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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING January 1, 2013 AND ENDING December 31, 2013  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC

OFFICIAL USE ONLY  
FIRM I.D. NO.

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

115 Sansome Street, Mez A

(No. and Street)

San Francisco

California

94104

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Vincent McCarely

(415) 392-5505

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

Breard & Associates, Inc. Certified Public Accountants

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

9221 Corbin Avenue, Suite 170

Northridge

California

91324

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

**CHECK ONE:**

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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\*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)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Vincent McCarley, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC, as of December 31, 2013, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

State of California
County of San Francisco
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 15th day of January, 2014 by Vincent McCarley proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidences to be the person who appeared before me.

Signature: Vincent McCarley
Title: CFO

Notary Public



- This report \*\* contains (check all applicable boxes)
(a) Facing Page.
(b) Statement of Financial Condition.
(c) Statement of Income (Loss).
(d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
(g) Computation of Net Capital.
(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
(i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
(j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
(l) An Oath or Affirmation.
(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
(n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

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



**BREARD & ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors  
Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC:

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2013, and the related statements of income, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing 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 Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC as of December 31, 2013, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity 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 in Schedules I, II, and III 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 in Schedules I, II, and III 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 in Schedules I, II, and III is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



Breard & Associates, Inc.

Certified Public Accountants

Oakland, California

February 21, 2014

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**December 31, 2013**

**Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 139,363
Deposit with clearing organization	1,161,969
Accounts receivable	19,457
Prepaid expense	<u>48,188</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,368,977</u></b>

**Liabilities and Members' Equity**

**Liabilities**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 18,277
Retirement and profit sharing payable	<u>533,025</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>551,302</b>

Commitments and contingencies

**Members' equity**

Members' equity	<u>817,675</u>
<b>Total members' equity</b>	<b><u>817,675</u></b>
<b>Total liabilities and members' equity</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,368,977</u></b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**  
**Statement of Income**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

**Revenues**

Underwriting fees	\$ 1,893,265
Financial advisory fees	552,858
Commissions	171,348
Other income	<u>36,921</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>2,654,392</b>

**Expenses**

Employee compensation and benefits	1,708,155
Commissions and floor brokerage expense	76,388
Communication and data processings	71,510
Occupancy and equipment rental	58,079
Professional fees	107,403
Other operating expenses	<u>578,401</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>2,599,936</u></b>

**Net income (loss) before income tax provision** 54,456

**Income tax provision** 6,800

**Net income (loss)** **\$ 47,656**

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**  
**Statement of Changes in Members' Equity**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	<u>Members'</u> <u>Equity</u>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2012</b>	\$ 811,005
Member's distributions	(40,986)
Net income (loss)	<u>47,656</u>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2013</b>	<u>\$ 817,675</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

**Cash flow from operating activities:**

Net income (loss)		\$ 47,656
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Deposit with clearing organization	(716,709)	
Accounts receivable	\$ 97,493	
Investments, at market value	35,172	
Prepaid expense	(4,720)	
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,150	
Retirement and profit sharing payable	<u>338,025</u>	
Total adjustments		<u>(244,589)</u>
<b>Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) operating activities</b>		<b>(196,933)</b>

**Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) investing activities** **-**

**Cash flow from financing activities:**

Capital distributions		<u>(40,986)</u>
<b>Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) financing activities</b>		<b><u>(40,986)</u></b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(237,919)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>		<b><u>377,282</u></b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>		<b><u>\$ 139,363</u></b>

**Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:**

Cash paid during the year for:

Interest		\$ -
Income taxes		\$ 6,800

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2013**

**Note 1: GENERAL AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*General*

Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC (the "Company"), was incorporated in the State of California on June 4, 2002. The Company is registered as a broker/dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"), and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB").

The Company provides public finance services as a municipal securities broker-dealer, government securities broker-dealer, non-profit securities broker-dealer, and financial advisor. Regarding municipal fixed income securities, the Company services most major institutional clients and specializes in selling bonds to small and medium sized institutional buyers, in addition to retail clients of bank trust departments, money managers, and advisors.

Under its membership agreement with FINRA and pursuant to Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii), the Company conducts business on a fully disclosed basis and does not execute or clear securities transactions for customers. Accordingly, the Company is exempt from the requirement of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 pertaining to the possession or control of customer assets and reserve requirements.

*Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

For purposes relating to the statement of cash flows, the Company has defined cash equivalents as highly liquid investments, with original maturities of less than three months, that are not held for sale in the ordinary course of business.

Accounts receivable are stated at face amount with no allowance for doubtful accounts. An allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary because probable uncollectible accounts are immaterial.

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2013**

**Note 1: GENERAL AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES  
(Continued)**

Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis with related commission income and expenses also recorded on a trade date basis. Underwriting fees are recorded at the time the underwriting is completed and the income is reasonably determined. Financial advisory fees are recognized as earned on a pro rata basis over the term of the contract.

