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B. ACCOUNT	TANT IDENTIFI	CATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose o	pinion is contained in	this Report*	
GRANT THO	RNTON LLP		
(Name –	if individual, state last, f	irst, middle name)	
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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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of_			20 03, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neith	er the company nor any p	artner, proprietor, principa	l officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
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	Notary Public		
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	c) Statement of Income (	Loss).	
	d) Statement of Changes		
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□ (ı	n) A report describing any	material inadequacies foun	d to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

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

### **CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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Report Pursuant to Rule 17a – 5(d) and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

**USBX Advisory Services, LLC A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of USBX, Inc.** 

December 31, 2002

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Board of Directors and Member of USBX Advisory Services, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of USBX Advisory Services, LLC as of December 31, 2002, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of USBX Advisory Services, LLC as of December 31, 2002, 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.

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. During the year ended December 31, 2002, the Company has incurred losses of \$1,196,506 and generated negative cash flow from operations totaling \$354,729. The Company's revenues and operating cash flows are not sufficient to cover its expenses and will need to increase significantly for the Company to break even. Consequently, the Company is dependent on its Parent for external financing to support its operating activities. During 2002, the Parent contributed \$1,261,702 of capital in this regard. The Company's financial position combined with the current economic environment and the Parent's current liquidity problems raise substantial doubt as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans are discussed in Note B. The accompanying financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to this uncertainty.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained on page 13 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17 a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Irvine, California March 7, 2003

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

## December 31, 2002

## **ASSETS**

CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$	1,058,473
Receivables		95,322
Total current assets		1,153,795
Fixed assets, net		11,226
Total assets	<del></del>	1,165,021
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$	340
Accrued expenses		738,424
Deferred revenue		221,043
Other		2,100
Total current liabilities		961,907
Total liabilities		961,907
MEMBER'S CAPITAL		
Total member's capital		203,114
Total liabilities and member's capital		1,165,021

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

## For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

REVENUES	
Advisory fees	\$ 2,129,997
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Compensation	1,517,273
Commissions	924,870
Regulatory fees	20,087
Professional fees	42,632
Other expenses	821,641
Total operating expenses	3,326,503
NET LOSS	\$ (1,196,506)

## Statement of Changes in Member's Capital

For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

Balance at December 31, 2001	\$ 137,918
Capital contributions	1,261,702
Net loss	(1,196,506)
Balance at December 31, 2002	203,114

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

## For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

Cash flows from operating activities: Net loss	\$	(1,196,506)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities	*	(1,170,300)
Depreciation and amortization		7,525
Expenses paid by the Parent		861,702
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables		(82,322)
Prepaid expenses and other assets		38,250
Current liabilities		878,324
Net cash provided by operating activities		506,973
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Member's cash capital contributions		400,000
Net increase in cash		906,973
Cash at beginning of year		151,500
Cash at end of year	\$	1,058,473

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2002

#### NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and accounts payable are carried at cost, which approximate their fair value because of the short-term maturity of these instruments.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost, which approximates fair value

#### Revenue Recognition

The Company receives advisory fees in accordance with terms outlined in agreements between the Company and its clients. The Company recognizes advisory fee revenue as the services are provided using the straight line method over the term of the agreements. Deferred revenue represents the portion of revenue which relates to future periods covered by the Company's agreements. Such fees are nonrefundable.

The Company also receives success fees when transactions are completed. Success fees are recognized when earned and the Company's has no further continuing involvement and collection is reasonably assured. During 2002, the Company recognized success fees totaling \$1,463,383 on completed transactions. All of these fees were collected before December 31, 2002.

#### **Fixed Assets**

To date, the Company's fixed assets consist of capitalized software. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method based upon an estimated useful life of three years. Useful lives are periodically evaluated by management in order to determine recoverability in light of current technological conditions.

#### Income Taxes

The Company is not subject to federal and state income tax. Ultimately, the sole member of the Company is responsible for taxes, if any, based upon its share.

## Supplementary Information

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

#### December 31, 2002

## Computation of Net Capital Pursuant to Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Net capital:		
Member's capital	\$	203,114
Deductions:		
Accounts receivable, net		(95,322)
Fixed assets, net		(11,226)
Net capital		96,566
Minimum net capital requirement		
(greater of 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or \$5,000)		64,127
Excess net capital	<u>\$</u>	32,439
Total aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$</u>	961,907
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		9.96

Note: There are no differences between this computation of net capital and the corresponding computation prepared by the Company for inclusion in its unaudited FOCUS Report as of December 31, 2002.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

December 31, 2002

Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements and Information Relating to Possession or Control Requirements for Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3

### 1. Computation of Reserve Requirements Pursuant To Rule 15c3-3

The Company has complied with the exemptive provisions of Section (k) (1) of Rule 15-c3-3 for the year ended December 31, 2002.

#### 2. Information Relating to Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3

The Company has complied with the exemptive provisions of Section (k) (1) of Rule 15-c3-3 for the year ended December 31, 2002.



## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ON INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17A-5

To the Board of Directors of USBX Advisory Services, LLC:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of USBX Advisory Services, LLC (the "Company"), for the year ended December 31, 2002, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures, that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in the following:

- 1. Making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11); and
- 2. Determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3.

Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13;
- 2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and
- 3. Obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including procedures for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2002, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Irvine, California March 7, 2003

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