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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/17 AND ENDING 12/31/17  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP INC			OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.) 225 NE MIZNER BLVD STE 730			FIRM I.D. NO.
(No. and Street)			
BOCA RATON	FL	33432	
(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)	

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
JEFFERY L WEINER (561) 862-5534  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*  
**SOLES, HEYN & COMPANY, LLP**

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

120 S OLIVE AVE STE 501	WEST PALM BEACH	FL	33401
(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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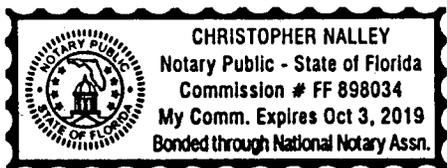
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, JEFFERY L WEINER, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP INC, 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:



Signature: Je Weiner
President
Title

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).

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.

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# SOLES, HEYN & COMPANY

*Accountants and Consultants*

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders  
of Variant Trading International Group, Inc.

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Variant Trading International Group, Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2017, the related statements of operations, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes and schedules (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements 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 the 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 statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 statements. 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 statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### Supplemental Information

The Schedules I, II, and III on pages 11-13 have been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Company's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5. In our opinion, the Schedules I, II, and III is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Soles, Heyn & Company, LLP*

We have served as Variant Trading International Group, Inc.'s auditor since 2014.

West Palm Beach, Florida

February 26, 2018

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

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ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 489,577
Cash on deposit with clearing organization	150,179
Receivable from clearing organization	18,347
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	12,006
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	670,109
FURNITURE AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT, net	3,168
DEFERRED TAX ASSET	62,200
OTHER ASSETS	17,000
TOTAL	\$ 752,477

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 413,798
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY:	
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value; 1,000 shares authorized, issued, and outstanding	-
Additional paid in capital	1,642,075
Deficit	(1,303,396)
TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	338,679
TOTAL	\$ 752,477

The accompanying notes should be read with these financial statements.

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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REVENUES:	
Commissions	\$ 951,780
Research sales	466,067
Interest	<u>140</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,417,987</u>
EXPENSES:	
Compensation, commissions, and benefits	902,967
Quotations and research	127,066
Floor brokerage and other clearance fees	83,131
Exchange fees	76,747
Occupancy	71,373
Telephone	51,108
General and administrative	46,394
Professional services	34,896
Licenses and registration	13,623
Insurance	6,612
Depreciation	<u>2,682</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,416,599</u>
INCOME BEFORE TAXES	1,388
INCOME TAX BENEFIT	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME	<u><u>\$ 1,388</u></u>

The accompanying notes should be read with these financial statements.

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.  
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Deficit	Total
BALANCES, January 1, 2017	\$ -	\$ 1,642,075	\$ (1,304,784)	\$ 337,291
Net income for the year ended December 31, 2017	-	-	1,388	1,388
BALANCES, December 31, 2017	\$ -	\$ 1,642,075	\$ (1,303,396)	\$ 338,679

The accompanying notes should be read with these financial statements.

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Net income	\$ 1,388
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	2,682
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:	
Cash on deposit with clearing organization	(140)
Receivable from clearing organization	141,441
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,088
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>311,810</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES AND INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	458,269
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, Beginning of year	<u>31,308</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, End of year	<u>\$ 489,577</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:	
Cash paid for income taxes	<u>\$ -</u>
Cash paid for interest expense	<u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes should be read with these financial statements.

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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**Organization and Basis of Presentation**

Variant Trading Institutional Group, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated in the State of Florida on December 23, 2002 and is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of various exchanges, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Variant Holding Corporation ("Holdings").

The Company is engaged in a single line of business as a securities broker-dealer, including providing news/research feed, and manages its customer accounts through Hilltop Securities, Inc. ("Hilltop"), on a fully disclosed basis. Hilltop provides service, handles the Company's customers' funds, hold securities, and remit monthly activity statements to the customers on behalf of the Company.

The Company prepares its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents (excluding cash on deposit with clearing organizations) include all highly liquid investments, if any, purchased with an original maturity of three months or less. The Company periodically maintains cash balances with financial institutions that are in excess of the insured limit.