The Company has adopted FASB ASC 320, Investments — Debt and Equity Securities. As such, marketable securities held by the Company are classified as trading securities and stated at their fair market value based on quoted market prices. Realized gains or losses from the sale of marketable securities are computed based on specific identification of historical cost. Unrealized gains or losses on marketable securities are computed based on specific identification of recorded cost, with the change in fair value during the period included in income.

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. For the year ended December 31, 2013, advertising expense was \$5,307.

The Company, with the consent of its Members, has elected to be a California Limited Liability Company. For tax purposes the Company is treated like a partnership, therefore in lieu of business income taxes, the Members are taxed on the Company's taxable income. Accordingly, no provision or liability for Federal Income Taxes is included in these financial statements.

**Note 2: DEPOSIT WITH CLEARING ORGANIZATION**

The Company has a brokerage agreement with Wedbush Securities, Inc ("Clearing Broker") to carry its account and the accounts of its clients as customers of the Clearing Broker. The Clearing Broker has custody of the Company's cash balances which serve as collateral for any amounts due to the Clearing Broker as well as collateral for securities sold short or securities purchased on margin. Interest is paid monthly on these cash deposits at the average overnight repurchase rate. The balance at December 31, 2013 was \$1,161,969.

**Note 3: INCOME TAXES**

The Company, with the consent of its Members, has elected to be a California Limited Liability Company. For tax purposes the Company is treated like a partnership, therefore in lieu of business income taxes, the Members are taxed on the Company's taxable income. Accordingly, no provision or liability for Federal Income Taxes is included in these financial statements.

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2013**

**Note 3: INCOME TAXES**  
**(Continued)**

The Company is subject to a limited liability company gross receipts tax, with a minimum franchise tax. As of December 31, 2013, the income tax provision consists of the following:

Franchise tax	\$ 800
Gross receipts tax	<u>6,000</u>
Total income tax provision	<u>\$ 6,800</u>

The Company is required to file income tax returns in both federal and state tax jurisdictions. The Company's tax returns are subject to examination by taxing authorities in the jurisdictions in which it operates in accordance with the normal statutes of limitations in the applicable jurisdiction. For federal purposes, the statute of limitations is three years. Accordingly, the company is no longer subject to examination of federal returns filed more than three years prior to the date of these financial statements. The statute of limitations for state purposes is generally three years, but may exceed this limitation depending upon the jurisdiction involved. Returns that were filed within the applicable statute remain subject to examination. As of December 31, 2013, the IRS has not proposed any adjustment to the Company's tax position.

**Note 4: PENSION PLAN**

The Company provides certain retirement benefits to its eligible employees. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standard Board ASC 712, such costs are to be accounted for on the accrual basis. Effective January 1, 2012, the Company adopted a qualified 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan"). All employees, 18 years of age or older, are eligible to participate in the Plan, provided they have been employed for more than a year with the Company. The employer's non-elective profit sharing contributions vest 100% after three years. The Company profit sharing contributions are discretionary and are determined each year by the Company. At December 31, 2013, the Company has accrued \$533,025 of contributions.

**Note 5: CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK**

The Company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities in which counter-parties primarily include broker-dealers, banks, and other financial institutions. In the event counter-parties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counter-party or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counter-party.

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2013**

**Note 6: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

*Commitments*

On July 1, 2002, the Company entered into a lease agreement for office space under a non-cancelable lease which was extended to June 30, 2017. The lease contains provisions for rent escalation based on increases in certain costs incurred by the lessor.

Current year rent expense consists of \$58,079 included in Occupancy expense on the Statement of Income.

At December 31, 2013, the minimum annual payments are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,		
2014	\$	37,302
2015		39,038
2016		40,772
2017		20,820
2018 & thereafter		-
	\$	<u>137,932</u>

*Contingencies*

The Company maintains several bank accounts at financial institutions. These accounts are insured either by the Federal Deposit Insurance Commission ("FDIC"), up to \$250,000, or the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"), up to \$500,000. At times during the year ended December 31, 2013, cash balances held in financial institutions were in excess of the FDIC and SIPC's insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and management believes that it has placed its cash on deposit with financial institutions which are financially stable.

The Company has evaluated events subsequent to the balance sheet date for items requiring recording or disclosure in the financial statements. The evaluation was performed through the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this review, the Company has determined that there were no events which took place that would have a material impact on its financial statements.

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2013**

**Note 7: RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (the “FASB”) has established the Accounting Standards Codification (“Codification” or “ASC”) as the authoritative source of generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) recognized by the FASB. The principles embodied in the Codification are to be applied by nongovernmental entities in the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP in the United States. New accounting pronouncements are incorporated into the ASC through the issuance of Accounting Standards Updates (“ASUs”).

