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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT FORM X-17A-5 PART III

SEC FILE NO. 8-24328

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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 BEGINNIN	G 01/01	1/02	AND ENDING_	12/31/02		
	A. REGISTR	ANT IDENTIFICAT	ION			
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER				Office Use Only		
9		FIRM ID. NO.				
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF B	USINESS: (Do not use P	.О. Вох <u>N</u> o.)				
		ASALLE STREET, SUI	TE 1546			
	(	(No. and Street)				
CHICAGO		ILLINOIS		50605		
(City)		(State)		(ZIp Code)		
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF	PERSON TO CONTAC	T IN REGARD TO THIS	REPORT			
BRADFORD R. DOOLEY, CPA				312-939-0477		
				(Area-Code-Telephone No )		
	B. ACCOUNT	TANT IDENTIFICA	TION			
IDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	whose apinion is con	itained in this Report				
		LINIDA CAROL				
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13844 SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE	ORLAND PARK	ILLINO	s	60462-1628		
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<sup>\*</sup> Claims for extensions from the requirements 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 temption. See section 240.17x-5(e)(2).

# OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I,DANIEL S. CURRAN	, swear (or aπirm) that to the
best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial sta	atements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
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SYDAN, L.P.	as of
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DECEMBER 31, 2002 , are true and nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any pr	correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the Company reprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of
a customer, except as follows:	repriesally interest in any addition, the belief of the territory
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 3-28-2008	
	PARTNER
	Title
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of	
March, 2003	•
Maion C. Aleth	
Notary Public	
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This report contains (check all applicable boxes):	
図(a) Facing page. 図(b) Statement of financial condition.	
(c) Statement of Income (loss).	
(d) Statement of cash flows.	
<ul> <li>(e) Statement of changes in stockholders' equity or partner</li> <li>(f) Statement of changes in liabilities subordinated to claim</li> </ul>	rs or sole proprietor's capital.
⊠ (f) Statement of changes in liabilities subordinated to claim             ⊠ (g) Computation of net capital for brokers and dealers purs	suant to Rule 15c3-1.
(h) Computation for determination of reserve requirements	s pursuant to Rule 15ç3-3.
মি (i) Information relating to the possession or control require	ements for brokers and dealers under Rule 15c3-3. ne computation of net capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the
computation for determination of the reserve regulterne	ents under exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
	itements of financial condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
(I) 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
সি (১) Independent auditor's report on internal accounting cor	ntrols.
(p) Schedule of segregation requirements and funds in seg	gregation – customers' regulated commodity futures account pursuant to

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

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SYDAN, L. P. (a Limited Partnership)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5 (d) DECEMBER 31, 2002

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Mr. Daniel S. Curran, Partner Sydan, L. P. Chicago, Illinois

I have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Sydan, L. P. as of December 31, 2002. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based upon my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sydan, L. P. as of December 31, 2002, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

March 1, 2003

# SYDAN, L. P. (a Limited Partnership) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION **DECEMBER 31, 2002**

#### ASSETS

#### **CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash in Bank Securities Owned, at Market Value Due from Broker Clearing Deposit

20,000

Accounts Receivable

**Total Current Assets** 

3,423,310 FIXED ASSETS

Leasehold Improvements Less - Accumulated Depreciation

Net Fixed Assets

Total Other Assets

OTHER ASSETS

Memberships (at cost - Market Value at December 31, 2002 is \$726,000)

Investments

TOTAL ASSETS

7,338,051

436,772

702,391

2,261,471

2.676

\$

\$ 194,116

33,975

160,141

\$ 524,600

3,230,000

3,754,600

\$

LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL

#### **CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Due to Broker Accounts Payable Commodity Account

Total Current Liabilities

\$ 829,053 820,034 <u>29,523</u>

\$ 1,678,610

PARTNERS' CAPITAL

Partners' Capital Net (Loss) for the Year Partners' Net Withdrawals \$6,582,250

253,137)

(669,672)

Total Partners' Capital

5.659.441

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL

\$7,338,051

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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# SYDAN, L. P. (a Limited Partnership) NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002

# NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

Sydan, L.P., the Company, is a Limited Partnership which is a broker dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Chicago Stock Exchange. The Company is a market maker and floor broker engaged in proprietary trading on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Income Recognition

Proprietary securities transactions in regular-way trades are recorded on the trade date, as if they had settled. Profit and loss arising from all securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Marketable securities, held by the Company, are valued at quoted market value.

