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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 10/01/2017 AND ENDING 09/30/2018
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: De Paola Trading, Inc.

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

40 Wall Street, Suite 1704

(No. and Street)

New York

NY

10005

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Iliana Stamova

(212) 668-8700

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Lerner & Sipkin, CPAs, LLP

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

132 Nassau Street

New York

NY

10038

(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).

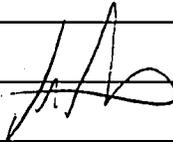
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Peter Julian De Paola, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of De Paola Trading, Inc. of September 30, 2018, 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

President

Title



Notary Public

JAY GETTENBERG
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01GE6180378
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires March 8, 2020

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).

DE PAOLA TRADING, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

DE PAOLA TRADING, INC.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders of
De Paola Trading, Inc.
c/o Accounting and Compliance International
40 Wall Street – 17th Floor
New York, NY 10005

Opinion on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of De Paola Trading, Inc. as of September 30, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statement). In our opinion, the statement of financial condition presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of De Paola Trading, Inc. as of September 30, 2018 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

The financial statement is the responsibility of De Paola Trading, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on De Paola Trading, Inc.'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 De Paola Trading, Inc. 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 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. 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 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.

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

We have served as De Paola Trading, Inc.'s auditor since 2017.

New York, NY
November 5, 2018

DE PAOLA TRADING, INC.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

ASSETS

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash | \$ 647,340 |
| Accounts receivable | 958,842 |
| Receivable from NYSE | 676,681 |
| Due from clearing firm | 95,381 |
| Other assets | <u>54,410</u> |
| Total assets | <u>\$2,432,654</u> |

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Liabilities:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 221,302 |
| Commission payable | 502,261 |
| Other liabilities | <u>5,125</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>728,688</u> |

Stockholders' equity

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Common stock, no par value, 200 shares authorized, 10 shares issued and outstanding. | 45,000 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 25,000 |
| Retained earnings | <u>1,633,966</u> |
| Total stockholders' equity | <u>1,703,966</u> |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | <u>\$2,432,654</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

DE PAOLA TRADING, INC.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Note 1 - Nature of Business

De Paola Trading, Inc. (The "Company") is a New York corporation, formed on February 27, 2007, for the purpose of conducting business on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). The Company is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Securities Investors Protection Corporation ("SIPC").

The Company earns commissions as an introducing broker of securities transactions.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition

Securities transactions (and the recognition of related income and expenses) are recorded on a trade date basis.

Accounts Receivable

The Company carries its accounts receivable at cost less an allowance for doubtful accounts. On a periodic basis, the Company evaluates its accounts receivable and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts based on history of past write-offs and collections and current credit conditions. No allowance for doubtful accounts was required at September 30, 2018.

Income Taxes

The Company has elected to be treated as an "S" Corporation under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and New York State tax regulations. Under the provisions, the Company does not pay federal or state corporate income taxes on its taxable income. Instead the stockholders are liable for individual income taxes on their respective shares of the Company's taxable income. The Company continues to pay New York City general corporation taxes.

Fair Value Measurements

In accordance with ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, the Company discloses the fair value of its investments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to valuations based upon unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to valuations based upon unobservable inputs that are significant to the valuation (Level 3 measurements). This guidance provides three levels of the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date;

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, at the measurement date, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active;

Level 3 - Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

DE PAOLA TRADING, INC.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

Fair Value Measurement (Continued)

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. However, the determination of what constitutes "observable" requires significant judgment by the Company. The Company considers observable data to be market data which is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The Company has no investments as of September 30, 2018.

Note 3 - Profit Sharing Plan

The Company is a sponsor of a defined contribution profit sharing plan for its eligible employees. Contributions to the plan, if any, are determined by the employer and come out of its current accumulated profits. The employer's contribution for any fiscal year shall not exceed the maximum allowable as a deduction to the employer under the provisions of the IRS Code Section 404, as amended, or replaced from time to time.

The Company has no liability to the plan as of September 30, 2018.

Note 4 - Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Company maintains principally all cash balances in one financial institution which, at times may exceed the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The exposure to the Company is solely dependent upon daily bank balances and the respective strength of the financial institution. The Company has not incurred any losses on this account. At September 30, 2018, the amount in excess of insured limits of \$250,000 was \$397,340.

Note 5 - Net Capital Requirement

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital 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. Rule 15c3-1 also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash distributions paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At September 30, 2018, the Company had net capital of \$519,568, which was \$470,989 in excess of its required minimum net capital of \$48,579. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 140% as of September 30, 2018.

Note 6 - Financial Statements 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 introduces these transactions for clearance to another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis.

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 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 broker provides that the Company is obligated to assume any exposure related to such non-performance by its customers.

DE PAOLA TRADING, INC.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Note 6 - Financial Statements with Off-Balance Sheet Credit Risk (Continued)

The Company seeks to control the aforementioned risks by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory requirements and the clearing broker's internal guidelines. The Company monitors its customer activity by reviewing information it receives from its clearing broker on a daily basis, and requiring customers to deposit additional collateral, or reduce positions, when necessary.

Note 7 - Commitments

Office Space

The Company did not lease any office space throughout the period and is not under any contractual commitment for a lease liability.

Note 8 - Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through November 5, 2017, the date these financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined there are no subsequent events to be reported.