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		(4	Area Code – Telephone Number)
B. ACCO	UNTANT IDENTIF	ICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT wh	ose opinion is contained i	in this Report*	
	Windham Branno	-	
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#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Theodore J. Bender III	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanying finar Croft & Bender LLC	ncial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
of December 31	, 2012 are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
<del></del>	principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
classified solely as that of a customer, except as f	
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This report ** contains (check all applicable boxe	es):
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(b) Statement of Financial Condition.	
(c) Statement of Income (Loss).	
(d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condi	tion.
	quity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subo	rdinated to Claims of Creditors.
(g) Computation of Net Capital.	
(h) Computation for Determination of Reserv	
(i) Information Relating to the Possession or	
	xplanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the
	serve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
	l unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
consolidation.	
(I) An Oath or Affirmation.	
(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report	
(n) A report describing any material inadequate	cies 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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## **Financial Statements**

December 31, 2012 and 2011 with Supplementary Information December 31, 2012

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To The Members of Croft & Bender LLC

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of Croft & Bender LLC (a Georgia limited liability company), which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statements of income, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the years 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. 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.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. 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 our 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, we consider 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.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Croft & Bender LLC as of December 31, 2012, and 2011, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Windham Brannon P.C.

## Statements of Financial Condition December 31, 2012 and 2011

	2012	2011
Assets		 
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 574,158	\$ 333,624
Accounts receivable	290,101	66,500
Reimbursable expenses receivable	21,322	8,849
Total current assets	885,581	408,973
Furnishings and equipment, less accumulated depreciation of \$389,423 in 2012 and		
\$387,287 in 2011	16,439	20,784
Other assets	 6,045	 6,045
Total assets	\$ 908,065	\$ 435,802
Liabilities and members' equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 14,358	\$ 27,202
Accrued expenses	 46,766	 36,724
Total current liabilities	61,124	63,926
Members' equity		
Members' capital	40,000	40,000
Retained earnings	806,941	331,876
Total members' equity	846,941	 371,876
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$ 908,065	\$ 435,802

**Statements of Income**For the Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

	2012	2011
	2012	2011
Revenue		
Merger and acquisition fees	\$ 1,867,841	\$ 5,953,396
Private placement fees	558,000	1,237,931
Management fees, net	481,462	618,108
Financial advisory fees and other income	, -	105,000
Recognized gain on investments	-	555,536
Total revenue	2,907,303	8,469,971
Operating expenses		
Salary and benefits expense	1,933,306	6,803,865
Finders fees	10,000	226,108
Office expense	243,796	205,091
Professional fees	144,236	125,551
Occupancy expense	134,952	135,110
Business development expense	95,762	132,568
Other operating expenses	52,126	104,304
Depreciation expense	8,369	39,966
Bad debt expense	<u> </u>	10,242
Total operating expenses	2,622,547	7,782,805
Operating income	284,756	687,166
Other income (expense)		
Interest income	690	10,721
Other income (expense)	7,635	(62,718)
Total other income (expense)	8,325	(51,997)
Net income	\$ 293,081	\$ 635,169

## Statements of Changes in Members' Equity For the Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

	lembers' Capital	Retained Earnings	l	Total Members' Equity
Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 40,000	\$ 461,849	\$	501,849
Net income Distributions to members	-	635,169 (765,142)		635,169 (765,142)
Balance, December 31, 2011	\$ 40,000	\$ 331,876	\$	371,876
Net income Contributions from members Distributions to members	- -	293,081 480,000 (298,016)		293,081 480,000 (298,016)
Balance, December 31, 2012	\$ 40,000	\$ 806,941	\$	846,941

## Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

		2012	2011
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income	\$	293,081	\$ 635,169
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in)		,	•
operating activities:			
Depreciation expense		8,369	39,966
Recognized gain on investments		-	(555,536)
Non-cash expense		-	207,690
Loss on disposal of property and equipment		-	925
Bad debt expense		_	10,242
Changes in:			
Accounts receivable		(223,601)	345,092
Prepaid expense		-	40,000
Reimbursable expenses receivable		(12,473)	29,728
Other assets		-	557
Accrued expenses		10,042	4,778
Accounts payable		(12,844)	 (20,529)
Net cash provided by operating activities		62,574	738,082
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of furnishings and equipment		(4,024)	 (9,217)
Net cash used in investing activities		(4,024)	 (9,217)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Contributions from members		480,000	-
Distributions to members		(298,016)	(417,296)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	-	181,984	(417,296)
Net increase in cash		240,534	311,569
Cash, beginning of year		333,624	22,055
Cash, end of year	\$	574,158	\$ 333,624
Supplemental cash flow disclosures			
Non-cash distributions of stock to members, net of cost	\$	-	\$ 347,846
Non-cash expense, net of cost	\$	-	\$ 207,690

