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

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2013 AND ENDING 12/31/2013
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Direct Edge ECN LLC dba: DE Route

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

545 Washington Blvd.
(No. and Street)

Jersey City NJ 07310
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

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

Derrick Shupe 913-815-7189
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

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

300 Madison Ave New York NY 10017
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

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

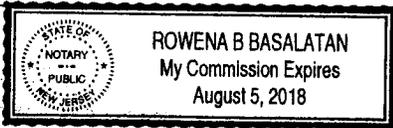
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*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

Handwritten signature/initials

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Glen Badach, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Direct Edge ECN LLC d/b/a DE Route, as of December 31, 20 13, 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:



[Signature]
Signature
Chief Financial Officer
Title

Rowena B. Basalatan
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).

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d/b/a DE Route
Statement of Financial Condition
December 31, 2013

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Member of
Direct Edge ECN LLC (d/b/a DE Route):

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of Direct Edge ECN LLC, (d/b/a DE Route) ("DE Route"), which comprise the statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2013.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 the 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 from 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 our 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, we consider 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 accompanying statement of financial condition referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of DE Route at December 31, 2013 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

February 25, 2014

Direct Edge ECN LLC d/b/a DE Route
Statement of Financial Condition
December 31, 2013

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,886,103
Intercompany receivable	4,159,060
Other assets	<u>253,034</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,298,197</u>

Liabilities and Member's Equity

Liabilities

Payable to brokers and dealers	\$ 2,891,913
Intercompany payable	<u>253,628</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,145,541</u>

Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 3)

Member's equity

Total member's equity	<u>7,152,656</u>
Total liabilities and member's equity	<u>\$ 10,298,197</u>

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

Direct Edge ECN LLC d/b/a DE Route

Notes to the Financial Statement

December 31, 2013

1. Organization and Description of the Business

Direct Edge ECN, LLC d/b/a DE Route (the "Company"), a Delaware limited liability company, operates as a routing broker-dealer for its affiliate stock exchanges, EDGA Exchange Inc ("EDGA") and EDGX Exchange Inc ("EDGX"), collectively the "Exchanges", by sending orders to other market centers for execution in accordance with the Exchanges' member order instructions and requirements. 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"), National Stock Exchange, Chicago Stock Exchange, CBOE Stock Exchange, Nasdaq Stock Market, New York Stock Exchange, EDGA and EDGX. The Company's sole member is Direct Edge Holdings, LLC (the "Parent").

On August 26, 2013, the Parent announced a definitive merger agreement with BATS Global Markets. As a result of the merger, the former members of the Parent will own 30% of the combined company to be created as a result of the merger. See Footnote 7, Subsequent Events, for further information

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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

Cash and cash equivalents represent short-term investments with an original maturity of less than 90 days. The carrying amount of \$3,697,370 approximates its fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

Broker Dealer Activities

The Company records revenue earned from the Exchanges for routing orders to other liquidity destinations, and related expenses, including execution, clearance fees and activity remittance fees, on a trade date basis. Any amount receivable at December 31, 2013 is recorded as intercompany receivable.

Estimated Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Management estimates that the fair value of financial instruments recognized on the Statement of Financial Condition (including receivables and payables) approximates their carrying value; as such financial instruments are short-term in nature, bear interest at current market rates or are subject to frequent repricing.

Income Taxes

The Company does not provide for income taxes in the accompanying financial statement. Under current federal, state and local tax laws, a limited liability company with only one member is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, unless an election has been made to classify the entity as an association taxable as a corporation. As the Company has not made such an election,

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the Company is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner and is not subject to federal, state, or local income taxes.

3. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

ASC 460-10, "Guarantees", requires the disclosure of the representations and warranties that the Company enters into which may provide general indemnifications to others. The Company, in its normal course of business, may enter into legal contracts that contain a variety of these representations and warranties which provide general indemnifications. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be against the Company that have not yet occurred. However, based on its experience, the Company's management expects the risk of loss to be remote.

