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### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2003

AND

REPORT OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION

### Year Ended March 31, 2003

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### Hauk, Fasani, Ramsey, Kruse & Co., P.C.

A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Directors Sauer, Dazey Investment Company

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Sauer, Dazey Investment Company (a wholly owned subsidiary of Orion Investment Company) as of March 31, 2003, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. 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 Sauer, Dazey Investment Company as of March 31, 2003, 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.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying additional information contained on pages 7 through 11 is presented for additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the audit procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Hank, Fasan, Ramsey, Kruse + Co., P.C.

May 24, 2003

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

### March 31, 2003

### **ASSETS**

Current assets:		
Cash	\$	151,005
Commissions receivable	_	1,535
Total current assets		152,540
Cash deposit with clearing broker	_	26,47.7
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	\$_	179,017
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STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
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Stockholder's equity:		
Common stock, par value \$10 per share; authorized	¢	10.000
3,000 shares, 1,000 shares issued and outstanding	\$	10,000
Paid-in capital		19,410
Retained earnings	_	149,607
	•	170.017
	\$	179,017

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

### STATEMENT OF INCOME

### Year Ended March 31, 2003

\$	143,407
_	3,460
	146,867
	34,847
_	11,600
	46,447
\$	100,420
	\$   \$

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

### Year Ended March 31, 2003

<u>Total</u>	\$ 173,597	100,420	(92,000)	\$ 179,017
Retained <u>Earnings</u>	\$ 144,187	100,420	(95,000)	\$ 149,607
Paid in <u>Capital</u>	\$ 19,410			\$ 19,410
Common Stock	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000
No. of Shares	1,000			1,000
	Balance at March 31, 2002	Net income	Dividends paid to parent company (\$95 per share)	Balance at March 31, 2003

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

### Year Ended March 31, 2003

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$	100,420
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net		
cash used for operating activities:		
Decrease in commissions receivable		17,301
Net cash provided by operating activities		117,721
Cash flows used for financing activities:		
Dividends paid	_	(95,000)
Increase in cash		22,721
Cash at the beginning of year	_	154,761
Cash at the end of year	\$_	177,482
Cash at the end of year was comprised of:		
Cash-current asset	\$	151,005
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Cash deposit with clearing broker	s <sup>-</sup>	26,477
	ъ_	177,482

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statments.

### SAUER, DAZEY INVESTMENT COMPANY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2003

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Business Activity - Sauer, Dazey Investment Company (the Company) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Orion Investment Company (Orion) which is a registered investment adviser. The Company is a registered broker/dealer and clears all customer transactions through another broker/dealer on a fully disclosed basis. The Company does not hold funds or securities for, or owe money or securities to, customers and does not otherwise carry customer accounts. Accordingly, the Company is exempt from Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3.

<u>Revenue Recognition</u> - Commission revenues and expenses related to security transactions, which are cleared through another broker/dealer, are recorded on a settlement date basis. Reporting such transactions on a trade date basis would not result in any material differences to the financial statements.

<u>Income Taxes</u> - The Company and Orion file consolidated federal and Missouri income tax returns. The provision for income taxes for the consolidated group was \$1,829 for the year ended March 31, 2003. None of the provision was allocated to the Company.

<u>Use of Estimates</u> - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

<u>Concentration of Credit Risk</u> - Sauer, Dazey Investment Company is located in St. Louis, Missouri. Most of its clients are individuals who reside in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

The Company maintains an account with a bank and two cash accounts with a securities broker/dealer. The bank provides \$100,000 of deposit insurance through the Federal Depositors Insurance Corporation. The securities broker/dealer provides the same amount of coverage through the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. The securities broker/dealer has also purchased additional coverage for the entire net asset value of each account. There were no amounts in excess of insured limits at March 31, 2003.

### 2. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital of \$50,000 and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. The rule also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the Company's resulting net capital is less than \$50,000 or its ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital exceeds 10 to 1. The Company's net capital and the required minimum net capital were \$175,740 and \$50,000 respectively at March 31, 2003, resulting in net capital of \$125,740 in excess of the minimum required.

### 3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Orion does not charge the Company for any shared services, facility, or personnel costs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PURSUANT TO SEC RULE 17a-5

### **Regulation Application**

Part IIA 17a-5(a) Quarterly March 2003		User Id: DazeyA			IMENT COMPANY	Firm ld: 16085
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Income			[3525A]		[3525B]	
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No material differences exist between the computation above and the one filed by Sauer, Dazey Investment Company on FOCUS Report Part IIA as of March 31, 2003

		1. Exempted securities	+	[3735]		
		2. Debt securities	+	[3733]		•
		3. Options	+	[3730]		
		4. Other securities	+ 3,277	[3734]		
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No material differences exist between the computation above and the one filed by Sauer, Dazey
Investment Company on FOCUS Report Part IIA as of March 31, 2003

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EXEMPTI\	/E PRO	VISIONS			
25. If an e		rom Rule 15c3-3 is claimed, identify below the	section upon which such exemption is		
A. (k)	(1)Limite	ed business (mutual funds and/or variable ann	uities only)		[4550]
B. (k)	(2)(i)"Sp	pecial Account for the Exclusive Benefit of cust	omers" maintained		厂 <sub>[4560]</sub>
C. (k)	(2)(ii)All	customer transactions cleared through anotherme of clearing firm(s)			<b>▽</b> [4570]
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No material differences exist between the computation above and the one filed by Sauer, Dazey Investment Company on FOCUS Report Part IIA as of March 31, 2003

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### Hauk, Fasani, Ramsey, Kruse & Co., P.C.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE

Board of Directors
Sauer, Dazey Investment Company

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Sauer, Dazey Investment Company for the year ended March 31, 2003, we considered its internal control structure 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 structure.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including, tests of compliance with such practices and procedures during the period from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003) followed by Sauer, Dazey Investment Company that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13 or in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure 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 internal control structure policies and procedures 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 Commission's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure 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 preparation of financial statements in conformity 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 any internal control structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities 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 the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure 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 the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities 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 the internal control structure, 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 as considered by the Commission 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 are adequate at March 31, 2003 to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and should not be used for any other purpose.

Certified Public Accountants

Hank, Fasan, Ramsey, Kruse & Co., P.C.

May 24, 2003