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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	January 1, 2012	AND ENDING	December 31, 2012
A.	REGISTRANT IDE	ENTIFICATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Cirrus Rese	earch, LLC (A Limited	Liability Company)	
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ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)			FIRM ID NO.
303 South Broadway, Suite 212	(No. and Street)		
W.C.	·		•
Tarrytown		NY	10591
(City)		(State)	(Zip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON	ON TO CONTACT IN F	REGARD TO THIS REP	ORT
Jay Lipner, CPA			516-487-4070
			(Area Code Telephone No.)
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INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	whose opinion is conta	ained in this report*	
Lipner, Sofferman & Co., LLP			
(Nan	ne – if individual, state, last, fir:	st, middle name)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Satya Pradhuman, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of <u>Cirrus Research</u>, <u>LLC (A Limited Liability Company)</u>, as of December 31, <u>2012</u>, 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:

THIRZA T. MORAN
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK
No. 01MO6213717
Qualified in New York County
My Commission Expires November 16, 2013

Signati

Title

CED, DIRECTOR of RESPONS

Notany Public

This report** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- X (a) Facing page.
- X (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- X (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- X (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- X (e) Statement of Changes in Member's Equity or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
 - (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- X (g) Computation of Net Capital.
 - (h) Computation of Determination for Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
 - (I) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- X (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.
- X (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with focus report.
- X (I) 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.
- X (o) Auditors' Report on Internal Control Structure Required by SEC Rule 17a-5.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Cirrus Research, LLC (A Limited Liability Company) 303 South Broadway, Suite 212 Tarrytown, NY 10591

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Cirrus Research, LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2012, and the related statements of operations, changes in member'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.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cirrus Research, LLC 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 supplemental 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 supplemental 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 supplemental information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Lipner, Safferman + Co., cep

Jericho, NY February 22, 2013

(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2012

ASSETS

Current assets: Cash Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses Total current assets	\$ 320,982 80,197 10,064 411,243
Property and equipment Less: accumulated depreciation	54,598 (52,614) 1 ,984
Security deposits	<u>19,684</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 432,911</u>
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY	
Current liabilities: Accrued expenses Total current liabilities	\$ 21,994 21,994
Member's equity	410,917
Total liabilities and member's equity	<u>\$ 432,911</u>

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

Income: Research services	<u>\$ 1,363,723</u>
Expenses:	
Payroli and related expenses	685,189
Data services	228,281
Travel, meals and entertainment	62,597
Telephone and communications	36,468
Professional fees	37,321
Consulting fees	73,150
Computer expense	30,610
Office expense	9,153
Insurance	33,951
Dues and fees	13,989
Rent	84,537
Depreciation	4,904
Bank charges	1,000
Other	2,602
	<u>1,303,752</u>
Net income	\$ 59.971

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STATEMENT OF MEMBER'S EQUITY

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

 Balance, January 1, 2012
 \$ 350,946

 Less: net income
 59,971

 Balance, December 31, 2012
 \$ 410,917

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

Cash flows from operating activities: Net income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities		\$	59,971
Depreciation	\$ 4,904		
Increase in accounts receivable	(46,697)		
Decrease in prepaid expenses	4,365		
Increase in accrued expenses	<u>6,310</u>		
Total adjustments			<u>(31,118)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities			28,853
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			
			28,853
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning			
			<u> 292,129</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending		•	
Ourselemental disclosures of		<u>s</u>	<u>320,982</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: Cash paid during the year for:			
Income taxes paid during year	:		
Interest paid during year		\$	
		\$	

(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2012

1. <u>Statement of Significant Accounting Policies</u>:

Organization:

Cirrus Research, LLC (A Limited Liability Company), a New York limited liability company, is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. The company performs research services to various investment companies.

Concentration of Risk:

As of December 31, 2012, the Bank of America bank statement indicated a balance of \$339,739. This amount is held in a non-interest bearing account. All funds in a non-interest bearing transaction account are insured in full by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) from December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2012. This temporary unlimited coverage is in addition to, and separate from, the coverage of at least \$250,000 available to depositors under the FDIC's general deposit insurance rules.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash equivalents are limited to short term, highly liquid investments that are both readily convertible to known amounts of cash and of an original maturity of three months or less.

Use of Estimates:

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

Property and Equipment:

Property and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Repairs and maintenance charges, which do not increase the useful lives of assets, are charged to income as incurred. Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$4,904.