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### 1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Croft & Bender LLC (the "Company") began operations in 1996 as an investment banking firm engaged in the business of providing merger and acquisition, capital raising and other financial advisory services. The Company also organized and manages C&B Capital I, L.P. ("Fund I") and C&B Capital II, L.P. and a parallel partnership, C&B Capital II (PF), L.P. (collectively referred to as "Fund II"), which are private equity investment partnerships collectively referred to herein as the "Funds". The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority as a broker-dealer.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and 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.

#### Revenue and Expense Recognition

The Company enters into engagement agreements primarily with corporate clients to provide merger and acquisition, capital raising, and other financial advisory services. These engagements may span one or more years. Revenue is generated through retainer and other project fees for advisory services, and success fees for completed private placement financings and merger and acquisition transactions. Financial advisory fees and private placement fees are considered to be earned when the terms of the agreement have been satisfied. Contingent fees related to successful financing and merger and acquisition transactions are recognized when the transactions are closed. During 2012, revenue was recognized from approximately 17 clients, and 5 clients accounted for approximately 85% of revenues, excluding management fees. During 2011, revenue was recognized from approximately 18 clients, and 4 clients accounted for approximately 55% of revenues, excluding management fees. Financing and merger and acquisition engagement agreements with approximately 15 clients were open at December 31, 2012 and approximately 3 were open at December 31, 2011.

Through a management agreement with the General Partner of each of the Funds, the Company provides management and advisory services and receives management fees based on (i) total capital commitments of the limited partners of the Funds during the initial investment period (five years from the final closing) and (ii) thereafter, on total capital contributions of the limited partners actually used to make portfolio investments, less the amount of such capital contributions attributable to the Fund's disposed investments. Management fees are paid quarterly in advance and are recognized as they are earned by the daily performance of management functions.

### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

Direct expenses that are reimbursable by clients are typically recorded as a receivable when incurred and are periodically billed to the client. Reimbursable expenses are written off when they are deemed to be unbillable or uncollectible. This method differs from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which calls for recording billable reimbursable expenses as revenue. Management considers the effect to be immaterial.

#### Cash

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Cash represents interest and non-interest bearing deposits in banks located in Georgia. Through December 31, 2012, balances in the non-interest bearing accounts are subject to unlimited FDIC insurance coverage. From time to time, balances in interest bearing accounts may exceed federally insured limits. Effective January 1, 2013, FDIC coverage amounts for non-interest bearing accounts is \$250,000 per institution.

#### Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable are due from clients mainly for providing financial advisory services, including raising capital and assisting companies with mergers and acquisitions, and are stated at the amount the Company expects to collect and do not bear interest. The collectibility of accounts receivable balances is regularly evaluated based on a combination of factors such as client credit-worthiness, past transaction history with the client, current economic and industry trends, and changes in client payment terms. If it is determined that a client will be unable to fully meet its financial obligation, such as in the case of a bankruptcy filing or other material event impacting its business, a specific reserve for bad debt is recorded to reduce the related receivable to the amount expected to be recovered. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, management does not believe that an allowance for doubtful accounts is necessary.

#### Warrants

Warrants representing partial payment for the Company's services are sometimes issued by clients to the Company. During 2011, the Company recognized \$555,536 in revenue as a result of exercising warrants received from a client which is a portfolio company of Fund I. The Company did not receive or exercise any warrants during 2012. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company was the holder of certain other warrants in non-public, closely-held businesses which were considered to not be readily marketable, have various expiration dates through 2017, have an aggregate exercise price of approximately \$1,055,000 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, and had an aggregate estimated fair value of \$0 as of December 31, 2012 and 2011. The warrants represent holdings in four different companies and exercise prices range from \$0.11/share to \$4.62/share. The warrants, though held by and in the name of the Company, have been allocated as accrued compensation to the members, to certain employees and in some cases to Fund I. Unexercised warrants are generally carried at no value unless a fair value is reasonably determinable.

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### Furnishings and Equipment

Furnishings and equipment, carried at cost less accumulated depreciation, consists of leasehold improvements, furniture and fixtures, and office equipment. Depreciation is provided using straight-line and accelerated methods over useful lives of three years or the life of the existing lease.

