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	(No. and Street)			
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NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PE JACK RUBENS	ERSON TO CONTACT IN	REGARD TO THIS R		546-5560
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B. ACC	OUNTANT IDENTIF	FICATION		
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INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT v	those opinion is contained	in this Report*		
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I,JACK_RUBENS	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanyin MONROE SECURITIES, INC.	ng financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
of MARCH 31	, 20 03 are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
	prietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
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consolidation.	
(l) An Oath or Affirmation.	
(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental	
	adequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
	Accountants on Internal COntrol as required by SEC Rule 17a- t of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).
Tor conditions of confidential treatment	of certain portions of this fitting, see section 240.1/a-s(e)(s).

MONROE SECURITIES, INC.

Financial Statements March 31, 2003 and 2002

SALMIN, CELONA, WEHRLE & FLAHERTY, LLP

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders Monroe Securities, Inc.

We have audited the statements of financial condition of Monroe Securities, Inc. as of March 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity, 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 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 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 Monroe Securities, Inc. as of March 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Company is a 52% owned subsidiary of 3C General Corp.

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 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.

Sulmin, Colona, Websele & Flaherty, LLP

Salmin, Celona, Wehrle & Flaherty, LLP

April 29, 2003

MONROE SECURITIES, INC. STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION MARCH 31, 2003 AND 2002

ASSETS

	2003	2002
Cash Receivable from brokers and dealers Securities in firm account, at market Prepaid income taxes Property and equipment, net Restricted deposits Other asset	\$ 346,203 2,759,141 13,885,533 137,735 53,323 100,000	\$ 585,134 1,926,354 11,927,729 90,888 23,536 100,000 20,100
Total assets	<u>\$ 17,281,935</u>	<u>\$ 14,673,741</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS	' EQUITY	
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and other liabilities Securities sold but not yet purchased Income taxes payable Deferred tax liability	\$ 34,202 73,137 - 12,900	\$ 80,300 60,845
Total liabilities	120,239	141,145
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$.02 per share; authorized 1,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 383,888 shares Capital in excess of par value Retained earnings	7,678 219,169 16,934,849	7,678 219,169 14,305,749
Total shareholders' equity	<u>17,161,696</u>	14,532,596
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 17,281,935	\$ 14,673,741

MONROE SECURITIES, INC. STATEMENTS OF INCOME FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2003 AND 2002

	2003	2002
Revenue:		
Income on securities transactions, net Interest, dividends and other income Commissions	\$ 4,417,906 906,385 	\$ 6,197,585 833,225 43,487
Total revenue	5,340,009	<u>7,074,297</u>
Expenses:		
Employee compensation and benefits Clearing and quotation expense Occupancy and equipment rental Other operating expenses Communications Interest expense	747,545 272,991 250,142 121,890 38,241	1,123,787 324,993 270,287 141,882 54,523 7,545
Total expenses	1,430,809	1,923,017
Income before provision for income taxes	3,909,200	5,151,280
Provision for income taxes	1,280,100	1,776,720
Net income	<u>\$ 2,629,100</u>	<u>\$ 3,374,560</u>

MONROE SECURITIES, INC. STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2003 AND 2002

	Common Stock	Capital in Excess of Par Value	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance, March 31, 2001	\$7,678	\$219,169	\$10,931,189	\$11,158,036
Net income			3,374,560	3,374,560
Balance, March 31, 2002	7,678	219,169	14,305,749	14,532,596
Net income			2,629,100	2,629,100
Balance, March 31, 2003	<u>\$7,678</u>	<u>\$219,169</u>	<u>\$16,934,849</u>	<u>\$17,161,696</u>

MONROE SECURITIES, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2003 AND 2002

	2003	2002
Cash flows from operating activities: Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	\$ 2,629,100	\$ 3,374,560
Depreciation Deferred taxes	7,494 12,900	6,467
Decrease (increase) in receivable from brokers and dealers Decrease (increase) in securities in firm account Decrease (increase) in prepaid income taxes Decrease (increase) in other asset	(832,787) (1,957,804) (46,847) 20,100	(1,896,368) (546,928) (90,888)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities Increase (decrease) in securities sold but not yet purchased Increase (decrease) in income taxes payable	34,202 (7,163) (60,845)	(56,000) 80,300 (18,845)
Total adjustments	(2,830,750)	(2,522,262)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(201,650)	852,298
Cash flows from investing activities: Acquisition of property and equipment	(37,281)	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(37,281)	
Cash flows from financing activities: Net payments on line of credit Principal payments on note payable to related party	<u>-</u>	(450,000) (436,042)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>-</u>	(886,042)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(238,931)	(33,744)
Cash - beginning of year	585,134	618,878
Cash - end of year	\$ 346,203	<u>\$ 585,134</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the year for income taxes	<u>\$ 1,375,010</u>	<u>\$ 1,886,453</u>
Cash paid during the year for interest	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 9,045</u>

MONROE SECURITIES, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2003 AND 2002

THE COMPANY

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Monroe Securities, Inc. (the Company) is a securities broker engaged in the purchase and sale of securities. The Company executes transactions and introduces them to a Clearing Broker, a New York Stock Exchange Member Firm, on a fully disclosed basis. The Company is a 52% owned subsidiary of 3C General Corp.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Method of Income Recognition - Securities transactions are recorded on the settlement date which is not materially different from trade date accounting as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Commission income and expenses are reflected in the financial statements as of the trade date.

