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I, Robert Ruisch, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of EquiTrust Marketing Services, LLC as of December 31, 2009, are true and correct. I further affirm that neither the Company nor any principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.



Robert Ruisch

Director Mutual Funds Accounting

Notary Public

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- ( ) (k) A reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation
- (X) (l) An Oath or Affirmation
- ( ) (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report
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- (X) (o) Supplementary Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control Required by Rule 17a-5

# Financial Statements and Supplemental Information

Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

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### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Members
EquiTrust Marketing Services, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of EquiTrust Marketing Services, LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and 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 EquiTrust Marketing Services, LLC at December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the accompanying supporting schedules is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 our 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.

February 22, 2010

Ernst & Young LLP

# Statements of Financial Condition

	December 31		
		2009	2008
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents, at fair value:			
Cash	\$	335,627	\$ -
EquiTrust Money Market Fund, Inc. (approximates cost)		_	524,849
Blackrock Liquidity Funds T-Fund (approximates cost)		710,764	610,178
	1	,046,391	1,135,027
Accounts receivable		217,412	145,644
Due from Members		4,075	3,858
Due from Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company		29,157	31,029
Due from EquiTrust Life Insurance Company		58,909	41,368
Due from FBL Financial Group, Inc.		19,710	3,341
Deferred sales costs, less accumulated amortization of			
\$428,932 in 2009 and \$726,919 in 2008		74,625	183,422
Other assets		478,666	248,561
Total assets	<b>\$</b> 1	1,928,945	\$ 1,792,250
Liabilities and members' equity			
Due to FBL Financial Group, Inc.	\$	72,934	\$ 274,246
Due to EquiTrust Investment Management Services, Inc.	*	1,423	1,482
Due to Members		4,075	3,858
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		406,750	327,406
Total liabilities		485,182	606,992
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Members' equity:		4 4 6 4 6 4 6	1 105 701
Series A member's equity		1,361,019	1,125,781
Series C member's equity		32,735	9,433
Series D member's equity		50,009	50,044
Total members' equity	-	1,443,763	1,185,258
Total liabilities and members' equity		1,928,945	\$ 1,792,250

# Statements of Operations

	Year Ended December 31 2009 2008		
Revenues:			
Administrative service fees	\$ 8,426,744	\$11,868,681	
Distribution fees	322,336	422,306	
Shareholder servicing fees	285,962	358,865	
Registered representative fees	312,977	436,470	
Investment income:			
Dividends from EquiTrust Money Market Fund, Inc.	107	5,188	
Dividends from other investment	585	20,352	
Other	16,532	38,204	
Total revenues	9,365,243	13,150,066	
Expenses:			
Regulatory fees and expenses	254,855	264,438	
Salaries and related expenses	2,028,035	1,970,109	
VUL commission expenses	4,239,742	5,659,824	
VA commission expenses	2,304,425	3,486,891	
Other operating expenses	1,842,910	2,722,556	
Total expenses	10,669,967	14,103,818	
Net loss	\$(1,304,724)	\$ (953,752)	

# Statements of Changes in Members' Equity

	 Series A Member's Equity	Series C Member's Equity	]	Series D Member's Equity	 Total Members' Equity
Balance at January 1, 2008	\$ 1,809,505	\$ 2,225	\$	51,373	\$ 1,863,103
Capital contributions	200,000	77,746		_	277,746
Capital distributions	, <u> </u>	_		(1,839)	(1,839)
Net (loss) income for 2008	(883,724)	(70,538)		510	(953,752)
Balance at December 31, 2008	 1,125,781	 9,433		50,044	1,185,258
Capital contributions	1,400,000	163,273		_	1,563,273
Capital distributions	· · · -	_		(44)	(44)
Net (loss) income for 2009	(1,164,762)	(139,971)		9	(1,304,724)
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 1,361,019	\$ 32,735	\$	50,009	\$ 1,443,763

# Statements of Cash Flows

	Year Ended December 3 2009 2008		
Operating activities			
Net loss	\$(1,304,724)	\$ (953,752)	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in			
operating activities:			
Amortization of deferred sales costs	108,797	155,764	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(71,768)	104,390	
Due from Members	(217)	23	
Due from EquiTrust Series and Money Market Funds	_	3,000	
Due from Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company	1,872	25,047	
Due from EquiTrust Life Insurance Company	(17,541)	61,027	
Due from FBL Financial Group, Inc.	(16,369)	(3,341)	
Other assets	(230,105)	8,092	
Due to FBL Financial Group, Inc.	(201,312)	460	
Due to EquiTrust Investment Management Services, Inc.	(59)	(419)	
Due to Members	217	(23)	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	79,344	(192,905)	
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,651,865)	(792,637)	
Financing activities			
Capital contributions	1,563,273	277,746	
Capital distributions to members	(44)	(1,839)	
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,563,229	275,907	
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(88,636)	(516,730)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,135,027	1,651,757	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 1,046,391	\$ 1,135,027	

#### Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2009

#### 1. Significant Accounting Policies

#### Organization

EquiTrust Marketing Services, LLC (the Company) engages in the sale of shares of EquiTrust Series Fund, Inc. and EquiTrust Variable Insurance Series Fund, sponsored by Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company (Farm Bureau), which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of FBL Financial Group, Inc. In addition, the Company engages in sales of retail mutual funds from a variety of other mutual fund companies. The Company also serves as the principal underwriter and distributor for the EquiTrust Funds, including the EquiTrust Money Market Fund, Inc. until its closure on August 31, 2009.

The Company has one Series A member, FBL Financial Services, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of FBL Financial Group, Inc., one Series C member, United Farm Family Life Insurance Company, and one Series D member, Missouri Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company (the Members).

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. 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.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all investments in mutual funds where the majority of the underlying investments are of a short-term nature (i.e., money market funds) to be cash equivalents. Wells Fargo commercial checking accounts were opened for each of the Company's Members in 2009. The funds were transferred from the EquiTrust Money Market accounts to new Wells Fargo accounts on August 24, 2009.

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### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Investments**

On September 15, 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued authoritative guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities, which applies whenever other authoritative guidance requires or permits assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value, but does not expand the use of fair value measurement. The guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets and the lowest priority to unobservable data, and requires fair value measurements to be separately disclosed by level within the hierarchy. The Company's adoption of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) No. 820, Fair Value Measurements, (ASC 820) on January 1, 2008, for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

ASC 820 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). For ASC 820 disclosures, ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels.

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities on the measurement date.
- Level 2 Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices in active markets for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).
- Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

All investments included in the statement of financial condition are in BlackRock Liquidity Funds T-Fund and stated at fair value. These investments are based upon daily quoted prices, and therefore are considered Level 1.

### **Recognition of Income**

Administrative service fees and other operating expenses generally consist of commission revenue and expense related to the sale of mutual fund shares and variable products. Commissions are recognized on a trade-date basis, which is the date a trade is executed.

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Distribution (12b-1) and shareholder servicing fees are recognized as such fees are earned.

#### **Deferred Sales Costs**

Prior to March 15, 2006, certain costs that are directly related to the sale of EquiTrust Series Fund Class B shares were deferred and amortized over the period during which the related revenues were recognized. Effective March 15, 2006, the Company no longer offers EquiTrust Series Fund Class B shares. No additional cost was capitalized after this date. Costs deferred prior to March 15, 2006 continue to be recoverable through related distribution (12b-1) and contingent deferred sales charge fees from the related Class B shares.

#### **Subsequent Events**

The Company's management has evaluated all subsequent events through February 22, 2010, which is the date that the financial statements were issued.

#### 2. Income Taxes

As a limited liability company, the Company has elected to be classified as a partnership for federal tax reporting purposes. Therefore, the Company will generally not be subject to federal or state income taxes.

#### 3. Retirement and Compensation Plans

The Company participates with Farm Bureau and several other affiliates in various multiemployer defined-benefit plans covering substantially all employees. The benefits of these plans are based primarily on years of service and employees' compensation. The Company and affiliates have adopted a policy allocating the required contribution to the plans between themselves generally on a basis of time incurred by the respective employees for each employer. Pension expense aggregated \$231,553 and \$174,691 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The Company and affiliates allocate postretirement benefit expense in a manner consistent with pension expense discussed above. Postretirement benefit expense aggregated \$2,043 and \$2,844 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 3. Retirement and Compensation Plans (continued)

The Company and affiliates have two share-based payment arrangements under the Class A Common Stock Compensation Plan. Compensation expense is recognized for all share-based payments granted, modified, or settled. The non performance-related stock-based expense is recognized over the shorter of a five-year vesting schedule or the period ending when the employee becomes eligible for retirement using the straight-line method. The performance-related stock-based expense is recorded based on the number of shares expected to vest and is recognized over the required service period. The impact of forfeitures is estimated and compensation expense is recognized only for those stock-based instruments expected to vest. The Company and affiliates report tax deductions related to stock-based instruments in excess of recognized compensation expense as a financial cash flow. Expenses related to stock options were \$56,711 and \$30,435 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The Company provides benefits to representatives of the Company, who also serve as agents to its insurance affiliates, through the Agents' Career Incentive Plan. The Company's contributions to the plan are based upon the individual agent's earned commissions and vary based upon the overall production level and the number of years of service. The Company's contributions, net of refunds, with respect to this plan during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, resulted in income of \$32 and \$78, respectively.

