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	B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATIO	ON	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUN	TANT whose opinion is contained in this	Report*	
Lilling & Company, LLP			
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## **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my I. Steven Urbach knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of

Chardan Capital Markets, LLC , as of

December 31, 2012, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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		• •	Statement of Income (Loss)
		(d)	Statement of Cash Flows.
		(e)	Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
			Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
			Computation of Net Capital.
		• •	Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
		• •	Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
			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.
			A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
		(1)	Consolidation.
	Χ	(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.
- (o) Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control.

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

# Lilling & Company LLP

**Certified Public Accountants** 

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members Chardan Capital Markets LLC New York, New York

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Chardan Capital Markets LLC, (the Company) as of December 31, 2012, that are filed 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 Financial Statements

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; 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free from 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

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

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS Great Neck, New York February 27, 2013

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2012

# ASSETS

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Cash Due from broker Securities owned Property and equipment, net Loan receivable, related party Other assets	\$ 781,502 2,195,805 75,126 83,775 67,866 451,864
	\$ 3,655,938
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Accrued expenses and accounts payable Subordinated loans payable Securities sold, not yet purchased	\$ 756,296 550,000 617,418
	1,923,714
Member's equity	1,732,224
	<u>\$ 3,655,938</u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2012

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

Chardan Capital Markets, LLC (the "Company") is organized to be active in various aspects of the securities industry and is registered to be a broker-dealer with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company is a non-clearing broker and does not handle any customer funds or securities. There were no liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors during the year ended December 31, 2012. The Company is 100% owned by Chardan Securities LLC and is located in New York City.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Accounting Standards Codification

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Statement No. 168, *The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*, effective for periods ending after September 15, 2009. This Statement establishes the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") as the single source of authoritative United States generally accepted accounting and reporting standards for nongovernmental entities, in addition to guidance issued by the SEC and these financial statements are referenced accordingly.

#### Property and Equipment

Property, equipment and leasehold improvements are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation of assets is provided using the straight-line method for financial statement reporting purposes over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from three to seven years. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of the remaining lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset.

#### Income Taxes

The Company is organized as a limited liability company and is recognized as a partnership for income tax purposes. No provision has been made for federal and state income taxes, since these taxes are the personal responsibility of the members. The Company is subject to New York City Unincorporated Business Tax. No provision for New York City Unincorporated Business Tax was necessary for the year ended December 31, 2012.

In accordance with ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, the Company is required to disclose unrecognized tax benefits resulting from uncertain tax positions. At

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2012

December 31, 2012, the Company did not have any unrecognized tax benefits or liabilities. The Company operates in the United States and in state and local jurisdictions, and the previous three years remain subject to examination by tax authorities. There are presently no ongoing income tax examinations.

Securities Transactions and Commissions

Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Commissions, trading activity and related clearing expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis as securities transactions occur.

Securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased, are recorded at current market value. Securities not readily marketable are valued at fair value as determined by management, which approximates estimated realizable value. Securities not readily marketable include investment securities that cannot be offered or sold because of restrictions or conditions applicable to the securities or to the Company.

Investment Banking/Other Fee Income

Investment banking revenues include gains, losses, and fees, net of syndicate expenses, arising from securities offerings in which the Company acts as an underwriter or agent. Investment banking revenues also include fees earned from providing merger-acquisition and financial restructuring advisory services. Investment banking fees are recorded on offering date, sales concessions on settlement date, and underwriting fees at the time the underwriting is completed and the income is reasonably determinable.

Significant Credit Risk and Estimates

The Company's clearing and execution agreement provides that it's clearing firm, Apex Clearing Corp. ("Apex") credit losses relating to unsecured margin accounts receivable of the Company's customers are charged back to the Company.

In accordance with industry practice, Apex records customer transactions on a settlement date basis, which is generally three business days after the trade date. Apex is therefore exposed to risk of loss on these transactions in the event of the customer's inability to meet the terms of its contracts, in which case may have to purchase or sell the underlying financial instruments at prevailing market prices in order to satisfy its customer-related obligations. Any loss incurred by Apex is charged back to the Company.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2012

The Company, in conjunction with Apex, controls off-balance sheet risk by monitoring the market value and marking securities to market on a daily basis and by requiring adjustments of collateral levels. Apex establishes margin requirements and overall credit limits for such activities and monitors compliance with the applicable limits and industry regulations on a daily basis.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management of the Company to use estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Valuation of Investments

All investments in securities are recorded at their estimated fair value, as described in note 3

#### 3. SECURITIES VALUATION

The Company utilizes various methods to measure the fair value of most of its investments on a recurring basis. GAAP establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods. The three levels of inputs are as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Company's own assumptions about the assumptions that a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and that would be based on the best information available.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in level 3. As of December 31, 2012, the Company did not have any Level 3 securities.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2012

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Fair Value Measurements

A description of the valuation techniques applied to the Company's major categories of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis follows.