**Cash on Deposit with Clearing Organizations**

Cash on deposit with clearing organizations represents cash deposits that are legally restricted or held by third parties on the Company's behalf.

**Receivable From Clearing Organization**

Receivable from clearing organization represents amounts owed to the Company from the clearing broker for commissions earned by the Company. Management of the Company has determined that an allowance for doubtful accounts is not necessary as the receivable from the clearing organization is typically collected subsequent to month end.

**Furniture and Office Equipment**

Furniture and equipment is recorded at cost and depreciated over the estimated useful lives of those assets using the straight-line method. Expenditures for routine maintenance and repairs are charged to expenses as incurred.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

Cash, receivable from clearing organization, prepaid expenses, and accounts payable and accrued expenses are recorded in the financial statements at cost, which approximates fair value because of the short-term maturity of those instruments.

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

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**Commission Revenue and Clearing Expenses**

Commission revenue and related clearing expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis as securities transactions occur.

**Research Sales**

The Company provides to current institutional customers various research results and other news items of interest. Typically these revenues are recognized through increased order flow from the institutional customers through typical commission revenue. For some customers, the Company will receive a direct payment from the customer for utilization of the research/news fee. The Company has no control on the amount of revenue to be received or the timing of the receipt of such revenue. Accordingly, research sales revenue received as a direct payment from a customer is recognized upon receipt.

**Statement of Comprehensive Income**

A statement of comprehensive income is not presented since the Company had no items of other comprehensive income. Comprehensive income is the same as the net income for the period presented herein.

**Income Taxes**

The Company is included in the consolidated federal income tax return filed by Holdings. Federal income taxes are calculated as if the companies filed on a separate return basis, and the amount of current tax or benefit calculated is either remitted to or received from Holdings. The amount of current and deferred taxes payable or refundable is recognized as of the date of the financial statements, utilizing currently enacted tax laws and rates. Deferred tax expenses or benefits are recognized in the financial statements for the changes in deferred tax liabilities or assets between years. The Company is no longer subject to examinations for years prior to 2014. There are no open Federal or State tax years under audit.

**Uncertain Tax Positions**

The Company has adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASB") 740-10-25, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*. The Company will record a liability for uncertain tax positions when it is more likely than not that a tax position would not be sustained if examined by a taxing authority. The Company continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law and new authoritative rulings. The Company's evaluation on December 31, 2017 revealed no uncertain tax positions that would have a material impact on the financial statements.

**Management Review of Subsequent Events**

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through February 26, 2018, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that the Company had no events occurring subsequent to December 31, 2017 requiring disclosure.

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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**NOTE 2. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUCEMENTS**

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In November 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows - (Topic 230): Restricted Cash. ASU 2016-18 requires that restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents be included as components of total cash and cash equivalents as presented on the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-18 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. Early application is permitted. The Company currently presents net changes in cash on deposit with clearing organization as a component of operating activities, therefore, the application of this ASU will not have a material impact on the Company's statement of cash flow presentation.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). ASU 2014-09 will require the Company to recognize revenue when it transfers goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which it expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In doing so, companies will need to use more judgement and make more estimates when evaluating contract terms and other relevant facts and circumstances. Additionally, ASU 2014-09 requires enhanced disclosures about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date, which delayed the effective date of ASU2014-09 until fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. The application of this ASU will not have a material impact on the Company's financial position and results of operations.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases - (Topic 842). ASU 2016-02 will require the recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet related to the rights and obligations created by lease agreements, including for those leases classified as operating leases under previous GAAP, along with the disclosure of key information about leasing arrangements. ASU 2016-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early application is permitted. The Company has not evaluated the impact this new standard will have on its financial position and results of operations.

**NOTE 3. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

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The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission uniform net capital rule (rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimal net capital 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 \$229,305, which was \$201,719 in excess of its required net capital of \$27,586. The Company had a ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital of 1.80 to 1, based on aggregate indebtedness of \$413,798 as of December 31, 2017.

