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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 1/01/2013 AND ENDING 12/31/2013  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Minot Partners, LLC  
(NKA Gm Securities LLC)

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

219 North Milwaukee Street, 7th Floor

(No. and Street)

Milwaukee

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53202

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Clifford Douglas Mitman

(414-275-1120)

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Reilly, Penner & Benton LLP

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

1000 North Mayfair Rd, Suite 372

Milwaukee

53204

(Address)

(City)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

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

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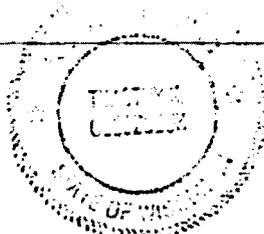
OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Clifford Douglas Matman, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Manor Partners LLC, as of December 31, 2023, 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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*[Handwritten Signature]*

Notary Public



*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature

Treasurer & CEO

Title

*My Commission is permanent.*

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(c)(3).

**MINOT PARTNERS, LLC**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Audited Financial Statements**

Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors  
Minot Partners, LLC  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Minot Partners, LLC as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity and cash flows for the years 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 the 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 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.

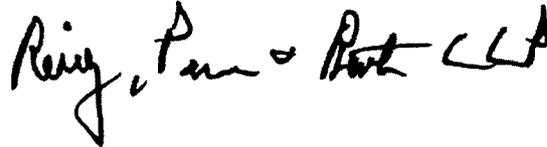
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements as a whole. The information contained in Schedule I is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic 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.



Reilly, Penner & Benton, LLP.  
February 18, 2014  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

MINOT PARTNERS, LLC  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Statements of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 11,622	\$ 6,625
Prepaid expenses	1,405	825
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<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 13,027</b>	<b>\$ 7,450</b>
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<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>Members' Equity:</b>		
Members' contributions	\$ 55,000	\$ 30,000
Retained earnings	(41,973)	(22,550)
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<b>Total members' equity</b>	<b>13,027</b>	<b>7,450</b>
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<b>Total liabilities and members' equity</b>	<b>\$ 13,027</b>	<b>\$ 7,450</b>
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The accompanying notes to financial statements  
are an integral part of these statements.

**MINOT PARTNERS, LLC**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Statements of Operations**  
Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<b>Income:</b>		
Interest income	\$ 13	\$ 17
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>		
Insurance	605	860
Dues and subscriptions	13,095	951
Professional fees	2,736	2,000
Rent expense	3,000	3,679
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<u>19,436</u>	<u>7,490</u>
<b>Net loss</b>	<u>\$ (19,423)</u>	<u>\$ (7,473)</u>

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**MINOT PARTNERS, LLC**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Statements of Changes in Members' Equity**  
Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Members' equity, beginning balance	\$ 7,450	\$ 14,923
Capital contributions	25,000	--
Net loss for year	<u>(19,423)</u>	<u>(7,473)</u>
<b>Members' equity, ending balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 13,027</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,450</u></b>

The accompanying notes to financial statements  
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**MINOT PARTNERS, LLC**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Statements of Cash Flows**  
Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>		
Net loss	\$ (19,423)	\$ (7,473)
<b>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</b>		
Prepaid expense	(580)	(825)
<b>Net cash used by operating activities</b>	<u>(20,003)</u>	<u>(8,298)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities:</b>		
Capital Contributions	<u>25,000</u>	---
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents</b>	4,997	(8,298)
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	<u>6,625</u>	<u>14,923</u>
<b>Cash and equivalents, end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 11,622</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,625</u></u>

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

**MINOT PARTNERS, LLC**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Notes to Financial Statements**  
December 31, 2013 and 2012

**1. Company Description**

Minot Partners, LLC (Company) is a Wisconsin corporation organized on June 24, 2010. The Company is a broker-dealer and in March 2011 became a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Company limits its business to private placement/limited partnership transactions executed directly with the M&A Sell Side or Buy Side Party (product sponsor) and transacts business with solely institutional customers. The firm delivers suitability forms, subscription documents, and payment directly to the product sponsor, depending on the type of offering. The product sponsor maintains customer accounts and delivers customer funds. Its customers are primarily businesses in the United States.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Cash and Equivalents**

Cash and equivalents consist of the Company's checking account.

**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.

**Revenue Recognition**

Revenues are recognized when earned.

**Income Taxes**

The Company was formed as a limited liability company (LLC). Income taxes due on the taxable income of a LLC are the responsibility of the members.

The Company has implemented accounting for uncertainty in income taxes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management has evaluated its tax positions and has determined that no reserves for uncertain tax positions were required to have been recorded. There are no tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly increase or decrease within twelve months. The Company is no longer subject to United States income tax examination for years before 2010.

**Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events for possible recognition or disclosure through February 18, 2014 the date the financial statements were available to be distributed. There were no subsequent events that required recognition or disclosure.

**3. Related-Party Activities**

The Company leases its premises from a related party through a sublease. Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 were \$3,000 and \$3,679 respectively. The rent agreement was signed on March 1, 2011 and expires on March 1, 2014. Future minimum rental payment is \$500 for 2014.

**MINOT PARTNERS, LLC**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Notes to Financial Statements**  
December 31, 2013 and 2012  
(Continued)

**4. Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires that the ratio of aggregated 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. At December 31, 2013, the Company's net capital and required net capital were \$11,622 and \$5,000, respectively. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 0.00 to 1.

**5. Filing Requirements**

There were no liabilities subordinated to claims of creditors during the period ended December 31, 2013. Accordingly, a statement of changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of creditors is not included in the financial statements as required by rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

MINOT PARTNERS, LLC  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Schedule I: Computation of Aggregated Indebtedness  
and Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1  
December 31, 2013

**Net Capital Computation:**

Members' equity at year end	\$ 13,027
Deductions:	
Other Assets	(1,405)
<b>Net capital</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,622</u></b>

**Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirement:**

Minimum net capital requirement (6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness)	<u>\$ -</u>
Minimum dollar net capital requirement	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Net capital requirement	<u>\$ 5,000</u>

**Computation of Aggregate Indebtedness:**

Total liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>
Aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$ -</u>
<b><u>Percentage of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital</u></b>	<u>0.00%</u>

**Reconciliation with Company's Computation (included in Part IIA of Form X-17A-5 as of December 31):**

Net capital, as reported in Company's Part IIA (unaudited) FOCUS report:	<u>\$ 11,622</u>
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**COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF THE RESERVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3**

Minot Partners LLC is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 under the provision of Rule 15c3-3(k)(1).

**INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3.**

Minto Partners LLC is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 under the provision of Rule 15c3-3(k)(1).

See Independent Auditors' Report.

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## Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control

To the Board of Directors  
Minot Partners, LLC  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Minot Partners, LLC, 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 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 includes 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 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 the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls, and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's 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 generally accepted accounting principles 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 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. We consider the following deficiency in the Company's internal control to be a significant deficiency:

### Segregation of Duties

The Company operates its accounting and reporting function with a small number of individuals, which precludes a proper segregation of duties. This condition is not, however, unusual in entities the size of Minot Partners, LLC. It is important for management to be aware of this condition, and to realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in one individual is not desirable from a control point of view. Under these conditions, the most effective controls rest in management's knowledge and monitoring of matters relating to the Company's financial affairs.

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 entity'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 that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined previously.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 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, 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.



February 18, 2014  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin