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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 2/1/02 AND ENDING 1/31/03  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:  
Halbert, Hargrove & Co.

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

(No. and Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

(Area Code — Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Winder & M<sup>c</sup> Claughty Accountancy Corp.  
(Name — if individual, state last, first, middle name)

(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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**HALBERT, HARGROVE & CO.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JANUARY 31, 2003 AND 2002**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Halbert, Hargrove & Co.

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of Halbert, Hargrove & Co. (the Company) as of January 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity, changes in subordinated borrowings, and cash flows for the years then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities 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 audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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 audits provide 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 Halbert, Hargrove & Co. as of January 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I and II 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 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits 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.

Long Beach, California  
February 20, 2003

**HALBERT, HARGROVE & CO.**

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**ASSETS**

	<b>January 31,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$193,169	\$164,461
Miscellaneous receivables	53,616	51,673
Prepaid expenses	12,818	9,862
Office equipment and fixtures, net	1,660	2,330
Investment	3,300	3,300
Deferred income taxes	6,923	6,328
Subordinated notes receivable	<u>26,860</u>	<u>26,860</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$298,346</u></b>	<b><u>\$264,814</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,968	\$ 2,775
Accrued expenses	6,752	30,300
Due to affiliates	2,046	1,700
Income taxes payable	<u>8,876</u>	<u>9,451</u>
	<u>22,642</u>	<u>44,226</u>
<b>COMMITMENTS (Note 2)</b>		
Subordinated borrowings	<u>25,042</u>	<u>25,042</u>
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Common stock, \$1 par value, 30,000 shares authorized	18,675	18,675
Additional paid-in capital	75,923	75,923
Retained earnings	<u>156,064</u>	<u>100,948</u>
	<u>250,662</u>	<u>195,546</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$298,346</u></b>	<b><u>\$264,814</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**HALBERT, HARGROVE & CO.**

**STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

	<b>For the Year Ended January 31,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Commissions - sale of investment company shares	\$291,613	\$256,512
Commissions - sale of variable annuities	79,231	128,703
Commissions - listed	269,850	243,079
Other revenue	<u>3,105</u>	<u>5,904</u>
	<u>643,799</u>	<u>634,198</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Sales and administrative employees' expenses	429,080	463,505
Registered representatives' commissions	2,221	911
Communications	249	10,116
Occupancy and equipment costs	37,099	24,785
Interest expense	2,254	2,093
Regulatory fees and expenses	6,165	2,744
Other expenses	<u>91,694</u>	<u>80,314</u>
	<u>568,762</u>	<u>584,468</u>
<b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	75,037	49,730
<b>PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES</b>	<u>19,921</u>	<u>11,417</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 55,116</u>	<u>\$ 38,313</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**HALBERT, HARGROVE & CO.**

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

	<u>Shares Issued</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>Additional Paid-In Capital</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>
BALANCE AT FEBRUARY 1, 2001	18,675	\$ 18,675	\$ 75,923	\$ 62,635
NET INCOME	_____	_____	_____	<u>38,313</u>
BALANCE AT JANUARY 31, 2002	18,675	18,675	75,923	100,948
NET INCOME	_____	_____	_____	<u>55,116</u>
BALANCE AT JANUARY 31, 2003	<u>18,675</u>	<u>\$ 18,675</u>	<u>\$ 75,923</u>	<u>\$156,064</u>

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**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SUBORDINATED BORROWINGS**

	<b>For the Year Ended</b>	
	<b>January 31,</b>	
	<b><u>2003</u></b>	<b><u>2002</u></b>
<b>SUBORDINATED BORROWINGS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR - FEBRUARY 1</b>	<b><u>\$ 25,042</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 25,042</u></b>
<b>SUBORDINATED BORROWINGS AT END OF YEAR - JANUARY 31</b>	<b><u>\$ 25,042</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 25,042</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.



