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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	01/01/12	AND ENDING	12/31/12
	MM/DD/YY		MM/DD/YY
	A. REGISTRANT IDENT	TIFICATION	
NAME OF BROKER DEALER:			
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Mufson Howe Hunter & Partners, LLC			FIRM ID NO
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINE	SS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.	.)	FIRM ID. NO.
1717 Arch Street, Suite 3230			
	(No. and Street)		
Philadelphia	PA		19103
(City)	(State)		(Zip Code)
n	A CCOLINIT A NIT IDENII	PIEIC A TION	
B	. ACCOUNTANT IDENT	TIFICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whos	e opinion is contained in this	Report*	
BBD, LLP			
	(Name - if individual, state last, firs	,	
1835 Market Street, 26 <sup>th</sup> Floor (Address)	Philadelphia (City)	PA (State)	
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□ Certified Public Accountant			
☐ Public Accountant			
☐ Accountant not resident in United Stat	es or any of its possessions.		
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<sup>\*</sup>Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).



### **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

	Mufson Howe Hunter & Parti	l statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of ners, LLC , as
_		_, 20_12 _, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
	ner the company nor any partner, proprietor, princ sified solely as that of a customer, except as follow	ipal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
Class	smed solely as that of a customer, except as follow	<b>'S.</b>
		Signature
		Title
	Notary Public	
Thic	report** contains (check all applicable boxes):	
	(a) Facing page.	
	(b) Statement of Financial Condition.	
	<ul><li>(c) Statement of Income (Loss).</li><li>(d) Statement of Cash Flows.</li></ul>	
	(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity o	or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
	(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinate	
	(g) Computation of Net Capital.	
	(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Req	
	(i) Information Relating to the Possession or control A Paconciliation, including appropriate explanation.	•
	Computation for Determination of the Reserve	ation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
		naudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods
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	(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and un consolidation.	
	<ul><li>(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unconsolidation.</li><li>(l) An Oath or Affirmation.</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unconsolidation.</li> <li>(l) An Oath or Affirmation.</li> <li>(m) A Copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.</li> </ul>	und 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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### **MUFSON HOWE HUNTER & PARTNERS LLC**

ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT

FORM X-17A-5

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Member
Mufson Howe Hunter & Partners LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Mufson Howe Hunter & Partners LLC (a Delaware Limited Liability Company) as of December 31, 2012, and the related statements of income, changes in ownership 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 the 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. 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 Mufson Howe Hunter & Partners 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 information contained on Pages 3, 4, and 7 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information on pages 3, 4, and 7 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

BBD, 228

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania February 28, 2013

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BROKER OR DEALER	Mufson Howe Hunter & Partners, LLC	N	3	
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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR NONCARRYING, NONCLEARING AND CERTAIN OTHER BROKERS OR DEALERS

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			ASSE	TC		SEC FILE I		Consolidated	198
			AGGL	-10				Jnconsolidated X	199
			<u>Allowable</u>			Non-Allowab		<u>Total</u>	199
1.	Cash	\$	\$ 257,648	200				\$ 257,648	750
2.	Receivables from brokers or dealers:	Ī	·					·	
	A. Clearance account	3	· 3	295					
	B. Other			300	\$_	2,533	550	2,533	810
3.	Receivables from non-customers			355			600	7	830
4.	Securities and spot commodities								
	owned, at market value:								
	A. Exempted securities			418					
	B. Debt securities			419					
	C. Options			420					
	D. Other securities	•	7	424					
	E. Spot commodities	4		430					850
5.	Securities and/or other investments								
	not readily marketable:								
	A. At cost 2 \$130					1			
_	B. At estimated fair value			440	_		610		860
6.	Securities borrowed under subordination agree-	-							
	ments and partners' individual and capital			460		!	620		000
	securities accounts, at market value:  A. Exempted			460	-		630		880
	securities \$ 150								
	B. Other								
	securities \$ 160								
7.	Secured demand notes			470			640		890
	market value of collateral:				_				
	A. Exempted								
	securities \$170								
	B. Other								
	securities \$180								
8.	Memberships in exchanges:								
	A. Owned, at								
	market \$190								
	B. Owned, at cost				_		650		
	C. Contributed for use of the company,				•				000
0	at market value  Investments in and receivables from				6 _		660		900
9.	affiliates, subsidiaries and								
	associates partnerships			480			670		910
10	Property, furniture, equipment,			1 -00	_		0,0		<u> </u>
	leasehold improvements and rights								
	under lease agreements, at cost-net								
	of accumulated depreciation								
	and amortization			490	_		680		920
11.	Other assets	,		535	_	44,119	735	44,119	930
12.	TOTAL ASSETS5	\$	257,648	540	\$ _	46,652	740	\$ 304,300	940
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BROKER OR DEALER	Mufson Howe Hunter & Partners, LLC	as of	12/31/12

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR NONCARRYING, NONCLEARING AND CERTAIN OTHER BROKERS OR DEALERS

#### LIABILITIES AND OWNERSHIP EQUITY

	<u>Liabilities</u>	A.I. <u>Liabilities</u>		Non-A.I. <u>Liabilities</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Bank loans payable	\$	1045 \$	1255	3 \$1470
14.	Payable to brokers or dealers:				
	A. Clearance account		1114	1315	1560
	B. Other	10	1115	1305	1540
15.	Payable to non-customers		1155	1355	1610
16.	Securities sold not yet purchased, at market value			1360	1620
17.	Accounts payable, accrued liabilities,				
	expenses and other	92,525	1205	1385	92,525 <b>1685</b>
18.	Notes and mortgages payable:				
	A. Unsecured		1210		1690
	B. Secured		<b>1211</b> 12	1390	141700
19.	Liabilities subordinated to claims				
	of general creditors:			[400]	[4-40]
	A. Cash borrowings			1400	1710
	1. from outsiders 9 \$ 970				
	2. Includes equity subordination (15c3-1(d))				
	of \$ 980			[4440]	4700
	B. Securities borrowings, at market value			1410	1720
	from outsiders \$ 990 C. Pursuant to secured demand note				
	collateral agreements			1420	1730
	1. from outsiders \$ 1000				
	2. Includes equity subordination (15c3-1(d))				
	of \$ 1010				
	D. Exchange memberships contributed for				
	use of company, at market value			1430	1740
	E. Accounts and other borrowings not				
	qualified for net capital purposes		1220	1440	1750
20.	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 92,525	1230 \$	1450	\$ 92.525 1760
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	Ownership Equity			_	
21.	Sole proprietorship				5 \$
22.	Partnership (limited partners)	, \$	1020)		211,775 1780
	Corporation:				
	A. Preferred stock				1791
	B. Common stock				1792
	C. Additional paid-in capital				1793
	D. Retained earnings				( ) 1794
	E. Total				_ 1795
	F. Less capital stock in treasury				V =
24.	TOTAL OWNERSHIP EQUITY				\$ 211,775 1800
25.	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNERSHIP				\$ 304.300 1810
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BROKER OR DEALER	Mufson Howe Hunter & Partners, LLC	as of <u>12/31/12</u>

	COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL			
1.	Total ownership equity from Statement of Financial Condition	\$	211,775	3480
2.	Deduct ownership equity not allowable for Net Capital		)	3490
3.	Total ownership equity qualified for Net Capital		211,775	3500
4.	• • • •	_		
	A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital			3520
	B. Other (deductions) or allowable credits (List)			3525
5.	Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities			3530
6.	Deductions and/or charges:			
	A. Total nonallowable assets from Statement of Financial Condition (Notes B and C)\$46,652 3540			
	B. Secured demand note deficiency			
	C. Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities-			
	proprietary capital charges			
	D. Other deductions and/or charges	Ĺ	46,652 )	3620
7.	Other additions and/or allowable credits (List)	_		3630
8.	Net capital before haircuts on securities positions20	\$_	165,123	3640
9.	Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable, pursuant to 15c3-1 (f)):			
	A. Contractual securities commitments\$			
	B. Subordinated securities borrowings			
	C. Trading and investment securities:			
	1. Exempted securities			
•	2. Debt securities			
30	3. Options			
	4. Other securities			
	D. Undue Concentration			
	E. Other (List)	<u>(</u>	)	3740
10.	Net Capital	\$ _	165,123	3750
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Re	econciliation with Company's computation (included in part II of Form X-17A-5 as of December 31, 2012):			
	Line 1: Total Ownership Equity, as reported in Company's part II (unaudited) Focus Report	\$	256,775	
	Audit adjustment to adjust uncollectible receivable	*	(45,000)	
	Total Ownership Equity per the preceding	\$	211.775	_
	··· - ································	-		=
	Line 6, A: Total nonallowable assets, as reported in Company's part II (unaudited) Focus Report	\$	91,652	
	Audit adjustment to adjust uncollectible receivable		(45,000)	
	Total nonallowable assets per the preceding	\$	46,652	