**NOTE 4. FURNITURE AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT**

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Furniture and office equipment consists of the following as of December 31, 2017:

Computer and other office equipment	\$ 58,440
Computer software	3,804
Furniture and fixtures	2,653
	<u>64,897</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation	61,729
	<u>\$ 3,168</u>

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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**NOTE 5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES**

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Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following as of December 31, 2016:

Accounts payable	\$ 10,067
Accrued expenses	21,652
Bonus payable	375,000
Commissions payable	<u>7,079</u>
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 413,798</u>

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**NOTE 6. INCOME TAXES**

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A summary of income taxes for the year ended December 31, 2017 is as follows:

Currently payable	\$ -
Deferred tax provision	5,100
Decrease in deferred tax valuation allowance	<u>(5,100)</u>
Income tax benefit	<u>\$ -</u>

The Company has incurred tax net operating losses of approximately \$197,000 that will expire in 2030 if not utilized on future taxable income. The Company has recorded a deferred tax asset in the current year based on the expected utilization of this net operating loss to offset future taxable income.

The components of the deferred tax asset as of December 31, 2017 consisted of the following:

Deferred tax asset	\$ 74,400
Deferred tax valuation allowance	<u>(12,200)</u>
Income tax benefit	<u>\$ 62,200</u>

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which temporary differences and/or carryforward losses become deductible, and the ability of the Company to claim the net operating losses in accordance with applicable tax laws.

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**NOTE 7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

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**Office Lease**

The Company currently leases office space for its primary office under a lease agreement expiring on June 30, 2020. Rent expense for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$71,373.

Future minimum lease payments on the non-cancellable lease at December 31, 2017 are \$81,831, \$83,433, and \$22,884 for the year ended December 31, 2018, 2019, and 2020, respectively.

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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**NOTE 8. CONCENTRATIONS AND CREDIT RISKS**

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**Concentrations**

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company had one customer that accounted for 59% of the Company's total revenues.

**Financial Instruments With Off-Balance Sheet Risk**

In the normal course of business, the Company's customer activities involve the execution, and settlement, of various securities transactions through the Company's clearing agreement with Hilltop. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance-sheet risk in the event the customer or other broker is unable to fulfill its contracted obligations and the Company has to purchase or sell the financial instrument underlying the contract at a loss.

The Company's customer securities activities are transacted on either a cash or margin basis. In margin transactions, the Company, through Hilltop, may extend credit to its customers, subject to various regulatory and internal margin requirements, collateralized by cash and securities in the customers' accounts. In connection with these activities, the Company, through Hilltop, executes and clears customer transactions involving the sale of securities not yet purchased, substantially all of which are transacted on a margin basis subject to individual exchange regulations.

Such transactions may expose the Company to significant off-balance-sheet risk in the event margin requirements are not sufficient to fully cover losses that customers may incur. In the event the customer fails to satisfy its obligations, the Company may be required to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices to fulfill the customer's obligations. The Company seeks to control the risks associated with its customer activities by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory and internal guidelines. Hilltop monitors required margin levels daily and, pursuant to such guidelines, will notify the Company in the event of the failure of the customer to deliver cash or securities as needed.

**Concentrations of Credit Risk**

The Company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities in which counter-parties primarily include broker-dealers, banks, and other financial institutions. In the event counter-parties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counter-party or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing for each counter-party.

**Indemnifications**

In the normal course of its business, the Company indemnifies and guarantees certain service providers, such as clearing and custody agents, trustees and administrators, against specified potential losses in connection with their acting as an agent of, or providing services to, the Company. The company also indemnifies their clients against potential losses incurred in the event specified third-party service providers, including sub-custodians and third-party brokers, improperly execute transactions.

The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required to make under these indemnifications cannot be estimated. However, the Company believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments under these arrangements and has not recorded any contingent liability in the financial statements for these indemnifications.