**HALBERT, HARGROVE & CO.**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	<b>For the Year Ended</b>	
	<b>January 31,</b>	
	<u><b>2003</b></u>	<u><b>2002</b></u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income	\$ 55,116	\$ 38,313
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation	670	1,104
Deferred income taxes	( 595)	37
Increase in:		
Miscellaneous receivables	( 1,943)	( 14,997)
Prepaid expenses	( 2,956)	( 7,558)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	2,193	240
Accrued expenses	( 23,548)	( 26,986)
Due to affiliates	346	( 1,670)
Deferred rent		( 2,866)
Income taxes payable	( 575)	9,451
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	<u>28,708</u>	<u>( 4,932)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH</b>	28,708	( 4,932)
<b>CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>164,461</u>	<u>169,393</u>
<b>CASH AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$193,169</u>	<u>\$164,461</u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
Cash paid for:		
Income taxes	\$21,091	\$2,920
Interest expense	\$2,254	\$5,190

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**HALBERT, HARGROVE & CO.**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JANUARY 31, 2003 AND 2002**

**NOTE 1 – Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Nature of Business*

Halbert, Hargrove & Co. (the “Company”) is incorporated under the laws of the State of California. Its principal business, as a registered broker-dealer, is to trade in securities under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 on a fully disclosed basis for its customers, who are primarily middle- to high-income individuals. The Company is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

*Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*

*Depreciation*

Depreciation on equipment is provided by using a combination of the straight-line and declining-balance methods in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of equipment to operations over their estimated useful lives of five to seven years.

*Commission Revenue and Expense Recognition*

The Company records commission revenues and expenses on a settlement date basis, generally after security transactions have been executed and the Company has received confirmation from its clearing broker.

*Provision for Income Taxes and Deferred Income Taxes*

Income taxes are provided for the effects of transactions reported in the financial statements and consist of taxes currently due plus deferred taxes related primarily to differences between the basis of certain assets and liabilities for financial and income tax reporting. The deferred tax assets and liabilities represent the future tax return consequences of those differences, which will either be taxable or deductible when the assets and liabilities are recovered or settled.

Deferred income taxes are provided for temporary differences relating to certain items of revenue and expense, which are recognized in different periods for tax and accounting purposes. Deferred income taxes relate to the current year’s California franchise tax, and differences in timing of deductibility of deferred compensation, vacation expense and depreciation.

**HALBERT, HARGROVE & CO.**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JANUARY 31, 2003 AND 2002**

**NOTE 1 – Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies  
(Continued)**

*Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)*

*Use of Estimates and Assumptions*

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents – Concentration of Credit Risk*

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

At January 31, 2003 and throughout the year, the Company has maintained cash balances at its financial institution in excess of federally insured limits.

**NOTE 2 – Leases**

*Operating Leases*

The Company conducts its operations in leased office space under a noncancelable operating lease, which expires in December 2009, with two renewal options for a total of ten additional years. The Company has sublease agreements with two affiliated companies, which cover approximately 83% of the lease obligation.

The lease requires the Company to pay insurance and an annually assessed common area maintenance charge in the amount of the assessment in excess of a fully occupied equivalent base period amount. Total rent expense for the years ended January 31, 2003 and 2002 was approximately \$37,000 and \$25,000, respectively, which is net of sublease reimbursements of approximately \$328,000 and \$331,000 for the years ended January 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

**HALBERT, HARGROVE & CO.**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JANUARY 31, 2003 AND 2002**

**NOTE 2 - Leases (Continued)**

*Operating Leases (Continued)*

Future minimum lease payments on noncancelable operating leases of one year or more are as follows:

<u>Year Ending January 31,</u>	<u>Office Space</u>
2004	\$ 346,224
2005	347,470
2006	353,700
2007	353,700
2008	363,668
Thereafter	<u>675,862</u>
	<u>\$ 2,440,624</u>

Future minimum sublease payments to be received on noncancelable sublease agreements are as follows:

<u>Year Ending January 31,</u>	<u>Office Space</u>
2004	\$ 286,344
2005	287,590
2006	293,820
2007	293,820
2008	303,788
Thereafter	<u>566,082</u>
	<u>\$ 2,031,444</u>

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**HALBERT, HARGROVE & CO.**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JANUARY 31, 2003 AND 2002**

**NOTE 3 – Related Party Transactions**

*Subordinated Notes Receivable*

The Company loaned funds to Halbert Hargrove/Russell, an affiliated company sharing common ownership, in the form of subordinated notes receivable. The notes bear interest at 8% and are due on demand. The amount outstanding at January 31, 2003 and 2002 was \$26,860.

*Other*

Included in miscellaneous receivables are amounts due, on open advances, from the Company's majority stockholder totaling approximately \$17,000 and \$11,000 at January 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

*Subordinated Borrowings*

The Company is obligated on a 9% note payable in the amount of \$25,042 to a relative of the majority stockholder. The note was made September 3, 1991 and is due December 31, 2003. The note is subordinated to claims of general creditors. The subordinated borrowing is available in computing net capital under the SEC's uniform net capital rule. To the extent that such borrowing is required for the Company's continued compliance with minimum net capital requirements, it may not be repaid.