Equity securities: Securities traded on a registered U.S securities exchange are valued based on the last sale price of the security reported on the principle exchange on which it is traded, prior to the time when the Company's assets are valued. In the absence of a sale, the security is valued at the last sale price on the prior trading day, if it is within the spread of the current day's closing "bid" and the "asked" prices, and if not, at the current day's closing bid price. To the extent these securities are actively traded, and valuation adjustments are not applied, they are categorized in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. Securities that are traded in inactive markets or are not registered are categorized in level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The following table summarizes the inputs used to value the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value as of December 31, 2012.

Acceto	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		<u>Total</u>	
Assets Equity securities	<u>\$</u>	49,722	<u>\$</u>	25,404	\$	-	<u>\$</u>	75,126
Liabilities Equity securities	<u>\$</u>	85,642	<u>\$</u>	<u>531,776</u>	\$	_	<u>\$</u>	<u>617,418</u>

Level 3 Change in Financial Assets and Liabilities

	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	Realized Gains <u>(Losses)</u>	Purchases, Issuances and <u>Settlements</u>	Ending Balance	
Assets Securities owned, not readily marketable	<u>\$ 66,409</u>	<u>\$ (66,409)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2012

### 4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

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Property and equipment consist of the following at December 31, 2012:

Computer equipment and software	\$ 416,318
Furniture and Fixtures	189,786
Leasehold improvement	<u>91,308</u>
	\$ 697,412
Less accumulated depreciation and	
amortization	<u>    613,637</u>
	<u>\$ 83,775</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$84,658 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

#### 5. SUBORDINATED LIABILITIES

The Company's subordinated liabilities at December 31, 2012 consist of subordinated notes issued to the officers' of the Company. The notes bear interest at 24% and are due on January 21, 2013. Interest expense on the subordinated liability amounted to approximately \$8,000 as of December 31, 2012. The subordinated notes were approved by FINRA, effective December 18, 2012.

In 2013, the subordinated notes and related interest expense of \$16,500 were paid in full.

#### 6. COMMITMENT AND CONTINGENCIES

#### Lease

The Company entered into a lease for office space, which was amended and expires on July 31, 2013 and calls for monthly payments and specified escalations. Included in operations for 2012 is rent expense of approximately \$506,000.

Future minimum annual lease payments are approximately \$250,000 for the year ending December 31, 2013.

#### Letter of Credit

The Company was issued letter of credit of approximately \$75,000 for the rent security deposit required for the office lease. The letter of credit is secured by a money market account, which is restricted and is included in other assets.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2012

#### Litigation

The Company is subject to various claims and arbitration in the normal course of business. The Company believes that the resolution of these matters will not have a material impact on these financial statements.

## 7. COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKERS AND DEALERS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3

The Company is exempt for the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to Paragraph (k)(2)(ii). As an introducing broker, the Company clears customer transactions on a fully disclosed basis with Apex. Apex carries all of the accounts of such customers and maintains and preserves such books and records.

#### 8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As of December 31, 2012, loans receivable from related parties consists of the following:

		<u>Amount</u>	Maturity	<u>Interest</u>	
Loan to officer	\$	56,683	Due on demand	Non-interest bearing	
Loans to related party under common ownership		11,183	Due on demand	Non-interest	
	<u>\$</u>	67,866		bearing	

In 2012, the Officers' of the company contributed \$22,500 to the Company.

#### 9. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform 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, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 (and that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1.) At December 31, 2012, the Company had net capital of \$1,262,059, which was \$1,153,559 in excess of its required net capital of \$108,500. The Company had a percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital of 60% as of December 31, 2012.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2012

#### 10. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

The Company sponsors a discretionary match 401(k) plan, which covers substantially all employees. Employee contributions to the plan are at the discretion of eligible employees. The Company match to the plan was approximately \$28,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

#### 11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated and noted no events or transactions that have occurred after December 31, 2012 that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.