For the year ending December 31, 2013, various ASUs issued by the FASB were either newly issued or had effective implementation dates that would require their provisions to be reflected in the financial statements for the year then ended. The Company has reviewed the following ASU releases to determine relevance to the Company’s operations:

<u>ASU No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
2011-05	Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income (June 2011).	After December 15, 2011
2011-11	Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities (December 2011).	After January 1, 2013
2011-12	Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassifications of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05 (December 2011)	After December 15, 2011
2013-02	Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (February 2013)	After December 15, 2013
2013-11	Income Taxes (Topic 740): Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists (July 2013).	After December 15, 2013

The Company has either evaluated or is currently evaluating the implications, if any, of each of these pronouncements and the possible impact they may have on the Company’s financial statements. In most cases, management has determined that the pronouncement has either limited or no application to the company and, in all cases, implementation would not have a material impact on the financial statements taken as a whole.

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2013**

**Note 8: NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC 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. Rule 15c3-1 also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. Net capital and aggregate indebtedness change day to day, but on December 31, 2013, the Company had net capital of \$1,283,055 which was \$1,183,055 in excess of its required net capital of \$100,000; and the Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness (\$18,277) to net capital was 0.01 to 1, which is less than the 15 to 1 maximum allowed.

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**  
**Schedule I - Computation of Net Capital Requirements**  
**Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1**  
**As of December 31, 2013**

**Computation of net capital**

Members' equity	\$ 817,675	
<b>Total members' equity</b>		\$ 817,675
Discretionary liabilities	533,025	
Total allowable subordinated liabilities		<u>533,025</u>
Total equity & allowable subordinated liability		1,350,700
Less: Non-allowable assets		
Accounts receivable	(19,457)	
Prepaid expense	<u>(48,188)</u>	
<b>Total non-allowable assets</b>		<u>(67,645)</u>
<b>Net capital</b>		1,283,055
<b>Computation of net capital requirements</b>		
Minimum net capital requirements		
6 2/3 percent of net aggregate indebtedness	\$ 1,218	
Minimum dollar net capital required	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	
Net capital required (greater of above)		<u>(100,000)</u>
<b>Excess net capital</b>		<u>\$ 1,183,055</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	0.01 : 1	

There was no material difference between net capital computation shown here and the net capital computation shown on the Company's unaudited Form X-17A-5 report dated December 31, 2013.

*See independent auditor's report*

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**  
**Schedule II - Computation for Determining of Reserve**  
**Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3**  
**As of December 31, 2013**

A computation of reserve requirements is not applicable to Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC as the Company qualifies for exemption under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii).

*See independent auditor's report*

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**  
**Schedule III - Information Relating to Possession or Control**  
**Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3**  
**As of December 31, 2013**

Information relating to possession or control requirements is not applicable to Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC as the Company qualifies for exemption under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii).

*See independent auditor's report*

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**  
**Supplementary Accountant's Report**  
**on Internal Accounting Control**  
**Report Pursuant to Rule 17a-5**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**



Board of Directors

Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC (the Company), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, 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 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

1. Making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the 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.

Control deficiencies are noted below under material weaknesses.

A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

The size of the business and the resultant limited number of employees imposes the practical limitations on the effectiveness of those internal control policies and procedures that depend on the segregation of duties. Because this condition is inherent in the size of the Company, the specific weaknesses are not described herein and no corrective action has been taken or proposed by the Company.

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 above.

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, 2013, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, 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.



Breard & Associates, Inc.

Certified Public Accountants

Oakland, California

February 21, 2014

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**  
**Report on the SIPC Annual Assessment**  
**Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 (e) 4**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**



Board of Directors  
Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., 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, 2013, which were agreed to by Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC's compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC's management is responsible Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., 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 contained in the client general ledger noting no differences;
2. Compared amounts reported on the unaudited Form X-17A-5 for the year ended December 31, 2013, with the amounts reported in General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7) for the year ended December 31, 2013, noting no differences;
3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with client prepared supporting schedules and working papers contained in our "A" work papers noting no differences;
4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations in the Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers prepared by Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC supporting the adjustments noting no differences; and
5. Compared the amount of any overpayment applied to the current assessment with the Form SIPC-7 on which it was originally computed 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.

*Breard & Associates, Inc.*

Breard & Associates, Inc.  
Certified Public Accountants

Oakland, California  
February 21, 2014

**Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC**  
**Schedule of Securities Investor Protection Corporation**  
**Assessments and Payments**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	<u>Amount</u>
Total assessment	\$ 6,636
SIPC-6 general assessment Payment made on July 29, 2013	(2,979)
SIPC-7 general assessment Payment made on February 12, 2014	<u>(3,657)</u>
Total assessment balance (overpayment carried forward)	<u>\$ -</u>