The Company, from time to time, may be subject to examinations and inquiries by various regulatory and self-regulatory bodies. In the opinion of management, based on consultation with legal counsel, any adverse outcome with regard to these potential matters would not likely have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or the financial position of the Company.

4. Related Party Transactions

The Company holds an expense sharing agreement with DEI, where DEI charges the Company for overhead expenses including employee compensation and benefits, communication and data processing, depreciation, professional fees, and other. At December 31, 2013, the amount payable to DEI of \$253,628 is included within the intercompany payable balance.

The Company receives revenue from EDGA and from EDGX for routing services performed on behalf of EDGX and EDGA, respectively, based upon the cost of clearing such transactions plus a 12% mark-up. In addition, the Company is also required to pay route fees to EDGA for orders received from EDGX and routed to EDGA and required to pay route fees to EDGX for orders received from EDGA and routed to EDGX. . At December 31, 2013, \$4,159,060 is receivable by the Company from EDGA and EDGX for routing services, route fees and activity remittance fees and is included in intercompany receivable on the Statement of Financial Condition.

The Company routes transactions to three member affiliates. These affiliates either rebate or charge fees to the Company for these transactions. At December 31, 2013, \$17,389 is included in payable to brokers and dealers and \$118,106 is receivable included in others asset on the Statement of Financial Condition.

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5. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk and Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Company clears all of its securities transactions through a clearing broker on a fully disclosed basis. Accordingly, substantially all of the Company's credit exposures are concentrated with the clearing broker and the Exchanges. Additionally, pursuant to the terms and conditions between the Company and the clearing broker, the clearing broker has the right to charge the Company for losses that result from a counterparty's failure to fulfill its obligations. The Company has the ability to pursue collection from or performance of the counterparty. The Company's policy is to monitor the credit standing of the clearing broker and all counterparties with which it conducts business.

As the right to charge the Company has no maximum amount and applies to all trades executed through the clearing broker, the Company believes there is no maximum amount assignable to this right. At December 31, 2013, the Company has recorded no liabilities with regard to the right.

The Company maintains its cash and cash equivalents in financial institutions, which at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts.

6. Fair Value Assets and Liabilities

Fair Value Measurement—Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The authoritative guidance around fair value establishes a framework for measuring fair value that includes a hierarchy used to classify the inputs used in measuring fair value. The hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques into three levels. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1—Fair value is based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to the Company for identical assets or liabilities. These generally provide the most reliable evidence and are used to measure fair value whenever available. Active markets are defined as having the following characteristics for the measured asset/liability: (i) many transactions, (ii) current prices, (iii) price quotes not varying substantially among market makers, (iv) narrow bid/ask spreads and (v) most information publicly available.

Level 2—Fair value is based on significant inputs, other than Level 1 inputs, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability through corroboration with observable market data. Level 2 inputs include quoted market prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities, quoted market prices in markets that are not active for identical or similar assets or liabilities, and other market observable inputs.

Level 3—Fair value is based on at least one or more significant unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. The inputs reflect the Company's assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The Company did not have any assets or liabilities carried at fair value; however, it is required by US GAAP to disclose the fair value of certain financial instruments that are not carried at fair value. For the following financial instruments the carrying amount equals or approximates fair value: cash and cash equivalents, intercompany receivable and payable and payable to brokers and dealers.

The Company's Level 1 financial instruments represent cash and cash equivalents.

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The Company's remaining financial instruments would be characterized as Level 2.

7. Net Capital Requirement

As a registered broker-dealer and a FINRA member firm, the Company is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule (the "Rule") which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital. The Company has elected to use the basic method, permitted by the Rule, which requires that the Company maintain net capital equal to the greater of \$100,000 or 6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness, as defined.

At December 31, 2013, the Company had net capital of \$2,740,562 which was \$2,530,859 in excess of its required net capital of \$209,703.

The Company has claimed exemption from SEC Rule 15c3-3 under paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of that Rule.

8. Subsequent Events

The Company has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through February 25, 2014, which is the date the Financial Statements were issued and identified the following matter. On January 31, 2014, as discussed in Footnote 1, the Parent received approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission and completed the merger with BATS Global Markets.