<u>Receivable from Brokers and Dealers</u> - The Company has a receivable that arose from trading activity with its Clearing Broker. Losses from uncollectible receivables shall be accrued when it is probable that a receivable is impaired and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. As of the date of the financial statements, management believes that neither of these conditions exist with regard to receivables and, as such, an allowance for doubtful accounts has not been established.

Securities in Firm Account - Securities in firm account consist primarily of corporate stocks and are stated at current market values as determined by management. The Company primarily transacts in securities in thinly traded markets. Accordingly, management uses various parameters to calculate market values. These estimated current market values may differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed. Unrealized gains and losses are included in income on securities transactions in the statement of income. Unrealized gains in 2003 and 2002 amounted to \$650,491 and \$1,942,918, respectively. Realized gains and losses are computed based on the difference between sales proceeds received and original cost. Net realized gains amounted to \$3,767,415 and \$4,254,667 in 2003 and 2002, respectively.

<u>Property and Equipment</u> - Property and equipment are recorded at cost. When retired or otherwise disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are cleared from the respective accounts and the net difference, less any amount realized from the disposition, is reflected in income.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets which range from 5 to 39 years.

Fully depreciated assets still in service are included in the property accounts.

<u>Restricted Deposits</u> - The Company is required to maintain a minimum balance of \$100,000 in a restricted collateral account pursuant to an agreement between the Company and its Clearing Broker.

<u>Income Taxes</u> - The Company accounts for income taxes under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes". This statement requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amounts and the tax bases of assets and liabilities.

<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 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

MONROE SECURITIES, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2003 AND 2002

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Continued

<u>Risks and Uncertainties</u> - Cash is maintained in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash. The Company is also subject to credit risk through its receivable. Credit risk with respect to this receivable is minimized because of the nature of the relationship with its Clearing Broker. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in these financial statements.

3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

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Property and equipment consists of the following:

	2003	_2002_
Computer equipment, furniture and fixtures Leasehold improvements	\$95,823 <u>3,795</u>	\$62,337
	99,618	62,337
Less: Accumulated depreciation	46,295	38,801
	<u>\$53,323</u>	<u>\$23,536</u>

Depreciation expense amounted to \$7,494 and \$6,467 in 2003 and 2002, respectively.

4. LINE OF CREDIT

The Company has a line of credit with its Clearing Broker. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company may borrow up to \$2,000,000. The line bears interest at the Broker's call rate plus .75% and is collateralized by the securities trading account. Interest expense on this line of credit totaled \$-0- and \$1,811 for the years ended March 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

No amounts were outstanding on the line of credit at March 31, 2003 and 2002.

5. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the requirements of Rule 15c-3-1, the net capital rule, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. On March 31, 2003, the Company had net capital of \$13,209,056 against a net capital requirement of \$1,000,000. The Company's aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was .004 to 1.

MONROE SECURITIES, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2003 AND 2002

6. INCOME TAXES

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The provision for income taxes consists of the following:

	2003	2002
Currently payable - federal Currently payable - state Deferred	\$1,025,400 241,800 12,900	\$1,452,590 324,130
	<u>\$1,280,100</u>	<u>\$1,776,720</u>

The actual income tax provision for the years ended March 31, 2003 and 2002 differs from the expected tax provision computed by applying the U.S. Federal Corporate rate primarily due to state taxes and the effects of the dividends received deduction. The deferred tax liability at March 31, 2003 is a result of the tax effect of the difference in depreciation methods for financial statement and tax purposes.

7. BENEFIT PLAN

The Company established a SIMPLE-IRA Plan, effective August 1, 2002, for its employees. Employees may defer a percentage of their compensation up to certain IRS limits. The Company's contribution to the plan is up to 3% of each participant's compensation. Total employer contributions were \$1,351 for the year ended March 31, 2003.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company rents office space under an informal agreement from two officers/shareholders. Rental expense under this informal agreement amounted to \$67,960 and \$59,965 for the years ended March 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

The Company had a note payable to an officer/shareholder of the Company. The note bore interest at the prime rate plus 1% and was repaid during the year ended March 31, 2002. The note payable was subordinate to the line of credit extended to the Company by the Clearing Broker. Interest expense on this note totaled \$5,734 for the year ended March 31, 2002.

