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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 1/01/12 AND ENDING 12/31/12
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Forest Securities, Inc.

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

105 W. Adams Street; Suite 3700

(No. and Street)

Chicago

(City)

Illinois

(State)

60603

(Zip Code)

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

Nicholas T. Avello

312-239-6275

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Bradford R. Dooley & Associates

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

209 W. Jackson Blvd.; Suite 404, Chicago,

(Address)

(City)

Illinois

(State)

60606

(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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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Nicholas T. Avello, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Forest Securities, Inc., as of December 31, 20 12, 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:

None

Sworn and subscribed to me on the 26th day of February, 2013.

Nicholas T. Avello
Signature

CFO
Title

Erica C. Tebo
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 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).

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FOREST SECURITIES, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2012

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FOREST SECURITIES, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2012

(FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Forest Securities, Inc.:

Report on the Statement of Financial Condition

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Forest Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2012 that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the statement of financial condition.

Management's Responsibility for the Statement of Financial Condition

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the statement of financial condition in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the statement of financial condition that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the statement of financial condition based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the statement of financial condition, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the statement of financial condition in order to design 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. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the statement of financial condition.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Forest Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2012 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.


Bradford R. Dooley & Associates

Chicago, Illinois
February 26, 2013

FOREST SECURITIES, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,400
Receivable from broker/dealers	83,051
Deposit with broker	53,529
Securities owned, at fair value	7,278
Furniture and equipment, net of \$62,587 accumulated depreciation	1,004
Other assets	<u>12,851</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>159,113</u>

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 75,055
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Stockholders' Equity

Common stock, no par value; authorized 1,000 shares; issued and outstanding 1,000 shares	\$ 1,000
Additional paid in capital	45,500
Retained earnings	<u>37,558</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>84,058</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ <u>159,113</u>

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

FOREST SECURITIES, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2012

(1) **Organization and Description of Business**

Forest Securities, Inc. (the Company) was incorporated in the State of Iowa on June 16, 1992. The Company became registered as a broker/dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA).

On December 10, 2012, the Company transferred to an Illinois Corporation and filed a notice of dissolution of the Iowa Corporation.

The Company operates exclusively as a securities broker/dealer and is accordingly required to abide by all applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and other regulatory bodies. All trades are cleared on a fully disclosed basis.

The Company operates under the provisions of Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and, accordingly, is exempt from the remaining provisions of that rule. Essentially, the requirements of Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) provide that the Company clear all transactions on behalf of customers on a fully disclosed basis with a clearing broker-dealer and promptly transmit all customer funds and securities to the clearing broker-dealer. The clearing broker-dealer carries all of the accounts of the customers and maintains and preserves all related books and records as are customarily kept by a clearing broker-dealer.

(2) **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Use of 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 at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Revenue Recognition

Securities transactions (and related revenue and expenses) are recorded on the trade date of the transactions.

Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and equipment are stated at historical cost and are depreciated based upon their useful life, generally five or seven years. Maintenance and repairs are charged to income as incurred.

Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity when purchased of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Income Taxes

The Company files its corporate income tax return on the cash basis. Investment tax credits and job credits are applied as a reduction of federal income taxes using the flow-through method.

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(2) **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (continued)

Income Taxes (continued)

FASB guidance requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Company's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained "when challenged" or "when examined" by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense and liability in the current year.

Management has reviewed the Company's tax positions for the open tax years (current and prior three tax years) and concluded that no provision for income tax is required in the Company's financial statements. Such open tax years remain subject to examination by tax authorities.

(3) **Fair Value Measurement**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In determining fair value, the Company may use various valuation approaches, including market, income and/or cost approaches. The fair value hierarchy requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant. As such, even when market assumptions are not readily available, the Company's own assumptions reflect those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. The fair value measurement accounting guidance describes the following three levels used to classify fair value measurements:

Level 1

Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2

Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies. A significant adjustment to a Level 2 input could result in the Level 2 measurement becoming a Level 3 measurement.

Level 3

Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The inputs into the determination of fair value are based upon the best information in the circumstances and may require significant management judgment or estimation.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the investment.

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(3) **Fair Value Measurement** (continued)

The Company assesses the levels of the investments at each measurement date, and transfers between levels are recognized on the actual date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer in accordance with the Company's accounting policy regarding the recognition of transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy. There were no significant transfers among levels 1, 2, and 3 during the year.

The following table presents the Company's fair value hierarchy for those assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2012:

	<i>Fair Value Measurement Using</i>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
<u>Equity Securities Owned</u>				
Basic Materials	\$5,110	\$5,110	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Technology	1,873	1,873	-0-	-0-
Consumer Goods	295	295	-0-	-0-
Total	<u>\$7,278</u>	<u>\$7,278</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

(4) **Deposits with Broker**

The company introduces customer transactions for clearance by another broker-dealer under a clearing agreement on a fully disclosed basis. The Company is required to maintain a deposit with its clearing broker.

The Company is obligated for nonperformance by customers it has introduced to the clearing broker. The Company actively monitors its exposure under this obligation by requesting substantiation of its customers' activities from the clearing broker on a daily basis. No such nonperformance by a customer, based on refusal or inability to fulfill its obligations occurred in 2012.

(5) **Net Capital Requirements**

The company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1). Under this rule, the Company is required to maintain "net capital" equivalent to \$5,000 or 6 2/3% of "aggregate indebtedness", whichever is greater, as these terms are defined.

Net capital and aggregate indebtedness change from day to day, but at December 31, 2012, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$69,111 and \$5,004, respectively. The net capital rule may effectively restrict the payment of cash dividends.

(6) **Commitments**

The Company leases its office facilities under a lease that expires in April, 2017. For the year ended December 31, 2012, rent expense was \$78,008.

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(6) **Commitments** (continued)

The Company leases office facilities under this non-cancellable lease agreement which provides for future minimum rents as follows:

<i><u>Year Ended December 31,</u></i>	<i><u>Minimum Rent</u></i>
2013	\$ 86,086
2014	87,501
2015	88,922
2016	90,343
2017	<u>30,272</u>
Total	<u>\$ 383,124</u>

There are two five-year extension options available to the Company on the same rent escalation terms as the initial five-year lease.

(7) **Subsequent Events**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in FASB ASC Topic 855, *Subsequent Events*, management has evaluated subsequent events through February 26, 2013, the date the financial statements were available for issuance. Management has determined that there are no material events that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the Company's financial statements.

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To the Board of Directors
Forest Securities, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Forest Securities, Inc. (the Company) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, 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 previously mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of 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 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.

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, 2012, 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 Regulatory Authority, Inc., 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.



Bradford R. Dooley & Associates

Chicago, Illinois
February 26, 2013



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