company is also affiliated with Cressman Esser Investment Advisors, Inc. (CEIA). The three companies report their income on a consolidated basis for income tax purposes.

As mentioned in Note 1, effective May 1, 2008, the Company no longer receives managed account fees from its customers. Those customers became customers of CEIA, a registered investment advisor. The advisory fees earned by CEIA due to this relationship were \$228,605 for the year ended June 30, 2012.

The Parent pays substantially all overhead and operating expenses on behalf of the Company other than clearing and execution charges. Pursuant to a written agreement, the Company reimburses the Parent for these expenses. The expenses incurred to the Parent for the year ended June 30, 2012 are as follows:

<b>Commissions</b>	<b>\$ 2,475</b>
<b>Management and Consulting Fee</b>	<b><u>3,324</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,799</u></b>

CRESSMAN ESSER SECURITIES, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

NOTE 5 - CLEARING AGREEMENT WITH OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK

The Company has entered into an agreement with another broker/dealer (Clearing Broker/dealer) whereby the Company forwards (introduces) customer securities transactions to the Clearing Broker/dealer, fully disclosing the customer name and other information. The processing and, if applicable, any financing pertaining to the introduced transactions are performed by the Clearing Broker/dealer. The customer account is therefore maintained and recorded in the books and records of the Clearing Broker/dealer on the Company's behalf. The Company is held responsible for any losses arising when the customers introduced by the Company to the Clearing Broker/dealer fail to meet their contractual commitments pertaining to the purchase, sale and possible financing of securities transactions.

The Company may therefore be exposed to off-balance-sheet risk in the event the customer is unable to fulfill its contracted obligations and it is necessary for the Clearing Broker/dealer to purchase or sell the securities at a loss. The Company's exposure to risk would consist of the amount of the loss realized and any additional expenses incurred pertaining to the transaction or other customer activity.

Effective March 2, 2012, the Company entered into a fully disclosed agreement to replace its Clearing Broker/dealer. The Company is restricted from entering into similar agreements except under certain circumstances. The terms of the agreement state that either the Company or the Clearing Broker/dealer may terminate without cause upon 90 days written notice to the other party. In addition, the agreement requires the Company to have a \$25,000 deposit with the Clearing Broker/dealer to assure the Company's performance under the agreement. This amount is included with "Receivable from broker/dealers" on the statement of financial condition.