### 4. Regulatory Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) uniform net capital rule (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 therein, shall not exceed 15 to 1. Net capital and the related net capital ratio may fluctuate on a daily basis. At December 31, 2009, the Company had defined net capital of \$546,994, which was \$514,649 in excess of its required net capital of \$32,345. The Company's net capital ratio was 0.89 to 1. Various other regulatory agencies may impose additional capital requirements.

The Company is exempt from maintaining a special reserve bank account under Rule 15c3-3(k)(1).

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 5. Limited Liability Company Agreement

The Limited Liability Company Agreement approved by the Members outlines the capital structure of the Company, capital contributions to be made by the Members, allocations of revenues and expenses to the Members, and distributions to the Members.

Interests in the Company are divided into Series, with the interest of each Member constituting a separate Series. The Company is authorized to issue 100 Series. The holder of Series A interest, referred to as the Principal Member, is the only Member with voting rights for the Company. Associate Members are allowed to conduct business relating only to the sale of variable life insurance, variable annuity, and mutual fund products, which have been approved by the Board of Managers for distribution through the Company.

A separate capital account has been established for each Member and will be established for each new Member admitted to the Company in the future. Each Member's capital account will contain that Member's initial capital contribution adjusted at the end of each calendar quarter for: (a) the amount of revenue received by the Company during the quarter as a result of that Member's operations; (b) the amount of additional capital contributions by that Member during the quarter; (c) all costs and expenses directly incurred by that Member and all costs and expenses allocated to that Member's Series during the quarter, including general overhead of the Company; and (d) the amount of all distributions made to the Member during the quarter.

For the period July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2009, the Company waived the allocation of general overhead and registered representative fees to the Series D Member. During this time frame, all such costs were allocated to the Series A Member. The amount of minimum required capital for each associate Member is currently \$50,000. The Members may be called upon for additional capital contributions in certain situations, including the necessity to maintain minimum regulatory capital requirements. See reference to Note 7 regarding subsequent contributions.

Distributions may be made to the Principal Member at the discretion of the Board of Managers of the Company. Distributions may be made to an Associate Member within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter, provided that such distribution would not cause that Member's capital balance to decline below the minimum required capital.

Associate Members may terminate their Series at any time, so long as the balance in their capital account is greater than zero. The Board of Managers may also terminate the Series of any Associate Member if that Member's capital account is less than the minimum required capital and the Associate Member has failed to honor a capital call for the shortfall.

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# Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 6. Related-Party Transactions

The Company's registered representatives sell variable universal life and variable annuity products under agreements with Farm Bureau and EquiTrust Life Insurance Company (EquiTrust, an affiliate). These agreements provide that Farm Bureau and EquiTrust will compensate the Company for all commissions paid to its registered representatives. In addition, Farm Bureau agrees to pay the Company a registered representative fee to cover the costs and expenses associated with facilitating variable product sales. The Company receives a monthly overwrite commission from Farm Bureau equal to 5% of variable product commissions and service fees paid to registered representatives and overwrites paid to managers. During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company received \$7,035,240 (2008 – \$9,844,307) under these agreements, of which \$6,544,167 (2008 – \$9,146,715) was paid directly to the registered representatives serving as the writing agents.

The Company shares certain office facilities and services with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation and its affiliated companies. These expenses are allocated to the Company on the basis of cost and time studies that are updated annually and consist primarily of salaries and related expenses, travel, and occupancy costs. Aggregate payments for such expenses were approximately \$2,902,165 and \$2,597,058 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The Company participates in a management agreement with FBL Financial Group, Inc. Under this agreement, FBL Financial Group, Inc. provides general business, administrative analysis, and management services to the Company. During the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company incurred expenses under this contract of \$12,872 and \$15,114, respectively.

#### 7. Subsequent Events

On January 26, 2010, the Company distributed excess capital in the amount of \$9 to the Series D Member.

On January 28, 2010, the Company received a \$17,265 capital contribution from the Series C Member.

