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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 January 1, 2015 AND ENDING December 31, 2015
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Sequoia Investments, Inc.

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| OFFICIAL USE ONLY |
| FIRM ID NO. |

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

3405 Chartley Lane, N.E.

(No. and Street)

Roswell

(City)

GA

(State)

30075

(Zip Code)

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

David Elgart

404-239-6179

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this report*

Lerner & Sipkin, CPA's, LLP

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

132 Nassau Street, Suite 1023

(Address)

New York

(City)

NY

(State)

10038

(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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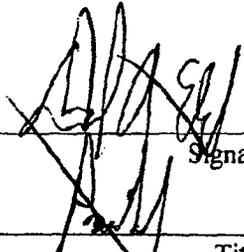
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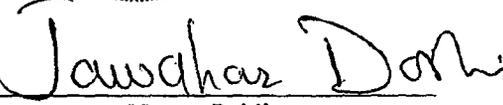
I, **DAVID ELGART**, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of **SEQUOIA INVESTMENTS, INC.**, as of **DECEMBER 31, 2015**, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, member, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

NONE



X  _____
Signature

Title

X 
Notary Public

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This report** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Operations.
- (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's 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.
- (o) Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Accounting Control.

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



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Stockholders of
Sequoia Investments, Inc.
3405 Chartley Lane, N.E.
Roswell, GA 30075

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Sequoia Investments, Inc. (the Company) as of **December 31, 2015**. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the statement of financial condition 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 statement of financial condition that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). 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 includes examining, on test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sequoia Investments, Inc. as of **December 31, 2015** in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Lerner & Sipkin CPAs LLP

Lerner & Sipkin CPAs, LLP
Certified Public Accountants (NY)

New York, NY
March 8, 2016

SEQUOIA INVESTMENTS, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2015

ASSETS

Current assets:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Securities owned, at market value | \$195,609 |
| Deposit with clearing broker | 75,652 |
| Prepaid expenses | <u>6,230</u> |
| Total current assets | <u>\$277,491</u> |

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Current liabilities:

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| Accrued expenses | \$ 98,209 |
| Due to clearing broker | <u>83,011</u> |
| Total current liabilities | <u>181,220</u> |

Stockholder's equity:

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| Common stock - no par value; 100,000 shares authorized; 2,400 shares issued and outstanding | 24,000 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 118,381 |
| Retained Earnings (deficit) | <u>(46,110)</u> |
| Total stockholders' equity | <u>96,271</u> |

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| Total liabilities and stockholder's equity | <u>\$277,491</u> |
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SEQUOIA INVESTMENTS, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2015

1. **Statement of Significant Accounting Policies:**

Organization:

Sequoia Investments, Inc. (the Company) is a registered broker dealer in securities under the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc (FINRA). The Company is headquartered in Roswell, Georgia.

Concentration of Risk:

The Company maintains accounts with Piedmont bank. The balances at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

Balances held at the clearing broker are insured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation subject to certain limitations.

Security Transactions:

Securities transactions and the related commission revenue and expenses are recorded on a settlement date basis.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash equivalents are limited to short term, highly liquid investments that are both readily convertible to known amounts of cash and of an original maturity of three months or less.

Valuation of Investments in Securities and Securities at Fair Value - Definition and Hierarchy

In accordance with GAAP, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

In determining fair value, the Company uses various valuation approaches. In accordance with GAAP, a fair value hierarchy for inputs is used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs reflect the Company's assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

SEQUOIA INVESTMENTS, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2015

1. **Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):**

The fair value hierarchy is categorized into three levels based on the inputs as follows:

Level 1 - Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Valuation adjustments and block discounts are not applied to Level 1 securities. Since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these securities does not entail a significant degree of judgment.

Level 2 - Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

The availability of valuation techniques and observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors including, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Those estimated values do not necessarily represent the amounts that may be ultimately realized due to the occurrence of future circumstances that cannot be reasonably determined. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may be materially higher or lower than the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Company in determining fair value is greatest for securities categorized in Level 3. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant rather than an entity-specific measure. Therefore, even when market assumptions are not readily available, the Company's own assumptions are set to reflect those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. The Company uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, including periods of market dislocation. In periods of market dislocation, the observability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many securities. This condition could cause a security to be reclassified to a lower level within the fair value hierarchy.

SEQUOIA INVESTMENTS, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2015

1. **Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):**

Use of Estimates:

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

Income Taxes:

The company elected S corporation status. Accordingly, no provision for federal and state income taxes is made in these financial statements as these taxes are the responsibility of the shareholder under this form of organization.

2. **Net Capital Requirements:**

Sequoia Investments, Inc. is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule (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 (the rule of the New York Stock Exchange also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1). At December 31, 2015, Sequoia Investments, Inc. had net capital of \$60,700, which was \$10,700 in excess of its required net capital. Sequoia Investments, Inc.'s net capital ratio was 2.9855 to 1.

3. **Clearing Deposit:**

The Company maintains a deposit in cash with its clearing broker, for which the balance at December 31, 2015 was \$75,652.

4. **Commitments and Contingencies:**

The company had no significant contingent liabilities requiring disclosure in the financial statements.

5. **Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Credit Risk:**

As a securities broker, the company is engaged in buying and selling securities for a diverse group of institutional and individual investors. The company's transactions are collateralized and are executed with and on behalf of banks, brokers and dealers and other financial institutions. The company introduces these transactions for clearance to other broker/dealers on a fully disclosed basis.

SEQUOIA INVESTMENTS, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2015

5. **Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Credit Risk (continued):**

The company's exposure to credit risk associated with non-performance of customers in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets which may impair customers' ability to satisfy their obligations to the company and the company's ability to liquidate the collateral at an amount equal to the original contracted amount. The agreement between the company and its clearing brokers provides that the company is obligated to assume any exposure related to such non-performance by its customers. The company seeks to control the aforementioned risks by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory requirements and the clearing brokers internal guidelines. The company monitors its customers' activity by reviewing information it receives from its clearing brokers on a daily basis, and requiring customers to deposit additional collateral, or reduce positions when necessary.

6. **Fair Value Measurements of Securities:**

The following are the major categories of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2015, using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1); significant other observable inputs (Level 2); and significant unobservable inputs (Level 3).

**Fair Value Measurements
at December 31, 2015 using**

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</u> | <u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u> | <u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---|--|--|
| Securities owned, at market value | <u>\$195,609</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$195,609</u> | <u>\$ —</u> |

7. **Exemption from Rule 15c3-3:**

The Company is exempt from the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to the exemptive provision under subparagraph (k)(2)(ii) as all customer transactions are cleared through another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis.

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SEQUOIA INVESTMENTS INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2015