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.  
SCHEDULE I  
COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1  
OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		\$ 338,679
DEDUCTIONS AND/OR CHARGES:		
Non-allowable assets:		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 12,006	
Furniture and office equipment, net	3,168	
Deferred tax asset	62,200	
Other assets	17,000	94,374
Excess deductible in fidelity bond		15,000
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions		229,305
Haircuts on securities [computed, where applicable, pursuant to rule 15c3-1(f)]:		
Common stock		-
NET CAPITAL		\$ 229,305
AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS:		
Items included in statement of financial condition:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		\$ 413,798
TOTAL AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS		\$ 413,798
COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT:		
Minimum net capital required		\$ 5,000
Required net capital at 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness		27,586
Required net capital (greater of the two)		27,586
Net capital		229,305
EXCESS NET CAPITAL		\$ 201,719
RATIO: AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL		180.46%

NOTE: There are no material differences between the preceding computation and the Company's corresponding amended unaudited part II of from X-17A-5 as of December 31, 2017.

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.  
SCHEDULE II  
OF STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)(4)  
DECEMBER 31, 2017

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The computation of net capital under Rule 15c3-1 included in this audited report and the computation included in the respondent's corresponding amended unaudited Form X-17A-5, Part II A Filing as of December 31, 2017 were not materially different.

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.  
SCHEDULE III  
INFORMATION RELATING TO EXEMPTIVE PROVISION  
REQUIREMENTS UNDER SEC RULE 15c3-3  
DECEMBER 31, 2017

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With respect to the Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements under Rule 15c3-3, the Company qualifies for exemption under subparagraph (k)(2)(ii) of SEC Rule 15c3-3.

With respect to the Information Relating to Possession and Control Requirements under Rule 15c3-3, the Company qualifies for exemption under subparagraph (k)(2)(ii) of SEC Rule 15c3-3.

# SOLES, HEYN & COMPANY

*Accountants and Consultants*

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders  
of Variant Trading Institutional Group, Inc.

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Variant Trading Institutional Group, Inc. Exemption Report, in which (1) Variant Trading Institutional Group, Inc. (the "Company") identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which the Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3: ((k)(2)(ii)) (the "exemption provisions") and (2) the Company stated that the Company met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. The Company's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions and its statements.

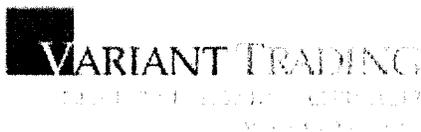
Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about the Company's compliance with the exemption provisions. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

*Soles, Heyn & Company, LLP*

West Palm Beach

February 26, 2018



February 26, 2018

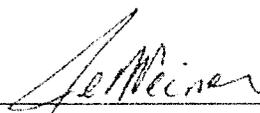
To Whom It May Concern:

VARIANT TRADING INSTITUTIONAL GROUP, INC.'S EXEMPTION REPORT

Variant Trading Institutional Group, Inc. (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer subject to Rule 17a-5 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 C.F.R §240.17a-5, "Reports to be made by certain broker and dealers"). This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5(d)(1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company states the following:

- 1) The Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3 under the provisions of 17 C.F.R §240.15c3-3(k)(2)(ii);
- 2) The Company met the identified exemption provisions in 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

I, Jeffery Weiner, swear that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this exemption Report is true and correct.

  
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Jeffery Weiner, CEO  
Variant Trading Institutional Group, Inc.

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board of Directors of Variant Trading Institutional Group, Inc.

In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and with the SIPC Series 600 Rules, we have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Variant Trading Institutional Group, Inc. (the "Company") and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) with respect to the accompanying General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7) of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2017, solely to assist you and SIPC in evaluating the Company's compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). The Company's management is responsible for the Company's compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

- 1) Compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7 with respective cash disbursement records entries, noting no differences;
- 2) Compared the Total Revenue amount reported on the Annual Audited Report Form X-17A-5 Part III for the year ended December 31, 2017 with the Total Revenue amount reported in Form SIPC-7 for the year ended December 31, 2017, noting no differences;
- 3) Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers, noting no differences;
- 4) Recalculated the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers supporting the adjustments, noting no differences; and
- 5) Compared the amount of any overpayment applied to the current assessment with the Form SIPC-7 on which it was originally computed, noting no differences.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the applicable instructions of the Form SIPC-7. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Soles, Heyn & Company, LLP*