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as of 12/31/12

#### COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

#### Part A

11.	winimum net capital required (6-2/3% of line 18)\$	0,108	3/50
12.	Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement		
	of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)\$	5,000	3758
13.	Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12)\$	6,168	3760
14.	Excess net capital (line 10 less 13)\$	158,955	3770
15	Excess net capital at 100% (line 10 less 10% of line 18)	155,870	3780
	COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS		

16.	Total A.I. liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition\$	92,525	3790
17.	Add: _		
	A. Drafts for immediate credit21 \$21		
	B. Market value of securities borrowed for which no equivalent		
	value is paid or credited\$\$		
	C. Other unrecorded amounts (List)\$\$ 3820	\$	3830
18.	Total aggregate indebtedness\$	92,525	3840
19.	Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (line 18 ÷ by line 10)9	%56.03	3850
20.	Percentage of debt to debt-equity total computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1 (d)9	%0	3860

#### COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

#### Part B

21.	2% of combined aggregate debit items as shown in Formula for Reserve Requirements pursuant to Rule	
	15c3-3 prepared as of the date of the net capital computation including both brokers or dealers	
	and consolidated subsidiaries' debits\$	3970
22.	Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital	
	requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)	3880
23.	Net capital requirement (greater of line 21 or 22)\$	3760
24.	Excess net capital (line 10 less 23)\$	3910
	Net capital in excess of:	
	A. 5% of combined aggregate debit items or \$120,000\$	3920

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#### NOTES:

- (A) The minimum net capital requirement should be computed by adding the minimum dollar net capital requirement of the reporting broker dealer and, for each subsidiary to be consolidated, the greater of:
  - 1. Minimum dollar net capital requirement, or
  - 2. 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or 4% of aggregate debits if alternative method is used.
- (B) Do not deduct the value of securities borrowed under subordination agreements or secured demand note covered by subordination agreements not in satisfactory form and the market values of memberships in exchanges contributed for use of company (contra to item 1740) and partners' securities which were included in non-allowable assets.
- (C) For reports filed pursuant to paragraph (d) of Rule 17a-5, respondent should provide a list of material non-allowable assets.

#### See accompanying notes

BR	ROKER OR DEALER Mufson Howe Hunter Partners, LLC				
_	For the period (MMDDYY) from 24 01/01/12	3932	to <u>12</u>	/31/12	393
	Number of months included in this statement		12		393
	STATEMENT OF INCOME (LOSS)				
RE	VENUE				
1.	Commissions:				
	a. Commissions on transactions in exchange listed equity securities executed on an exchange	•			393
	b. Commissions on listed option transactions				393
	c. All other securities commissions				393
_	d. Total securities commissions				394
2.	Gains or losses on firm securities trading accounts				204
	a. From market making in options on a national securities exchange				394
	b. From all other trading				394 395
2	c. Total gain (loss)	-			395
3. 4.	Gains or losses on firm securities investment accounts.	•		889,246	39
4. 5.	Profit (loss) from underwriting and selling groups			009,240	39
5. 6.	Commodities revenue				399
7.	Fees for account supervision, investment advisory and administrative services				39
, . 3.	Other revenue				399
o. 9.	Total revenue			889,246	403
0.	PENSES  Salaries and other employment costs for general partners and voting stockholder officers	•		E40 707	412
				316,797	41
	Commissions paid to other broker-dealers				414
13.	Interest expense		-		40
11	Regulatory fees and expenses			8,317	419
	Other expenses			496,689	410
	Total expenses			023,803	420
NFT	T INCOME				
		<b>.</b>		404 557	\ <u></u>
	Net income (loss) before Federal income taxes and items below (Item 9 less Item 16)	_		134,557	) 42
18.	Provision for Federal income taxes (for parent only)				422
19	Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated subsidiaries not included above				42
20.	Extraordinary gains (losses)				422
	a. After Federal income taxes of				
21.	Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles				422
	Net income (loss) after Federal income taxes and extraordinary items			134,557	) 42
MO	NTHLY INCOME				
23.	Income (current month only) before provision for Federal income taxes and extraordinary items	\$ (		55,414	) 42

See accompanying notes

	For the period (MMDDYY) from	01/01/12	_ to	12/31/12
	EMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP EQUITY OPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION)			
Balance, beginning of period		\$		171,212 <b>42</b>
A. Net income (loss)	•	<u></u> (		134,557 ) 42
B. Additions (includes non-conforming capital of	29	4262		203,000 42
C. After Federal income taxes of		4272 ) (		27,880 ) <b>42</b>
Balance, end of period (From item 1800)		\$ =		211,775 42
STATEM	ENT OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS			
	TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS	•		_
		30 <b>\$</b> _		43
Balance, beginning of periodA. Increases	TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS	····· –		43