*Reimbursed Expenses*

Halbert Hargrove/Russell, LLC, (HHRLLC) an affiliated company sharing common controlling ownership, reimburses the Company for rent and other expenses provided to HHRLLC pursuant to a reimbursement agreement. For the years ended January 31, 2003 and 2002, these costs totaled approximately \$251,000 and \$209,000, respectively. Additionally, the Company reimburses HHRLLC for insurance and other expenses. These costs totaled approximately \$56,000 and \$23,000 for the years ended January 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The Company has entered into several noncancelable office equipment operating leases that have been assigned to and are paid directly by HHRLLC.

**HALBERT, HARGROVE & CO.**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JANUARY 31, 2003 AND 2002**

**NOTE 4 – Provision for Income Taxes**

The provision for income taxes consists of the following:

	<b>For the Year Ended</b>	
	<b>January 31,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Currently payable		
Federal	\$ 13,581	\$ 7,042
State	6,935	4,338
Deferred income taxes	( 595)	37
	<u>\$ 19,921</u>	<u>\$ 11,417</u>

**NOTE 5 – Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital. The Company has elected to use the alternative method, permitted by the rule, which requires that the Company maintain minimum net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of \$5,000 or 6.67% of aggregate indebtedness, and the percentage of debt to debt-equity shall not exceed 70%. At January 31, 2003, the Company had net capital of \$170,527, which was \$165,527 in excess of its required net capital, and the Company's net capital ratio was .13 to 1.

**HALBERT, HARGROVE & CO.**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE I  
COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO UNIFORM NET  
CAPITAL RULE 15c3-1 AND RECONCILIATION WITH COMPUTATION  
INCLUDED IN THE COMPANY'S CORRESPONDING UNAUDITED  
FORM X-17A-5 PART IIA FILING  
JANUARY 31, 2003**

**CREDITS**

Stockholders' equity per company's unaudited X-17A-5 Part IIA filing	\$ 250,662
Add: Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital	25,042
Net audit adjustments	None
Stockholders' equity	<u>275,704</u>

**DEBITS**

Nonallowable assets:	
Receivables from noncustomers	80,476
Office equipment	1,660
Deferred income taxes and other assets	<u>23,041</u>
	<u>105,177</u>

**NET CAPITAL** 170,527

**MINIMUM NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS - THE GREATER OF  
\$5,000 OR 1/15 OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS OF \$22,641** 5,000

Excess net capital \$ 165,527

Excess net capital at 1000% \$ 168,262

**RATIO: AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL** .13 to 1

**PERCENT OF DEBT TO DEBT-EQUITY TOTAL** 9%

**NET CAPITAL PER COMPANY'S UNAUDITED FORM X-17A-5  
Part IIA filing** \$ 170,527  
**Net audit adjustments** None

**NET CAPITAL PER REPORT PURSUANT TO RULE 17A-5** \$ 170,527

**AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS PER COMPANY'S UNAUDITED FORM X-17A-5  
Part IIA filing** \$ 22,642  
**Net audit adjustments** None

**AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS** \$ 22,642

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**HALBERT, HARGROVE & CO.**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE II  
JANUARY 31, 2003**

1. Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to rule 15c3-3:

Not applicable because the Company has complied with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3 as of January 31, 2003.

2. Information Relating to Possession or Control Requirements under rule 15c3-3:

Not applicable because the Company has complied with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3 as of January 31, 2003.





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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL  
CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5 FOR A BROKER-DEALER  
CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION FROM SEC RULE 15c3-3**

To the Board of Directors of  
Halbert, Hargrove and Co.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Halbert, Hargrove and Co. (the Company), for the year ended January 31, 2003, 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 internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for 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 quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
3. 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

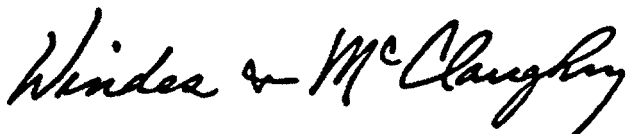
The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls 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 conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. 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, error 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 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 control activities 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 January 31, 2003, 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.



Long Beach, California  
February 20, 2003