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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/12 AND ENDING 12/31/12  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: CLFS Securities, Inc.

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

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(No. and Street)

Cleveland,  
(City)

Ohio  
(State)

44115  
(Zip Code)

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

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

SS&G, Inc.

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

301 Spingside Drive

Akron

Ohio

44333

(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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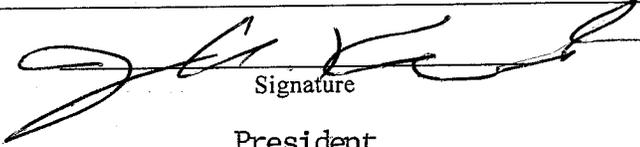
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, James A. Kaval, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of CLFS Securities, Inc., as of December, 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:

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Signature

President  
Title

  
Notary Public

LINDA M. LEWIS  
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF OHIO  
My Commission Expires  
February 15, 2013

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).

**CLFS SECURITIES, INC.**

**FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2012**

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# CLFS SECURITIES, INC.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Stockholder  
CLFS Securities, Inc.

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### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of CLFS Securities, Inc., as of December 31, 2012, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that are filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

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 involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 financial statements 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 financial statements.

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

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**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CLFS Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2012, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matter**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The information contained in the Supplementary Information 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 contained in the Supplementary 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 contained in the Supplementary Information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

SS&G dmc

February 11, 2013

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**CLFS SECURITIES, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

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	DECEMBER 31, <u>2012</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,327
Investments	14,994
Accounts receivable	<u>2,250</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 19,571</u></b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable – related party	<u>\$ 900</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>900</b>
 <b>STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>	
Common stock – no par value	
Authorized – 500 shares	
Issued and outstanding – 154 shares	13,440
Additional paid-in capital	18,921
Accumulated deficit	<u>(13,690)</u>
<b>TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>	<b><u>18,671</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$ 19,571</u></b>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

CLFS SECURITIES, INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME

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FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31,  
2012

REVENUES

Management and supervisory fees \$ 2,250

TOTAL REVENUES

2,250

OPERATING EXPENSES

Legal and accounting 5,200

Licenses and fees 1,631

Administrative fees 900

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

7,731

OPERATING LOSS

(5,481)

OTHER INCOME

Interest income 156

Unrealized gain on investments 288

444

NET LOSS

\$ (5,037)

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

CLFS SECURITIES, INC.

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

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	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>Additional Paid-in Capital</u>	<u>Accumulated Deficit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at January 1, 2012	\$ 13,440	\$ 15,521	\$ (8,653)	\$ 20,308
Contributions	-	3,400	-	3,400
Net loss	-	-	(5,037)	(5,037)
Balance at December 31, 2012	<u>\$ 13,440</u>	<u>\$ 18,921</u>	<u>\$ (13,690)</u>	<u>\$ 18,671</u>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

**CLFS SECURITIES, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH**

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, <u>2012</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net loss	\$ (5,037)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Unrealized gain on investments	(288)
Cash provided (used) by:	
Accounts receivable	<u>(750)</u>
<b>NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>(6,075)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Contributions	<u>3,400</u>
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>3,400</u>
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH</b>	(2,675)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>5,002</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 2,327</u>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

# CLFS SECURITIES, INC.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE A – Organization and nature of business

CLFS Securities, Inc. (the Company) was incorporated on July 1, 1975 in the state of Ohio for the purpose of underwriting securities.

### NOTE B – Summary of significant accounting policies

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

#### 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 the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the 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.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### Investments

The Company determines the appropriate classification of marketable securities at the time of purchase and re-evaluates such designation at each balance sheet date. Marketable securities have been classified as trading and are reported at fair value with unrealized appreciation or depreciation in fair value recognized in earnings.

#### Accounts receivable and allowance for doubtful accounts

The Company reports receivables at net realizable value. The Company recognizes an allowance for losses on accounts receivable in an amount equal to the estimated probable losses net of recoveries. The allowance is based on an analysis of historical bad debt experience, current receivables aging, and expected future write-offs, as well as an assessment of specific identifiable customer accounts considered at risk or uncollectible. The Company's policy is to recognize bad debt expense, if any, in other expenses. At December 31, 2012, management determined that no allowance is necessary.

#### Income taxes

The Company has elected to be taxed under the provisions of Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code. In lieu of corporate income taxes, the stockholder of an S Corporation is taxed on his pro rata share of the Company's taxable income. Therefore, no provision or liability for federal and state income taxes has been included in these statements. The Company pays local income taxes on its income at the corporate level.

# CLFS SECURITIES, INC.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE B – Summary of significant accounting policies, continued

#### Income taxes, continued

The Company follows the accounting guidance for uncertainty in income taxes using the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification 740, *Income Taxes* (ASC 740). Using that guidance, tax positions initially need to be recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not the position will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities.

As of December 31, 2012, the Company had no uncertain tax positions that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. It is the Company's policy to include any penalties and interest related to income taxes in its operating expenses, however, the Company currently has no penalties or interest related to income taxes. The earliest year that the Company is subject to examination is the year ended December 31, 2009.

#### Events occurring after reporting date

The Company has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2012 and February 11, 2013, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

### NOTE C – Fair value measurements

The Company follows the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification 820, *Fair Value Measurements* (ASC 820). This standard defines fair value and provides guidance for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. ASC 820 does not require any new fair value measurements, but rather applies to all other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements.

ASC 820 enables the reader of the financial statements to assess the inputs used to develop those measurements by establishing a hierarchy for ranking the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values.

ASC 820 requires that assets and liabilities carried at fair value be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

- Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

The Company's financial assets as of December 31, 2012 include trading investments. The Company determines the fair values of the trading securities using quoted market prices.

All of the Company's investments are Level 1.

# CLFS SECURITIES, INC.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **NOTE D – Related party transactions**

Administrative fees for the year ended December 31, 2012 consisted of \$900 paid to an affiliate for management services and office space.

### **NOTE E – Net capital requirements**

As a member organization of the FINRA, the Company is subject to the SEC 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. The Company's minimum net capital requirement as of December 31, 2012 was \$5,000. At December 31, 2012, the Company's net capital was \$14,172 and exceeded the minimum net capital requirement by \$9,172. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital at December 31, 2012 was 0.06 to 1.

## Supplementary Information

**CLFS SECURITIES, INC.**

**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1**

**DECEMBER 31, 2012**

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Total Stockholder's Equity from Statement of Financial Condition	\$ 18,671
Non-allowable assets:	
Accounts receivable	<u>2,250</u>
Total non-allowable assets	<u>2,250</u>
Net capital before haircuts on securities	16,421
Haircuts on securities pursuant to Rule 15c3-1	<u>2,249</u>
Net capital	14,172
Net capital requirement (6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or \$5,000)	<u>5,000</u>
Excess net capital	<u>\$ 9,172</u>
Total aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$ 900</u>
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	6%

**Statement Pursuant to Paragraph (d)(4) Rule 17a-5**

The above computation of net capital agrees with the corresponding computation prepared by the Company for inclusion on its Part II FOCUS Report filing as of December 31, 2012.

**CLFS SECURITIES, INC.**

**STATEMENT REGARDING RULE 15c3-3**

**DECEMBER 31, 2012**

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The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under paragraph (k)(2)(i) of that rule.

## Supplementary Report

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

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To the Stockholder of  
CLFS Securities, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of CLFS 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 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

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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, 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, 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.

*SS&G dmc.*

February 11, 2013

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