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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING January 1, 2009 AND ENDING December 31, 2009  
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

**Instream Partners, LLC**

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

**545 Middlefield Road, Suite 150**

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FIRM ID NO.

**Menlo Park** (No. and Street) **CA** **94025**  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

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

**John Schlesinger** **(650) 853-8699**  
(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

**Harb, Levy & Weiland LLP**

(Name - if individual, state, last, first, middle name)

**One Market, Landmark, Suite 620** **San Francisco** **CA** **94105**  
(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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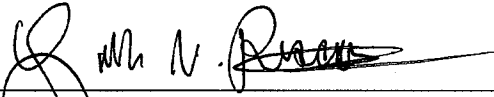
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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, **John Schlesinger**, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertain to the firm of **Instream Partners, LLC**, as of **December 31, 2009**, and are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

State of California  
County of San Francisco

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 25 day of March 2010

  
Notary Public

  
Signature  
Managing Director  
Title



This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Operations.
- (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' Equity or Members' Equity or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- (j) A reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) 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.
- (o) Independent auditor's report on internal control required by SEC Rule 17a-5.
- (p) Independent auditor's report on internal control required by SEC Rule 17a-5 for a Broker-Dealer claiming exemption from SEC Rule 15c3-3.

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

INSTREAM PARTNERS, LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2009



Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Member  
Instream Partners, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Instream Partners, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2009. 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 significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the 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 Instream Partners, LLC as of December 31, 2009, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Harb, Levy & Weiland LLP*

San Francisco, California  
March 22, 2010

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INSTREAM PARTNERS, LLC  
Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2009

*Assets*

Cash	\$ 30,221
Accounts receivable	8,349
Due from affiliate	6,471
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,917</u>

*Total assets* \$ 47,958

*Liabilities and Member's Equity*

Accounts payable	\$ 12,402
Distribution payable to former member	<u>6,472</u>

*Total liabilities* 18,874

Member's equity 29,084

*Total liabilities and member's equity* \$ 47,958

*See Accompanying Notes to Statement of Financial Condition*

INSTREAM PARTNERS, LLC  
Notes to Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2009

1. Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Business

Instream Partners, LLC (the "Company") is a California limited liability company formed on December 1, 2000. The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a securities broker dealer and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Company provides investment banking services with a focus on middle market growth companies.

Cash

The Company maintains its cash 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.

Income Taxes

No provision for federal or state income taxes has been made since the Company is treated as a single member limited liability corporation for income tax purposes and its income is included in the member's income tax returns. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to examination by tax authorities for years before 2005.

Use of Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

2. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable from clients are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Doubtful accounts are periodically reviewed for collectability and are written off when all collection efforts have been exhausted. As of December 31, 2009, there was no allowance for doubtful accounts.

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3. 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 and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2009, the Company had net capital of \$10,513, which was \$5,513 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was 1.795 to 1.

4. Transactions with Affiliate

The Company has an agreement with VIA Incorporated (VIA), an entity which provides investment banking services to certain of the Company's clients and shares office space and other operating expenses with the Company. Under the terms of the agreement, VIA reimburses the Company 50% for all FINRA-related expenses and audit fees, and 75% for other operating expenses including rent, accounting services, insurance and taxes as well as other non-FINRA office expenses. The Company pays a portion of its revenue to VIA as consulting and advisory fee commissions for deals on which VIA assisted the Company.

At December 31, 2009, the outstanding receivable from VIA was \$6,471.

5. Lease Obligation

The Company operates from a leased office space in Menlo Park, California. The lease expires on February 28, 2013. Under the terms of the lease agreement, the Company is charged a monthly base rent and is allocated its share of direct expenses. While the Company is a signatory on the lease, only 25% of the total rent expense is allocated to the Company with the remainder allocated to VIA.

INSTREAM PARTNERS, LLC  
Notes to Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2009

5. Lease Obligation (continued)

The Company's share of approximate future minimum lease payments on the non-cancelable lease is as follows:

<u>Year ending</u> <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010	\$ 19,300
2011	18,500
2012	19,000
2013	<u>3,200</u>
	<u>\$ 60,000</u>

6. Subsequent Events

Management evaluated subsequent events through March 22, 2010, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. With the exception of those matters described below, there were no material subsequent events that required disclosure in these financial statements.

During the period January 1, 2010 through March 22, 2010, capital contributions by the member totaled \$10,000. During the same period, distributions to the member from earnings for that period totaled \$200,000.