The owners of a significant number of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Company, who also own a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock of 3C General Corp., are currently negotiating the sale of their interest in the Company and 3C General Corp. to a third party. Such transaction would be subject to regulatory approval.

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE SHEET CREDIT RISK

As discussed in Note 1, the Company executes transactions and introduces them to a Clearing Broker on a fully disclosed basis. The Company's exposure to credit risk pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets. The Company's policy is to monitor its market exposure risk.

MONROE SECURITIES, INC. SCHEDULE I - COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION MARCH 31, 2003

1	Tot	al ownership equity	\$17,161,696
2.	Dec	duct: Ownership equity not allowable for net capital	
3.	Tot	al ownership equity qualified for net capital	17,161,696
4.	Ad	d:	
	A.	Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors	
		allowable in computation of net capital	-
	B.	Other (deductions) or allowable credits	<u> </u>
5.	Tot	al capital and allowable subordinated liabilities	17,161,696
6.	Dec	ductions and/or charges:	
	A.	Total non-allowable assets from Statement of Financial Condition	(191,058)
		1. Additional charges for customers' and non-customers' securities accounts	-
		2. Additional charges for customers' and non-customers' commodity accounts	-
	B.	Aged fail-to-deliver:	
		1. Number of items	-
	C.	Aged short security differences	-
	D.	Secured demand note deficiency	-
	E.	Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities	-
	F.	Other deductions and/or charges	-
7.	Oth	er additions and/or allowable credits	
8.	Net	capital before haircuts on securities positions	16,970,638
9.	Hai	reuts on securities:	
	Α.	Contractual securities commitments	-
	B.	Subordinated securities borrowings	•
	C.	Trading and investment securities:	
		1. Bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and commercial paper	-
		2. U.S. and Canadian government obligations	-
		3. State and municipal government obligations	-
		4. Corporation obligations	-
		5. Stocks and warrants	-
		6. Options	-
		7. Arbitrage	-
		8. Other securities	-
	D.	Undue concentration	-
	E.	Other	(3,761,582)
10.	Net	capital	<u> 313,209,056</u>

MONROE SECURITIES, INC. SCHEDULE I - COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION MARCH 31, 2003 (Continued)

Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirement

11.	Minimum n	et capital required (6-2/3% of line 19)	<u>\$</u>	3,142
12.	Minimum d	ollar net capital requirement of reporting broker and dealer	<u>\$ 1</u>	,000,000
13.	Net capital	requirement (greater of line 11 or 12)	<u>\$_1</u>	,000,000
14.	Excess net o	capital (line 10 less line 13)	<u>\$12</u>	,209,056
15.	Excess net o	capital at 1000% (line 10 less 10% of line 19)	<u>\$13</u>	,204,346
		Computation of Aggregate Indebtedness		
16.	Total A.I. L	iabilities from Statement of Financial Condition	\$	47,102
17.	Add: a.	Drafts for immediate credit		-
	b.	Market value of securities borrowed for which no		
		equivalent value is paid or credited		-
	c.	Other unrecorded amounts		-
18.	Deduct:	Adjustment based on deposits in Special Reserve Accounts		
19.	Total aggreg	gate indebtedness	<u>\$</u>	47,102
20.	Percentage of	of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		
	(Line 19 div	vided by line 10)		.4%

Statement Pursuant to Paragraph (d)(4) of Rule 17a-5

Differences between this computation of net capital and the corresponding computation prepared by Monroe Securities, Inc. and included in the Company's unaudited Part IIA FOCUS Report filing as of the same date, consisted of the following:

Excess net capital per the Company's FOCUS Report (unaudited)	\$12,222,195
Adjustments made to income and expense accounts which decreased ownership equity	(13,139)
Excess net capital per this computation	<u>\$12,209,056</u>

MONROE SECURITIES, INC. SCHEDULE II - COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE AND INFORMATION FOR POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS MARCH 31, 2003

Exemption Under SEC Rule 15c3-3 Section (k)(2)(ii) Has Been Claimed

The Company promptly transmits all funds received in connection with its activities as a broker-dealer, and does not otherwise hold funds or securities for, or owe money or securities to, customers.

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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 and Shareholders Monroe Securities, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Monroe Securities, Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2003, we considered its internal control, including procedures 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 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 judgements 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 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.

'Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Required by SEC Rule 17a-5 For a Broker-Dealer Claiming an Exemption From SEC Rule 15c3-3 Page 2

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 the 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 of risk that errors 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 March 31, 2003 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, shareholders, 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.

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April 29, 2003