### Depreciation

Depreciation of the leasehold improvements is computed on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

#### Investments

Securities not readily marketable include investment securities (a) for which there is no market on a securities exchange or no independent publicly quoted market, (b) that cannot be publicly offered or sold unless registration has been effected under the Securities Act of 1933, or (c) that cannot be offered or sold because of other arrangements, restrictions or conditions applicable to the securities or to the Company. At December 31, 2002, these securities at estimated fair value consist of the following:

Rock Island Company of Chicago - 8,050 Shares \$3,220,000 First Options of Chicago, Inc. - 10 Shares Series A Preferred 10.000

Total Investments \$3,230.000

#### Line of Credit

The Company has a Line of Credit with the Harris Bank, which is payable on demand. The credit authorization is for \$500,000. The loan is collateralized with marketable securities. Interest charged is broker call rate plus one half of one percent. No interest was paid in 2002 since there were no outstanding loan balances in 2002.

#### Income Taxes

The Company's profits and losses are reflected directly on the partners' income tax returns. Accordingly, no federal or state income tax provision is made by the Company. However, the Company is liable for Illinois state replacement tax of 1.5% of net prescribed earnings.

# SYDAN, L. P. (a Limited Partnership) NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED DECEMBER 31, 2002

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

# Operating Lease Commitment

Although the Company occupies space with no lease, as of March 1, 2001 the Company leased office space under a noncancelable lease which expires on January 31, 2011. The Company subleased this entire space to two affiliated companies. However, the subleases to the affiliates can be terminated or extended with 180 days notice. As a result of the subleases, the Company paid no rent expense under the terms of this lease in 2002. The following is a schedule by years of future minimum rents due under the lease as of December 31, 2002:

#### Year Ending:

\$116,671
120,171
123,776
127,490
131,314
135,253
139,311
143,490
12.046

Total Lease Commitment \$1,049,522

### Employees' Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The Company established a defined benefit pension plan through which the Company sets aside an amount each year which is calculated to provide retirement benefits to eligible employees. These contributions are made to a trust for the benefit of its eligible employees. The Defined Benefit Pension Plan is administered by an outside financial institution and annual contributions are determined by the Plan's actuaries. The Company's contributions for the year 2002 totaled \$366,832. In addition, the Company's 401(k) Plan allows the Company's employees to make contributions based upon the individual employee's earnings as allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company makes a matching contribution equal to 100% on the first 10% of the employees' contributions. The Company's 401(k) Plan is administered by an outside financial institution. The Company's matching contribution to the plan, for the year ended December 31, 2002, was \$47,586.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

# SYDAN, L. P. (a Limited Partnership) NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED DECEMBER 31, 2002

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Cash Flows

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company has defined cash equivalents as highly liquid investments, with original maturities of less than ninety days, that are not held for sale in the ordinary course of business:

### NOTE 3 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Derivative financial instruments used for trading purposes, including hedges of trading instruments, are carried at quoted market value. Unrealized gains or losses on these derivative contracts are recorded on the same basis as the underlying assets or liabilities, that is, marked to market. The company has no open derivative financial positions at December 31, 2002.

#### NOTE 4 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF BALANCE SHEET RISK

The Company enters into various transactions involving derivatives and other off-balance sheet financial instruments. These financial instruments include futures and options. Derivative transactions are entered into for trading purposes or to hedge other positions or transactions. In addition, the Company can sell securities that it does not currently own and will therefore be obligated to purchase such securities at a future date. However, the Company had none of these obligations outstanding at December 31, 2002.

#### NOTE 5 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities in which counterparties primarily include broker-dealers, clearing firms and other financial institutions. In the event counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counterparty.

#### NOTE 6 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1). The Company is required to maintain "adjusted net capital" equivalent to \$100,000 or one eighth of aggregate indebtedness, whichever is greater, as these terms are defined. At December 31, 2002 the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$1,639,337 and \$100,000 respectively. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 50.0%. The net capital requirement may restrict the payment of dividends or the withdrawal of equity.

# SYDAN, L. P. (a Limited Partnership) NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED DECEMBER 31, 2002

# NOTE 7 - RECONCILIATION OF AUDITED AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audit of the unaudited financial statements disclosed no material discrepancies. Therefore, no adjustments were required as of December 31, 2002.

# NOTE 8 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company subleases office space to two affiliated companies. A Company partner is a member of one affiliate and the stockholder of another. In addition, the Company receives management fee income from the corporate affiliate. In 2002 the total management fees received was \$392,000. The Company has no outstanding accounts receivable or payable at December 31, 2002.

#### NOTE 9 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company has been identified as a defendant in a patent infringement case pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The Company has denied all material allegations of the complaint. Based on a ruling of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York in a related case in which the Company is not a party, the Company anticipates that there will be no exposure for the case pending in the Northern District of Illinois.