#### **Income Taxes**

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The Company is a limited liability company and, as such, its earnings and income taxes flow through directly to the members. Differences exist in the book and tax basis of assets and liabilities, primarily related to differences in revenue recognition policies for financial reporting and for tax purposes.

Management of the Company considers the likelihood of changes by taxing authorities in its filed income tax returns and discloses potential significant changes that management believes are more likely than not to occur upon examination by tax authorities. Management has not identified any uncertain tax positions in its filed income tax returns that require disclosure in the accompanying financial statements. The Company's income tax returns for the past three years are subject to examination by tax authorities, and may change upon examination.

#### **Subsequent Events**

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of issuance.

#### 2. Related Party Transactions

The members of the Company are also the principal owners, and managing partners, of two companies, each of which is the general partner of one of the two Funds. Total management fees of \$481,462 and \$618,108 were earned from the Funds in 2012 and 2011, respectively. Such fees were net of credits of \$25,229 and \$87,750 for 2012 and 2011, respectively, which were allocated to the Funds by the Company related to transaction fees earned by the Company on transactions with a client in which a Fund invested. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company earned revenue from clients which were also portfolio companies of the Funds of \$627,500 and \$2,286,965, respectively, and had receivables due from those clients of \$265,000 and \$37,500, respectively.

The members of the Company and other key employees may sit on the Boards of Directors of some of the clients of the Company or may attend Board of Directors meetings of some portfolio companies of the Funds in exercise of the Funds' observation rights. The Company may from time to time enter into commercial arrangements with clients or vendors which have Board members or employees that are related to members of the Company.

### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

The Company and its members have guaranteed a \$2.0 million line-of-credit made available to Fund II by one commercial bank as of December 31, 2012 and 2011. The line-of-credit held by Fund II had a balance of \$263,026 and \$750,000 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The current line-of-credit matures on April 15, 2013.

#### 3. Simplified Employee Pension Plan

The Company has adopted a Simplified Employee Pension Plan that covers substantially all employees. Employees contribute voluntarily to the plan through salary reductions. The Company may contribute discretionary amounts as part of the employees' incentive compensation. The Company's contributions to the plan were \$0 and \$220,368 in 2012 and 2011, respectively.

#### 4. Leases

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The Company has various operating lease agreements for office space and certain office equipment. Rental expense was \$152,107 and \$151,032 for 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Company's office lease expired December 31, 2010. The Company is currently leasing its office space on a month-to-month basis for \$10,000 per month. As of December 31, 2012, the minimum future rental payments under these leases are as follows:

Year	Amount	
2013	\$	21,440
2014		17,921
2015		9,636
2016		6,826
Total minimum future rental payments	\$	55,823

#### 5. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (as these terms are defined in the Rule) shall not exceed 15 to one. Net capital and the net capital ratio fluctuate on a daily basis. At December 31, 2012, the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .12 to one, and net capital was \$513,033, which was \$508,033 more than required. At December 31, 2011, the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .24 to one, and net capital was \$269,698 which was \$264,698 more than required.

**Supplementary Information** 

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Required by Rule 17a-5 Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

To The Members of Croft & Bender LLC

We have audited the financial statements of Croft & Bender LLC as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated February 22, 2013, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The computation of net capital, reconciliation of members' equity, reconciliation of net capital, computation of aggregate indebtedness, and computation for determination of reserve requirements at December 31, 2012, 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. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

**Certified Public Accountants** 

Windham Brennon P.C.

February 22, 2013

# **Supplementary Information December 31, 2012**

Computation of Net Capital		
Members' equity, December 31, 2012	\$	846,941
Less non-allowable assets		(333,908)
Net capital	\$	513,033
Reconciliation of Members' Equity		
Members' equity, Form 17A-5, Part IIA	\$	- 846,941
Audited financial statement adjustments		
Members' equity per audited financial statements	\$	846,941
Reconciliation of Net Capital		
Net capital, Form 17A-5, Part IIA	\$	513,033
Audited financial statement adjustments to non-allowable assets		-
Net capital per audited financial statements	\$	513,033
Computation of Aggregate Indebtedness as Defined Under Rule	15c3-1	
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$	61,124
Total aggregate indebtedness	\$	61,124
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		.12 to 1

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## **Supplementary Information December 31, 2012**

# COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 AND INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3

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The provisions of the aforementioned rule are not applicable to Croft & Bender LLC as the Company carries no margin accounts, does not hold funds or securities for, or owe money or securities to, customers. Croft & Bender LLC is therefore exempt under the provisions of Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(i).