West Palm Beach, Florida

February 26, 2018

**SIPC-7**

(35-REV 6/17)

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION  
P.O. Box 92185 Washington, D.C. 20090-2185  
202-371-8300

**General Assessment Reconciliation**

**SIPC-7**

(35-REV 6/17)

For the fiscal year ended 12/31/17

(Read carefully the instructions in your Working Copy before completing this Form)

**TO BE FILED BY ALL SIPC MEMBERS WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDINGS**

1. Name of Member, address, Designated Examining Authority, 1934 Act registration no. and month in which fiscal year ends for purposes of the audit requirement of SEC Rule 17a-5:

Variant Trading Institutional Group Inc  
Attn: Chris Nalley  
225 NE Mizner Blvd STE 730  
Boca Raton FL 33432-4080

Note: If any of the information shown on the mailing label requires correction, please e-mail any corrections to form@sipc.org and so indicate on the form filed.

Name and telephone number of person to contact respecting this form.

Chris Nalley (561) 862-5531

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- A. General Assessment (item 2e from page 2) \$ 2,011
- B. Less payment made with SIPC-6 filed (exclude interest) ( 1,118 )  
07/20/2017  
Date Paid
- C. Less prior overpayment applied ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- D. Assessment balance due or (overpayment) 893
- E. Interest computed on late payment (see instruction E) for \_\_\_\_\_ days at 20% per annum \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Total assessment balance and interest due (or overpayment carried forward) \$ 893
- G. PAYMENT:  the box  Funds Wired   
Check mailed to P.O. Box  Funds Wired   
Total (must be same as F above) \$ 893
- H. Overpayment carried forward \$( \_\_\_\_\_ )

3. Subsidiaries (S) and predecessors (P) included in this form (give name and 1934 Act registration number):

The SIPC member submitting this form and the person by whom it is executed represent thereby that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete.

Variant Trading Institutional Group Inc

(Name of Corporation, Partnership or other organization)

(Authorized Signature)

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

FINOP

(Title)

This form and the assessment payment is due 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. Retain the Working Copy of this form for a period of not less than 6 years, the latest 2 years in an easily accessible place.

SIPC REVIEWER

Dates:                      Postmarked                      Received                      Reviewed                     

Calculations                      Documentation                      Forward Copy                     

Exceptions:

Disposition of exceptions:

**DETERMINATION OF "SIPC NET OPERATING REVENUES"  
AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT**

Amounts for the fiscal period  
beginning 01/01/2017  
and ending 12/31/2017

Item No.	Eliminate cents
2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030)	\$ _____
2b. Additions:	
(1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above.	1,417,987
(2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts.	_____
(3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts.	_____
(4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining item 2a.	_____
(5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities.	_____
(6) Expenses other than advertising, printing, registration fees and legal fees deducted in determining net profit from management of or participation in underwriting or distribution of securities.	_____
(7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts.	_____
Total additions	_____
2c. Deductions:	
(1) Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit investment trust, from the sale of variable annuities, from the business of insurance, from investment advisory services rendered to registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts, and from transactions in security futures products.	_____
(2) Revenues from commodity transactions.	_____
(3) Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with securities transactions.	77,373
(4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation.	_____
(5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts.	_____
(6) 100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of deposit and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances or commercial paper that mature nine months or less from issuance date.	_____
(7) Direct expenses of printing advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with other revenue related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Act).	_____
(8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business. (See Instruction C):	_____
_____	_____
(Deductions in excess of \$100,000 require documentation)	
(9) (i) Total interest and dividend expense (FOCUS Line 22/PART IIA Line 13, Code 4075 plus line 2b(4) above) but not in excess of total interest and dividend income.	\$ _____
(ii) 40% of margin interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960).	\$ _____
Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii)	_____
Total deductions	77,373
2d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues	\$ 1,340,614
2e. General Assessment @ .0015     Rate effective 1/1/2017	\$ 2,011
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