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320 E. 90th Drive		
	(No. and Street)	
Merrillville	Indiana	46410-7188
(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER	OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN RE	GARD TO THIS REPORT
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В	. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICA	ATION
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNT	ANT whose opinion is contained in the	his Report*
Dunleavy & Compan	•	
	(Name - if individual, state last, first	ı. middle name)
13116 S. Western	Ave., Blue Island, IL	60406
(Address)	(City)	(State) (Zip Code)
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, <u>Barbara Bowden</u>	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statem	
Easton Investment Services, L.L.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	03 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal o	fficer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:	
None	
	Butura J. Boude
DENISE M. STUPAR	Signature
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF INDIANA Resident of Porter County, Indiana	Chief Executive Officer
My Commission Expires April 29, 2010	Title
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This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):	
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(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Pa	
(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to	
g) Computation of Net Capital.	
(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Require	
(i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control F	
Computation for Determination of the Reserve Req	n of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-3 and the
	d Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
consolidation.	
[1] (1) An Oath or Affirmation.	
(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.	a to each most one attachment
(n) A report describing any material inadequacies found	to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

DUNLEAVY & COMPANY, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS 13116 SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS 60406

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Members of Easton Investment Services, L.L.C.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Easton Investment Services, L.L.C. as of September 30, 2003 that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement 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 statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Easton Investment Services, L.L.C. as of September 30, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

DUNLEAVY & COMPANY, P. C. Certified Public Accountants

Blue Island, Illinois October 16, 2003

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

ASSETS

Cash	\$	83,936
Commissions receivable	•	10,042
Other assets		50
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$	94,028
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' CAPITAL		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses		
and other liabilities	\$	3,332
Commissions payable		8,477
Total Liabilities	\$	11,809
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Members' Capital	\$	82,219
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' CAPITAL	\$	94,028

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization - The Company, a limited liability company, was organized in the state of Indiana on June 19, 2001. The duration of the Company is perpetual. The Company is registered as a broker/dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is also a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. The Company's principal business activity is the sale of securities.

Securities Transactions - Commission revenue and related expense arising from securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis, which is the same business day as the transaction date.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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.

NOTE 2 - INCOME TAXES

As a limited liability company the Company has elected to file as an S Corporation for federal income tax purposes. Income taxes are therefore the responsibility of the individual members of the Company.

NOTE 3 - OPERATING AGREEMENT

The Company's operating agreement places certain restrictions on the transfer of ownership interests in the Company and the amount of debt the Company can incur. Additional information is included therein.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTIES

Through common ownership and management the Company is affiliated with Financial Strategies, L.L.C. (FS - a registered investment advisor), Financial Resources, L.L.C. (FR) and FSR Management, L.L.C. (FSR).

Pursuant to an agreement commencing on November 1, 2001 and terminating on October 31, 2003, FSR has agreed to pay specifically identified overhead and operating expenses on the Company's behalf without anticipated reimbursement. Either party giving 60 days advance notice may terminate the agreement. FS and FR are also parties to this agreement.

Effective November 1, 2003 and continuing through October 31, 2006, a new agreement executed with the aforementioned related parties requires the Company to pay FSR \$615.00 per month as reimbursement for certain overhead and operating expenses.

NOTE 5 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

As a registered broker/dealer and member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., the Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregated indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 1500%. At September 30, 2003 the Company's net capital and required net capital were \$82,169 and \$50,000 respectively. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 14%.

NOTE 6 - OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK AND CLEARING AGREEMENTS

The Company may enter into various transactions involving securities purchased and sold on a when-issued basis (when-issued securities). These derivative financial instruments are used to meet the needs of customers. When-issued securities provide for the delayed delivery of the underlying instrument.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

NOTE 6 - OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK AND CLEARING AGREEMENTS - (Continued)

In order to facilitate the aforementioned transactions on behalf of its customers, the Company has entered into an agreement with another broker/dealer (Primary Introducing Broker/dealer) and Primary Introducing Broker/dealer's clearing broker/dealer (Clearing Broker/dealer) whereby the Company forwards (introduces) customer securities transactions to the Clearing Broker/dealer, through the Primary Introducing Broker/dealer, fully disclosing the customer name and other information. The processing and, if applicable, any financing pertaining to the introduced securities transactions is performed by the Clearing Broker/dealer. The customer account is therefore maintained and recorded in the books and records of the Clearing Broker/dealer on the Company's behalf. In consideration for introducing customers to the Clearing Broker/dealer, the Company receives commissions and other consideration, less the processing and other charges of the Primary Introducing Broker/dealer and Clearing Broker/dealer. As part of the terms of the agreement, the Company is held responsible for any losses arising when the customers introduced by the Company to the Clearing Broker/dealer fail to meet their contractual commitments pertaining to the purchase, sale and possible financing of securities transactions. The Company may therefore be exposed to off-balancesheet risk in the event the customer is unable to fulfill its contracted obligations and it is necessary for the Clearing Broker/dealer to purchase or sell the securities at a loss. The Company's exposure to risk would consist of the amount of the loss realized on the purchase or sale and any additional expenses incurred pertaining to the transaction or other customer activity.