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

To The Members of Croft & Bender LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Croft & Bender LLC (the Company), 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 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.
- 2. Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13.
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under 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 statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the

United States. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed above.

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 control deficiency 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 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 and 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 were adequate at December 31, 2012, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Company, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities and 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.

Certified Public Accountants

Windham Brannon P.C.

February 22, 2013

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To The Members of Croft & Bender LLC

In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to the accompanying General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7) to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) for the year ended December 31, 2012, which were agreed to by Croft & Bender LLC (the Company) and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating the Company's compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). The Company's management is responsible for the Company's compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

- 1. Compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7 (attached) with respective cash disbursement records noting no differences;
- 2. Compared the Total Revenue amounts of the audited Form X-17A-5 for the year ended December 31, 2012, as applicable, with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7 for the year ended December 31, 2012 noting no differences;
- 3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers. There were no adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7; and
- 4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers noting no differences.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Certified Public Accountants

February 22, 2013

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## SIPC-7 (33-REV 7/10)

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## SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION P.O. Box 92185 Washington, D.C. 20090-2185 202-371-8300

**General Assessment Reconciliation** 

(33-REV 7/10)

### For the fiscal year ended 12/31/2012

(Read carefully the instructions in your Working Copy before completing this Form)

#### TO BE FILED BY ALL SIPC MEMBERS WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDINGS

1. Name of Member, address, Designated Examining Authority, 1934 Act repurposes of the audit requirement of SEC Rule 17a-5:	egistration no. and month in which fiscal year ends for
051520 FINRA DEC CROFT AND BENDER LLC 14°14 BLDG ONE SUITE 100 4200 NORTHSIDE PKWY NW ATLANTA GA 30327-3054	Note: If any of the information shown on the mailing label requires correction, please e-ma any corrections to form@sipc.org and so indicate on the form filed.  Name and telephone number of person to
	contact respecting this form.
2. A. General Assessment (item 2e from page 2)	\$ <u>7,2.70</u>
B. Less payment made with SIPC-6 filed (exclude Interest)  7/24/2012  Date Paid	( <u>3,339</u>
C. Less prior overpayment applied	(
D. Assessment balance due or (overpayment)	3,931
E. Interest computed on late payment (see instruction E) forday	
F. Total assessment balance and interest due (or overpayment carried	forward) \$3,931
G. PAID WITH THIS FORM: Check enclosed, payable to SIPC Total (must be same as F above) \$	,931
H. Overpayment carried forward \$(	)
The SIPC member submitting this form and the person by whom it is executed represent thereby that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete.	CROFT & BENDER LLC (Name of Corporation, Partnership or other organization)  (Authorized Signature)
Dated the 24th day of JANUARY . 20 13 .	MANAGING DIRECTOR.
This form and the assessment payment is due 60 days after the end of for a period of not less than 6 years, the latest 2 years in an easily acc	
Dates: Postmarked Received Reviewed	
Dates: Postmarked Received Reviewed  Calculations  Exceptions:	Forward Copy
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## DETERMINATION OF "SIPC NET OPERATING REVENUES" AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT

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Amounts for the fiscal period beginning 1/1/2012 and ending 12/31/2012

tem No.	Eliminate cents \$ 2.907.998
2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030)	+ <u></u>
2b. Additions: (1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries predecessors not included above.	aries) and
(2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts.	
(3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts.	
(4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining item 2a.	
(5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of	securities.
(6) Expenses other than advertising, printing, registration fees and legal fees deducte profit from management of or participation in underwriting or distribution of securi	d in determining net
(7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts.	
Total additions	
Deductions:     (1) Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment cominvestment trust, from the sale of variable annuities, from the business of insuran advisory services rendered to registered investment companies or insurance compactounts, and from transactions in security futures products.	npany or unit nce, from investment pany separate
(2) Revenues from commodity transactions.	
(3) Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in conn securities transactions.	ection with
(4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation.	
(5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts.	
(6) 100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances or commercial paper that mature nine months from issuance date.	deposit and on the or less
(7) Direct expenses of printing advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Ac	n other revenue Et).
(8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business. (See Instruction C):	
(Deductions in excess of \$100,000 require documentation)	
(9) (i) Total interest and dividend expense (FOCUS Line 22/PART IIA Line 13, Code 4075 plus line 2b(4) above) but not in excess of total interest and dividend income.	
(ii) 40% of margin interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960).	
Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii)	
Total deductions	2 227 222
2d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues	s 2,907,993
2e. General Assessment @ .0025	\$ 7, 2.70 (to page 1, line 2.A.)