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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/13 AND ENDING 12/31/13 MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: LB GROUP LLC ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.) 1380 WEST PACES FERRY RD., SUITE 2240

OFFICIAL USE ONLY FIRM I.D. NO.

ATLANTA (City) (No. and Street) GA (State) 30327 (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT CAROL ANN KINZER 678-525-0992 (Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

WJB & Co., P.C. (Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name) 1720 Epps Bridge Parkway Suite 108-381 Athens GA 30606 (Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- [X] 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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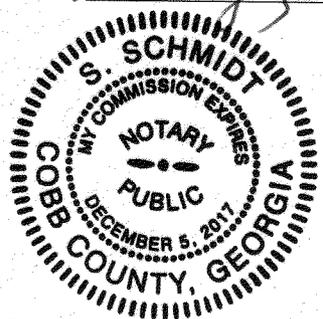
OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, A. Lyons Brewer, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of LB GROUP 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:

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[Signature]  
Signature  
Managing Member  
Title

[Signature]  
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).

**LB GROUP LLC**  
(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2013  
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**WJB & Co., P.C.**

**LB GROUP LLC**  
(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

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# WJB & CO., P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members  
LB Group LLC

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of LB Group 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 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.

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**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of LB Group LLC as of December 31, 2013, 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 in Schedule I 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 Schedule I 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 Schedule I is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*WJB & Co., P.C.*

Athens, Georgia  
February 17, 2014

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2013**

**ASSETS**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>	
Cash	\$ 228,550
Due from employee	366
Prepaid rent	1,000
Total current assets	229,916
<b>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</b>	
Less accumulated depreciation	10,229 (9,855)
Furniture and equipment - net	374
TOTAL	\$ 230,290

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 4,653
Total current liabilities	4,653
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>	
	225,637
TOTAL	\$ 230,290

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Notes to Financial Statements.

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**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Services	\$ 242,500
Reimbursed expenses	33,434
Total revenue	<b>\$ 275,934</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	
Payroll	222,330
Travel	56,170
Legal and professional fees	36,709
Rent	27,600
Regulatory fees	21,276
Automobile	9,468
Dues and subscriptions	8,663
Computer and technology	7,776
Office	5,916
Meals and entertainment	4,453
Telephone	2,253
Taxes and licenses	1,868
Depreciation	1,462
Insurance	1,066
Interest	1,030
Charitable contributions and gifts	773
Postage and delivery	596
Bank service charges	256
Total expenses	<b>409,665</b>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>\$ (133,731)</b>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY, JANUARY 1</b>	\$	359,368
Net loss		(133,731)
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY, DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>225,637</b>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Net loss	\$ (133,731)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used by operating activities	
Depreciation	1,462
Decrease in accounts receivable	7,500
Increase in due from employee	(366)
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(4,738)
Decrease in payroll payable	(31,281)
Net cash used by operating activities	(161,154)
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH</b>	<b>(161,154)</b>
<b>CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>389,704</b>
<b>CASH AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 228,550</b>

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**LB GROUP LLC**  
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2013

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**1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS**

LB Group LLC (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer in securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). The Company received its approval for membership on April 9, 2010. The Company is an independent, private equity placement and advisory firm focused on fund formation and marketing for highly differentiated, alternative institutional investment managers. With an over 20 year history of presenting compelling strategies to a well-diversified institutional investor base, the firm's professionals have raised commitments from institutional investors worldwide.

Since the Company is a limited liability company, the member is not liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, unless the member has signed a specific guarantee.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Accounting

The Company maintains its books and records on the accrual basis of accounting for financial reporting purposes, which is in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and is required by the SEC and FINRA.

Use of Estimates

The preparation 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company defines cash equivalents as highly liquid investments with original maturity dates of less than ninety days that are not held for sale in the ordinary course of business.

## **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

### Revenue Recognition

Revenue from services is recognized when the placement transaction or other service closes. Non-refundable retainers are recognized in accordance with the terms of the contract and are applied against transaction fees upon closing, if applicable.

### Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets (three to five years). The Company follows the policy of capitalizing all major additions, renewals and betterments. Minor replacements, maintenance, and repairs are expensed currently.

### Income Taxes

The Company is a limited liability company taxed as a partnership for income tax reporting purposes and as such, is not subject to income tax. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is provided in the financial statements.

## **3. CONCENTRATIONS**

The Company earned \$265,934 (96% of revenue) from two customers for the year ended December 31, 2013,

The Company maintains its cash accounts at one commercial bank in amounts that, at times, may exceed the federal insurance limit.

## **4. 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 (and the rule of the "applicable" exchange also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1). At December 31, 2013, the Company had net capital of \$223,897 which was \$218,897 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 2.08%.

## **5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company has evaluated commitments and contingencies in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 450, Contingencies (ASC 450) and Accounting Standards Codification 440, Commitments (ASC 440). Management has determined that no significant commitments and contingencies exist as of December 31, 2013.

## **6. COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

The Company qualifies under the exemption provisions of Rule 15c3-3, paragraph (k)(2)(i), as the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities. Under this exemption, the Company is not required to maintain a reserve account for the benefit of customers.

## **7. INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Security Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to paragraph (k)(2)(i) of the rule. The Company did not maintain possession or control of any customer funds or securities.

## **8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Company evaluated subsequent events through the date its financial statements were issued. The Company did not identify any material subsequent events requiring adjustment to or disclosure in its financial statements.

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**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013**

<b>SCHEDULE 1</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY QUALIFIED FOR NET CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$ 225,637</b>
<b>DEDUCTIONS AND/OR CHARGES:</b>	
Non-allowable assets:	
Due from employee	(366)
Furniture and equipment-net	(374)
Prepaid rent	(1,000)
<b>NET CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$ 223,897</b>
<b>AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS -</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,653
Total aggregate indebtedness	<b>\$ 4,653</b>
<b>COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT -</b>	
Minimum net capital required	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
Excess net capital	218,897
Net capital in excess of the greater of: 10% of aggregate indebtedness or 120% of minimum net capital requirement	217,897
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	2.08%

There is no material difference in the above computation and the Company's net capital, as reported in Company's Part IIA (unaudited) FOCUS report as of December 31, 2013.

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## REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

REQUIRED BY  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) RULE 17A-5  
FOR A BROKER-DEALER CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION FROM  
(SEC) RULE 15C3-3

To the Members  
LB Group LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplementary schedule of LB Group LLC (the "Company"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on 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 tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under 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 the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors 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 the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

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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 the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weakness 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 were adequate as of December 31, 2013 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report recognizes that it is not practicable in an organization the size of the Company to achieve all the division of duties and cross-checks generally included in a system of internal accounting control, and that alternatively, greater reliance must be placed on surveillance by management.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Members, 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 used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*WJB&C, P.C.*

Athens, Georgia  
February 17, 2014

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