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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 01/01/17 AND ENDING 12/31/17  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Philpott Ball & Werner, LLC

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FIRM I.D. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)  
11325 North Community House Road, Suite 430

(No. and Street)

Charlotte

North Carolina

28277

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Nicholas W. Berry

704-358-8094

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Elliott Davis Decosimo, PLLC

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

200 East Broad Street, Suite 500 Greenville

SC

29601

(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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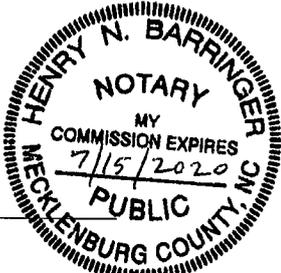
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Nicholas W. Berry, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Philpott Ball & Werner, LLC, as of December 31, 2017, 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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*Henry N. Barringer*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
2/15/2018

*Nicholas W. Berry*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Managing Director  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

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~~. Cash Flows.
- (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).



## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Members  
Philpott Ball & Werner, LLC  
Charlotte, North Carolina

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Philpott Ball & Werner, LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statement (collectively, the financial statement). In our opinion, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2017, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statement based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audit we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elliott Davis, PLLC".

Greenville, South Carolina  
February 6, 2018

**Statement of Financial Condition**

December 31, 2017

**Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,060,471
Accounts receivable, net		90,953
Prepaid expenses		1,976
Property and equipment, net		<u>6,723</u>
Total assets	\$	<u>1,160,123</u>

**Liabilities and Member's Equity**

Payable to Parent		<u>285,652</u>
Total liabilities		285,652
Member's equity		<u>874,471</u>
Total liabilities and member's equity	\$	<u>1,160,123</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**Notes to Financial Statement**

December 31, 2017

**1. Organization**

Philpott Ball & Werner, LLC (the Company), a Delaware limited liability company, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Philpott Ball & Werner, Inc. (the Parent). The Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Company is an investment banking firm headquartered in Charlotte, NC, with an office in Beverly, MA serving small and middle-market companies. The Company offers unbiased advice and assistance to clients regarding mergers and acquisitions and select transaction financing.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments, which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and have a maturity of three months or less when acquired to be cash equivalents. The Company's cash balances exceeded the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's insured amount of \$250,000 by \$810,471 at December 31, 2017.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are for amounts billed and receivable from clients in connection with investment banking activities. Credit is extended based on evaluation of the client's financial condition and, generally, collateral is not required. The Company provides an allowance for doubtful accounts based on review of receivables. No allowance was considered necessary at December 31, 2017.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Costs associated with major acquisitions are capitalized and depreciated. Depreciation is provided over the estimated lives of the depreciable assets. Assets are generally depreciated on the straight-line method. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance costs are charged to expense as incurred. Upon asset disposition, the costs and related accumulated depreciation amounts are relieved and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in operations during the period of disposition.

Income Taxes

The Company is a limited liability company in which all elements of income and deductions are included in the tax return of the Parent. Therefore, no income tax provision is recorded by the Company. The Company has determined it does not have any material unrecognized tax benefits or obligations as of December 31, 2017. The Company believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2014.

Member's Equity

The Company has one class of member's equity and it is owned 100% by the Parent.

Management's Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

The Company has analyzed its operations subsequent to December 31, 2017, through February 6, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

**3. Property and Equipment**

The following is a summary of property and equipment at December 31, 2017:

	<u>Useful Lives</u>		
Computers and office equipment	3-5 years	\$	16,083
Accumulated depreciation			<u>(9,360)</u>
Property and equipment, net		\$	<u>6,723</u>

**4. Related Party Transactions**

The Company has a management agreement with the Parent for the reimbursement of administrative costs, including the use of office space, office expenses, utilities, employees and telephones. Amounts due to the Parent at December 31, 2017 were \$285,652 related to this agreement.

**5. Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital of the greater of \$5,000 or 6<sup>2/3</sup>% of total aggregate indebtedness and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2017, the Company had net capital of \$774,819 and its ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .3687 to 1.