PART IIA								
BF	ROKER OR DEALER	Mufson Howe Hunter &	Partne	ers, LLC	as	of12	2/31/12	
		EXEMPI	IVE PR	OVISION UNDER F	RULE 15c3-3			
24.	•	ule 15c3-3 is claimed, identify below on is based (check one only)	v the se	ction upon				
	•	pital category as per Rule 15c3-1						4550
	* , * , * , * ,	al Account for the Exclusive Benefit		***************************************				1 4000
		intained					×	4560
		omer transactions cleared through					·	
	` ' ' ' '	n a fully disclosed basis. Name of						
	firm 31					4335		4570
	D. (k) (3)—Exempted	by order of the Commission (include	de copy	of letter)				4580
		withdrawn within the	next si	x months and accr	naturing or proposed to be ruals, (as defined below), utation of Net Capital.			
	Type of Proposed withdrawal or Accrual (See below for code)	Name of Lender or Contributor		Insider or Outsider? (In or Out)	Amount to be With- drawn (cash amount and/or Net Capital Value of Securities)	(MMDDY Withdrawa Maturity Date	l or	Expect to Renew (yes or no)
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<b>▼</b> 31	4600		4601	4602	4603		4604	4605
<b>▼</b> 32	4610		4611	4612	4613		4614	4615
<b>▼</b> 33	4620		4621	4622	4623		4624	4625

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Instructions: Detail listing must include the total of items maturing during the six month period following the report date, regardless of whether or not the capital contribution is expected to be renewed. The schedule must also include proposed capital withdrawals scheduled within the six month period following the report date including the proposed redemption of stock and anticipated accruals which would cause a reduction of Net Capital. These anticipated accruals would include amounts of bonuses, partners' drawing accounts, taxes and interest on capital, voluntary contributions to pension or profit sharing plans, etc., which have not been deducted in the computation of Net Capital, but which you anticipate will be paid within the next six months.

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**DESCRIPTION** 

**Equity Capital** 

2.

Subordinated Liabilities

3.

Accruals

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

#### Year ended December 31, 2012

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net loss	\$ (134,557)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used for operating activities	
Bad debt expense	45,000
(Increase) decrease in Accounts receivable Other assets	(7,498) (4,393)
Increase (decrease) in Accounts payable and accrued expenses	51,199
Net cash used for operating activities	(50,249)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Capital contributions Capital distributions	203,000 (27,880)
Net cash provided by financing activities	175,120
Net increase in cash	124,871
CASH Beginning of year	132,777
End of year	<u>\$ 257,648</u>

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **December 31, 2012**

#### (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Organization**

Mufson Howe Hunter & Partners LLC ("MHHP") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mufson Howe Hunter & Company LLC ("MHHC"). MHHP is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

MHHP is an independent investment bank serving middle-market companies, primarily in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States. MHHP provides strategic and financial advice to clients on such matters as financing growth, mergers and acquisitions, recapitalizations or sale of their businesses. The firm also raises debt and equity from banks, private equity firms and other institutional sources to finance such activities. Mufson Howe Hunter & Partners, LLC, is a member of SIPC.

#### **Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject MHHP to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash. MHHP deposits its cash with its bank, which is a high credit, quality financial institution. At times, these deposits may be in excess of the FDIC insurance limit.

#### Revenue Recognition

Investment banking and other financial advisory fees generally consist of retainers and success fees. Retainers are recognized as revenue in accordance with the terms of the engagement and success fees are recognized as revenue predominantly when the transaction is completed or closed. Expenses associated with such transactions are recognized as incurred.

#### **Income Taxes**

MHHP is a limited liability company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of MHHC which is also a limited liability company. For both federal and state tax purposes, LLC's are taxed as partnerships. All income taxes on net earnings are payable by the members of the LLC and, accordingly, no provision for income taxes is required.

The Company accounts for uncertain tax positions using the accounting standard on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes. This standard clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements by prescribing a threshold and measurement attributes for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. It also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting for interim periods, disclosure and transition. It is the Company's policy to record interest and penalties related to uncertain income tax positions, if any, as a component of income tax expense.

