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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 10/1/2012 AND ENDING 9/30/2013
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Gordian Knot Inc.

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

410 Park Avenue - Suite 740

(No. and Street)

New York

NY

10022

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Juliette Saisselin

212-897-4454

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Rothstein Kass

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

4 Becker Farm Road

Roseland

NJ

07068

(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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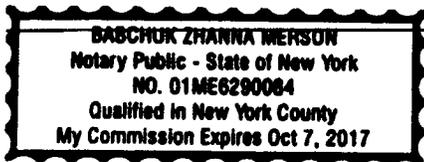
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Juliette Saisselin, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Gordian Knot Inc., as of September 30, 2013, 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:



Juliette Saisselin
Signature
President
Title

[Signature] 11.19.13
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 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 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 pursuant to Rule 171-5.

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

GORDIAN KNOT INC.

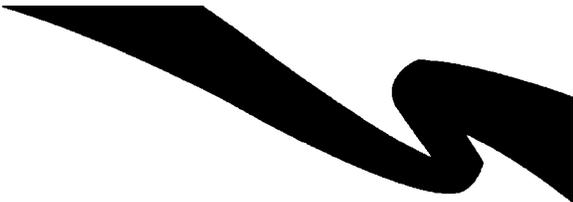
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

GORDIAN KNOT INC.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To Gordian Knot Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Gordian Knot, Inc. (the "Company") as of September 30, 2013 that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

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.

Auditors' 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 Gordian Knot, Inc. as of September 30, 2013 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Roseland, New Jersey
November 19, 2013

GORDIAN KNOT INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

September 30, 2013	
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 138,189
Due from Parent	1,197,976
Property and equipment, net	11,918
Leasehold deposit	101,049
Other assets	<u>13,629</u>
	\$ 1,462,761
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 11,320
Corporation taxes payable	<u>8,870</u>
Total liabilities	<u>20,190</u>
Commitments and contingencies	
Stockholder's equity	
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 10,000 shares authorized, issued, and outstanding	100
Additional paid-in capital	944,032
Retained earnings	<u>498,439</u>
Total stockholder's equity	<u>1,442,571</u>
	\$ 1,462,761

GORDIAN KNOT INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Nature of business

Gordian Knot Inc. (the "Company") is a broker dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Gordian Knot Limited. (the "Parent"), a private limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales. The Company was established to engage in brokerage activity in connection with the sale of securities to customers for which the Parent provides investment management services.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. The Company provides for depreciation and amortization on the straight-line method as follows:

Asset	Useful Life
Furniture and fixtures	5 years
Office equipment	3 years
Leasehold improvements	Term of lease

Income Taxes

The Company follows an asset and liability approach to financial accounting and reporting for income taxes. Deferred income tax asset and liabilities are computed for differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on the enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce the deferred income tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

The determination of the Company's provision for income taxes requires significant judgment, the use of estimates, and the interpretation and application of complex tax laws. Significant judgment is required in assessing the timing and amounts of deductible and taxable items and the probability of sustaining uncertain tax positions. The benefits of uncertain tax positions are recorded in the Company's financial statements only after determining a more-likely than-not probability that the uncertain tax positions will withstand challenge, if any, from tax authorities. When facts and circumstances change, the Company reassesses these probabilities and records any changes in the financial statements as appropriate. Accrued interest and penalties related to income tax matters are classified as a component of income tax expense. At September 30, 2013, management has determined that the Company had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Income Taxes (continued)

In accordance with GAAP, the Company is required to determine whether a tax position of the Company is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefit to be recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that is greater than fifty percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. De-recognition of a tax benefit previously recognized could result in the Company recording a tax liability that would reduce net assets. This policy also provides guidance on thresholds, measurement, de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition that is intended to provide better financial statement comparability among different entities. Management's conclusions regarding this policy may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, on-going analyses of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof.

The Company files its income tax returns in the U.S. federal and various state and local jurisdictions. Generally, the Company is no longer subject to income tax examinations by major taxing authorities for years ending before 2010. Any potential examinations may include questioning the timing and amount of deductions, the nexus of income among various tax jurisdictions and compliance with U.S. federal, state and local tax laws. The Company's management does not expect that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits will materially change over the next twelve months.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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 reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. Related party transactions

Under a servicing agreement, the Parent pays a fee to the Company for services to certain customers of the Parent equal to approximately 105% of the expenses attributable to such activities, excluding income taxes. Such amounts are included as servicing fee income in the Statement of Operations. Due from Parent on the Statement of Financial Condition includes amounts due to the Company pursuant to the servicing agreement.