Leases:

The company entered into a lease agreement with Am Trust Realty Corp. for the rental of property located at 303 South Broadway, Suite 212, Tarrytown, NY 10591. This agreement commenced on June 1, 2008, for a term of 64 months. The lease was made at the following monthly rental rates: \$6,335 with respect to the period from the October 1, 2009 through September 1, 2010; \$6,561 from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011; \$6,788 from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012; and \$7,014 with respect to the remainder of the lease.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

DECEMBER 31, 2012

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

The minimum lease payments for the lease term are:

Year Ended December 31,

2013

\$ 63,126 \$ 63,126

Income Taxes:

No provision for federal and state income taxes is made in these financial statements as these taxes are the responsibility of the member under this form of organization.

2. <u>Net Capital Requirements:</u>

Cirrus Research, LLC (A Limited Liability Company) is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's 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 (the rule of the New York Stock Exchange also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 15 to 1). At December 31, 2012, Cirrus Research, LLC (A Limited Liability Company) had net capital of \$298,825 after adjustments for non-allowable assets, which was \$293,825 in excess of its required net capital. Cirrus Research, LLC (A Limited Liability Company)'s net capital ratio was .0736 to 1.

3. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Credit Risk:

As a securities broker, the company is engaged in buying and selling securities for a diverse group of institutional and individual investors. The company's transactions are collateralized and are executed with and on behalf of banks, brokers and dealers and other financial institutions. The company introduces these transactions for clearance to other broker/dealers on a fully disclosed basis.

The company's exposure to credit risk associated with non-performance of customers in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets which may impair customers' ability to satisfy their obligations to the company and the company's ability to liquidate the collateral at an amount equal to the original contracted amount. The agreement between the company and its clearing brokers provides that the company is obligated to assume any exposure related to such non-performance by its customers.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

DECEMBER 31, 2012

3. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Credit Risk (continued):

The company seeks to control the aforementioned risks by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory requirements and the clearing brokers internal guidelines.

The company monitors its customers' activity by reviewing information it receives from its clearing brokers on a daily basis, and requiring customers to deposit additional collateral, or reduce positions when necessary.

4. Commitments and Contingencies:

The company had no significant contingent liabilities requiring disclosure in the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER S.E.C. RULE 15c3-1

DECEMBER 31, 2012

Computation of net capital Member's equity Less:	<u>\$ 410,917</u>
Non-allowable assets: Accounts receivable Other assets Property and equipment Security deposits	80,197 10,227 1,984 19,684 112,092
Net capital	\$ 298,825
Computation of basic net capital requirement	
Minimum net capital requirements - the greater of \$5,000 or 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness	\$ 5,000
Excess net capital	\$ 293,825
Computation of aggregate indebtedness Total A.I. liabilities	<u>\$ 21,994</u>
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>7.36%</u>

Statement Pursuant to Paragraph (d)(4) of Rule 17-a-5
There are no material differences between this computation of net capital and the corresponding computation prepared by the Company and included in its unaudited Part IIA FOCUS Report as of December 31, 2012

(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

AND INFORMATION RELATING TO POSSESSION AND CONTROL

REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

DECEMBER 31, 2012

The Company is exempt from Securities Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to the exemptive provisions of sub-paragraph (k)(2)(i) and, therefore, is not required to maintain a "Special Reserve Bank Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers."



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS'

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE

REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

Cirrus Research, LLC (A Limited Liability Company) 303 South Broadway, Suite 212 Tarrytown, NY 10591

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Cirrus Research, LLC (A Limited Liability Company) (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 periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debts) 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 non review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
- 2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's previously mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the company's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined 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 the use of Cirrus Research, LLC (A Limited Liability Company), the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and other regulatory agencies which 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.

LIPNER, SOFFERMAN & CO., LLP

Lipner, Sufferma + Co., LLP

Jericho, NY February 22, 2013



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CIRRUS RESEARCH, LLC

(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE SIPC ASSESSMENT RECONCILIATION REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

To the Members of Cirrus Research, 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 Schedule of Assessment and Payments (Form SIPC-7) to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) for the year ended December 31, 2012, which were agreed to by Cirrus Research, LLC ("the Company") and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., SIPC, and other designated examining authority or specific parties of report, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating the Company's compliance with the applicable instructions of the Transitional 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 with respective cash disbursement records noting no differences;
- 2. Compared the amounts reported on the audited Form X-17A-5 for the year ended December 31, 2012 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 noting no differences;
- 4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers supporting the adjustments 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 the Company's compliance with the applicable instructions of the Transitional Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). 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.

Lipner, Soffema + Co., LEP

LIPNER, SOFFERMAN & CO., LLP

Jericho, NY February 22, 2013

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$\underline{\textbf{SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION}}$

ASSESSMENTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

SIPC Net Operating Revenues per General Assessment Reconciliation Form SIPC-7	<u>\$1,363,724</u>
General Assessments at .0025	\$ 3,409
Payment Remitted with Forms SIPC-6	<u> 1,672</u>
Amount due With Form SIPC-7	\$ 1.737