As of December 31, 2012, the Company had no uncertain tax positions that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. The Company does not file income tax returns because it is a disregarded entity for income tax purposes.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **December 31, 2012**

#### (2) COMMITMENTS

At present, MHHC is a holding company and all business is conducted through MHHP. Consequently, MHHP and MHHC have agreed that MHHP is responsible for substantially all of the operating expenses incurred by either entity. MHHC entered into a non-cancelable operating lease for the offices of MHHC and MHHP. This lease expires in July 2019 and requires MHHC to pay monthly its proportionate share of the operating expenses of the building. Rent expense in connection with this lease was \$163,548 for the year ended December 31, 2012. The future minimum rent payments under this lease are as follows: \$157,258 in 2013, \$160,316 in 2014, \$167,375 in 2015, \$166,433 in 2016 and \$169,492 in 2017 and \$285,046 thereafter. MHHC and MHHP entered into a rent allocation agreement whereby MHHP has agreed to make all required payments of the aforementioned lease. This agreement is a one-year agreement which renews automatically at the beginning of each year unless amended by mutual consent of the parties.

MHHC has also entered into operating leases for office equipment expiring in September 2014. MHHP has agreed to assume 100% of the costs associated with these leases. Base lease and usage expenses in connection with these leases were \$13,379 for the year ended December 31, 2012. Future minimum lease payments under these leases are \$5,951 in 2013 and \$4,463 in 2014.

Furthermore, MHHC has entered into a licensing agreement for database access expiring in November 2012. MHHP has agreed to pay all costs associated with this agreement. The expense associated with this agreement was \$35,849 for the year ended December 31, 2012. Future minimum lease payments under this lease are \$34,364 in 2013.

#### (3) REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

MHHP is exempt from the provisions of rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (reserve requirement for broker/dealers) in that MHHP does not hold funds or securities for customers.

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, MHHP is required to maintain a minimum net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of \$5,000 or 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness. Net capital and the related net capital ratio may fluctuate on a daily basis. At December 31, 2012, MHHP had net capital of \$165,123, which was \$158,955 iin excess of its required net capital of \$6,168.

#### (4) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date and time the financial statements were issued on February 28, 2013. No material subsequent events have occurred since December 31, 2012 that required recognition or disclosure in our current period financial statements.



## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

## To the Members Mufson Howe Hunter & Partners LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Mufson Howe Hunter & Partners, LLC ("MHHP"), 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 MHHP 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 MHHP 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 MHHP 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 MHHP 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 MHHP 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 MHHP'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 MHHP's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2012, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania February 28, 2013



# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES RELATED TO AN ENTITY'S SIPC ASSESSMENT RECONCILIATION

To the Member of Mufson, Howe, Hunter & Partners, 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 [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 Mufson, Howe, Hunter & Partners, LLC and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating Mufson, Howe, Hunter & Partners, LLC's compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). Mufson, Howe, Hunter & Partners, LLC's management is responsible for Mufson, Howe, Hunter & Partners, LLC'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 entries from checking account statements noting no differences;
- 2. Compared the amounts reported on 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 noting no differences; and
- 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 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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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania February 28, 2013

## SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT AND PAYMENTS TO THE SECURITIES INVESTORS PROTECTION CORPORATION (SIPC) – PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(e)(4)

## Year ended December 31, 2012 General assessment

4.723

4,723

Less

Prior year overpayment applied

Payments made:

SIPC-6: July 31, 2012 SIPC-7: February 28, 2013 \$ 1,075 3,648

Total assessment balance due

Total revenue (Focus Line 12/Part IIA Line 9)

\$ 1,889,246

Additions

Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above

Determination of SIPC net operating revenues and general assessment

Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts
Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts
Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining total revenue
Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or
distribution of securities

Expenses other that advertising, printing, registration fees and legal fees deducted in determining net profit from management or participation in underwriting or distribution of securities

Net loss from securities in investment accounts

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Total additions

#### **Deductions**

Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit investment trust, from the sale of variable annuities, from the business of insurance, from investment advisory services rendered to registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts, and from transactions in security futures products

Revenues from commodity transactions

Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with security transactions

Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation

Net gain from securities in investment accounts

100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of deposit and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptance or commercial paper that mature nine months or less from issuance date

Direct expenses of printing, advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with other revenue related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Act)

Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business

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The greater of:

Total interest and dividend expense (Focus Line 22/Part IIA, Line 13 plus interest and dividend income included in additions in total revenues above 40% of interest earned on Customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS Line 5)

Total deductions
SIPC net operating revenues

General assessment @ .0025

\$ <u>1,889,246</u> \$ 4,723