GORDIAN KNOT INC.

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4. Property and equipment

Details of property and equipment at September 30, 2013 are as follows:

Furniture and fixtures	\$	86,308
Office equipment		96,481
Leasehold improvements		11,125
		<u>193,914</u>
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		<u>181,996</u>
	\$	<u>11,918</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended September 30, 2013 was approximately \$2,900.

5. Leasehold deposit

The Company is obligated under a lease expiring on November 30, 2014. In connection with this lease, the Company has given the lessor a letter of credit that is collateralized by a deposit account with the Company's bankers and will remain in place until the end of the lease. During January 2013 the security deposit was reduced to approximately \$100,000.

6. Concentrations

The Company maintains significantly all of its cash, including the cash that collateralizes the letter of credit given to the lessor, in one financial institution. The Company has not experienced any loss in this account and believes it is not subject to any significant credit risk on cash.

The revenue that the Company receives under the servicing agreement represents substantially all of the Company's revenue. In addition, the amount due from the Company's Parent represents a significant portion of the Company's assets.

7. Commitments

The Company leases its facility under a non-cancelable lease which expires November 30, 2014. The lease provides for escalations based on certain increases in costs incurred by the lessor.

Aggregate future minimum annual rental payments in the years subsequent to September 30, 2013 are approximately as follows:

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. Commitments (continued)

Year ending September 30,

2014	\$	227,000
2015		37,000
	\$	<u>264,000</u>

Rent expense for the year ended September 30, 2013 was approximately \$233,000.

8. Employee benefit plan

The Company maintains a retirement plan (the "Plan"), pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, for eligible participants to make voluntary contributions of a portion of their annual compensation, on a deferred basis, subject to limitations provided by the Internal Revenue Code. The Company makes a contribution of 7% to the Plan and may make a matching contribution at the discretion of the Board of Directors. At September 30, 2013, the Company incurred expenses related to the Plan in the amount of approximately \$23,000.

9. Net capital requirement

The Company, as a member of the FINRA, is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1. This rule 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, and that equity capital may not be withdrawn if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At September 30, 2013, the Company's net capital was approximately \$118,000, which was approximately \$113,000 in excess of its minimum requirement of \$5,000.

10. Off-balance sheet risk

The accounting standard for guarantor's accounting and disclosure requirements for guarantees, including indirect guarantees of indebtedness of others requires the disclosure of representations and warranties which the Company enters into which may provide general indemnifications to others. The Company in its normal course of business may enter into legal contracts that contain a variety of these representations and warranties which provide general indemnifications. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be against the Company that have not yet occurred. However, based on its experience, the Company expects the risk of loss to be remote. The Company currently is not obligated under any guarantee agreements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. Income taxes

The provision for income taxes for the year ended September 30, 2013 consists approximately of the following:

Current	
Federal	\$ 3,400
State and local	5,000
Total Current	<u>\$ 8,400</u>

12. Recent regulatory developments

In July 2013, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") adopted amendments to its broker-dealer reports rules, which will now require, among other things, that audits of all SEC-registered broker-dealers be conducted under Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") standards for fiscal years ending on or after June 1, 2014, effectively replacing the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants with the PCAOB as the auditing standard-setter for auditors of broker-dealers, and replacing Generally Accepted Auditing Standards with PCAOB standards for broker-dealers that are subject to audit. Broker-dealers will be required to file either compliance reports or exemption reports, as applicable, and file reports of independent public accountants covering compliance reports or exemption reports (prepared in accordance with the PCAOB standards). Additionally, effective December 31, 2013, if a broker-dealer is a SIPC member firm, broker-dealer audited financial statements will also be required to be submitted to SIPC, and broker-dealers will be required to file a new quarterly Form Custody.

In addition, SEC adopted amendments to various financial responsibility rules. For a broker-dealer such as the Company, these amendments were mostly technical in nature and effectively ratified various interpretive and no-action positions taken by SEC staff over many years or which conformed to existing practices or self-regulatory organization rules.

Management has evaluated the implications of the amendments to the broker-dealer reports and the financial responsibility rules and does not expect that the adoption of the amendments will have a material impact on the Company or its financial statements.

13. Subsequent events

Subsequent events were evaluated through November 19, 2013, which is the date the financial statements were issued. No events that required disclosure were identified.