Supplemental Information

# Computation of Net Capital – Part IIA

### December 31, 2009

	mputation of Net Capital					
1.	Total ownership equity from Statement of Financial				_	
	Condition				_\$_	1,443,763
2.	Deduct ownership equity not allowable for Net					
	Capital					
3.	Total ownership equity qualified for Net Capital					1,443,763
4.	Add:					
	A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general					
	creditors allowable in computation of net capital					
	B. Other deductions or allowable credits					
5.	Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities					1,443,763
	Deductions and/or charges:					
	A. Total non allowable assets from Statement of					
	Financial Condition (Notes B and C):					
	1. Accounts receivable	\$ 217,412				
	2. Due from Members	4,075				
	3 Due from Farm Bureau Life Insurance	 	•			
	Company	29,157				
	4. Due from EquiTrust Life Insurance Company	 58,909	•			
	5. Due from FBL Financial Group, Inc.	 19,710	•			
	6. Deferred sales costs	 74,625	-			
	7. Other assets	 478,666	\$	882,554	•	
	B. Secured demand note deficiency	 ·····			-	
	C. Commodity futures contracts and spot			*****	-	
	commodities – proprietary capital charges			_		
	D. Other deductions and/or charges				-	(882,554)
7.	Other additions and/or allowable credits					_
	Net capital before haircuts on securities positions					561,209
	Haircuts on securities [computed, where applicable,					
	pursuant to 15c3-1(f)]:					
	A. Contractual securities commitments		\$	_	_	
	B. Subordinated securities borrowings			_		
	C. Trading and investment securities:				-	
	1. Exempted securities			_		
	2. Debt securities			***	_	
	3. Options				-	
	4. Other securities			14,215	-	
	D. Undue concentration				=	
	E. Other			_	-	(14,215)
10					\$	546,994

### Computation of Net Capital – Part IIA (continued)

Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirement		
Part A	_	
11. Minimum net capital required (6-2/3% of line 19)		32,345
12. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or		
dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)		5,000
13. Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12)		32,345
14. Excess net capital (line 10 less 13)		514,649
15. Excess net capital at 1000% (line 10 less 10% of line 19)		498,476
Computation of Aggregate Indebtedness  16. Total A.I. liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition		485,182
17. Add: A. Drafts for immediate credit	\$ 	
<ul><li>B. Market value of securities borrowed for which no equivalent value is paid or credited</li><li>C. Other unrecorded amounts</li></ul>	 _	
19. Total aggregate indebtedness		485,182
20. Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (line 19 ÷ by line 10)		88.70%
21. Percentage of debt to debt-equity total computed in		

#### Notes:

- (A) The minimum net capital requirement should be computed by adding the minimum dollar net capital requirement of the reporting broker dealer and, for each subsidiary to be consolidated, the greater of:
  - 1. Minimum dollar net capital requirement, or

accordance with Rule 15c3-1(d)

- 2. 6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or 2% of aggregate debits if alternative method is used.
- (B) Do not deduct the value of securities borrowed under subordination agreements or secured demand note covered by subordination agreements not in satisfactory form and the market values of memberships in exchanges contributed for use of Company (contra to item 1740) and partners' securities that were included in nonallowable assets.
- (C) For reports filed pursuant to paragraph (d) of Rule 17a-5, respondent should provide a list of material non allowable assets.

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### Statement Relating to Certain Determinations Required Under Rule 15c3-3 – Part IIA

December 31, 2009

#### Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3:

#### **Exemptive Provision**

25. If an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 is claimed, identify below the section upon which such exemption is based (check one only):  A. (k)(1) – Limited business (mutual funds and/or variable	
annuities only)	X
B. (k)(2)(i) – "Special Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers" maintained	
C. (k)(2)(ii) – All customer transactions cleared through another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis. Name of clearing firm	
D. $(k)(3)$ – Exempted by order of the Commission	

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

December 31, 2009

There are no differences between the computation of net capital under Rule 15c3-1 included in this audited report and the computation included in the Company's corresponding unaudited Form X-17A-5 Part IIA filing as of December 31, 2009.



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### Supplementary Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control Required by Rule 17a-5

The Members
EquiTrust Marketing Services, LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supporting schedules of EquiTrust Marketing Services, LLC (the Company), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, we considered its internal control over financial reporting (internal control), as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. The study included 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 and recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
- 2. 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 U.S. 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 and 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.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

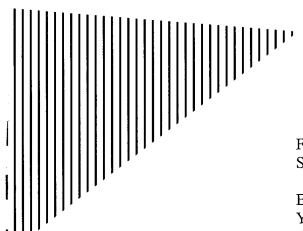
We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that 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, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2009, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Managers, management, the SEC, the Financial Institution Regulatory Authority, 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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