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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 BEGINNING 01/01/09 AND ENDING 12/31/09  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Empiric Distributors, Inc.

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

6300 Bridge Point Parkway, Building 2, Suite 105

(No. and Street)

Austin

(City)

Texas

(State)

78730

(Zip Code)

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

Mark A. Coffelt

(512) 328-9321

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

Tait, Weller & Baker, LLP

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

1818 Market Street, Suite 2400

(Address)

Philadelphia

(City)

PA

(State)

19103

(Zip Code)

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- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Mark A. Coffelt, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Empiric Distributors, Inc., as of December 31, 20 09, 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:

*Mark A. Coffelt*

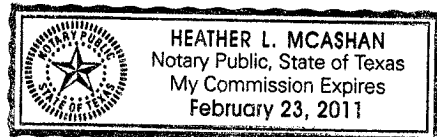
Signature

President

Title

*Heather L. McAshan*

Notary Public



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

- (a) Facing Page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' 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) Auditors' Report on Internal Control.

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

# *TAIT, WELLER & BAKER LLP*

*Certified Public Accountants*

## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

**To the Shareholders  
Empiric Distributors, Inc.  
Austin, Texas**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Empiric Distributors, Inc. as of December 31, 2009, and the related statements of income (loss), changes in ownership equity, and cash flows for the year 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 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 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 audit provides 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 Empiric Distributors, Inc. as of December 31, 2009, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements, taken as a whole. The information contained in Pages 3, 4, 6 and 7 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 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. 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.



**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
February 26, 2010**

# FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT

## PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER	Empiric Distributors, Inc.	N3			100
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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR NONCARRYING, NONCLEARING AND CERTAIN OTHER BROKERS OR DEALERS

as of (MM/DD/YY)	12/31/09	99
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Consolidated		198
Unconsolidated	X	199

	Allowable		Non-Allowable		Total
1. Cash	\$ 683	200			\$ 683 750
2. Receivables from brokers or dealers:					
A. Clearance account	12,621	295			
B. Other		300	550		12,621 810
3. Receivable from non-customers		355	600		830
4. Securities and spot commodities owned at market value:					
A. Exempted securities	121,552	418			
B. Debt securities		419			
C. Options		420			
D. Other securities		424			
E. Spot commodities		430			121,552 850
5. Securities and/or other investments not readily marketable:					
A. At cost \$		130			
B. At estimated fair value		440	610		860
6. Securities borrowed under subordination agreements and partners' individual and capital securities accounts, at market value:					
A. Exempted securities \$		150			
B. Other securities \$		160			
7. Secured demand notes:					
Market value of collateral:					
A. Exempted securities \$		170			
B. Other securities \$		180			
8. Memberships in exchanges:					
A. Owned, at market \$		190			
B. Owned, at cost			650		
C. Contributed for use of the company, at market value			660		900
9. Investment in and receivables from affiliates, subsidiaries and associated partnerships		480	670		910
10. Property, furniture, equipment, leasehold improvements and rights under lease agreements, at cost-net of accumulated depreciation and amortization		490	680		920
11. Other assets		535	735		930
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 134,856	540	740		\$ 134,856 940

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See notes to financial statements.

# FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT

## PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER **Empiric Distributors, Inc.**

as of 12/31/09

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR NONCARRYING, NONCLEARING AND CERTAIN OTHER BROKERS OR DEALERS

#### LIABILITIES AND OWNERSHIP EQUITY

<u>Liabilities</u>	A.I. <u>Liabilities</u>	Non-A.I. <u>Liabilities</u>	<u>Total</u>
13. Bank loans payable .....	\$ 1045	\$ 1255 <sup>13</sup>	\$ 1470
14. Payable to brokers or dealers:			
A. Clearance account .....	1114	1315	1560
B. Other .....	1115	1305	1540
15. Payable to non-customers .....	9,631	1155	9,631
16. Securities sold not yet purchased, at market value .....		1360	1620
17. Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, expenses and other .....	14,621	1205	14,621
18. Notes and mortgages payable:			
A. Unsecured .....	1210		1690
B. Secured .....	1211 <sup>12</sup>	1390 <sup>14</sup>	1700
19. E. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors:			
A. Cash borrowings:		1400	1710
1. from outsiders <sup>9</sup> , \$ 970			
2. includes equity subordination (15c3-1(d)) of ... \$ 980			
B. Securities borrowings, at market value from outsiders \$ 990		1410	1720
C. Pursuant to secured demand note collateral agreements .....		1420	1730
1. from outsiders \$ 1000			
2. includes equity subordination (15c3-1(d)) of ... \$ 1010			
D. Exchange memberships contributed for use of company, at market value .....		1430	1740
E. Accounts and other borrowings not qualified for net capital purposes .....	1220	1440	1750
20. TOTAL LIABILITIES .....	\$ 24,252	\$ 1450	\$ 24,252
<b>Ownership Equity</b>			
21. Sole Proprietorship .....			1770
22. Partnership (limited partners) .....	1020 <sup>11</sup>		1780
23. Corporation:			
A. Preferred stock .....			1791
B. Common stock .....		10,000	1792
C. Additional paid-in capital .....		69,529	1793
D. Retained earnings .....		31,075	1794
E. Total .....		110,604	1795
F. Less capital stock in treasury .....		1796 <sup>16</sup>	1796
24. TOTAL OWNERSHIP EQUITY .....		\$ 110,604	\$ 1800
25. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNERSHIP EQUITY .....		\$ 134,856	\$ 1810

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See notes to financial statements.

## FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER

Empiric Distributors, Inc.

as of 12/31/09

### COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL

1.	Total ownership equity from Statement of Financial Condition .....	\$ 110,604	3480
2.	Deduct ownership equity not allowable for Net Capital .....	19 ( )	3490
3.	Total ownership equity qualified for Net Capital .....	110,604	3500
4.	Add:		
A.	Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital .....		3520
B.	Other (deductions) or allowable credits (List) .....		3525
5.	Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities .....	\$ 110,604	3530
6.	Deductions and/or charges:		
A.	Total non-allowable assets from		
Statement of Financial Condition (Notes B and C) .....	17 \$	3540	
B.	Secured demand note delinquency .....		3590
C.	Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities -- proprietary capital charges .....		3600
D.	Other deductions and/or charges .....		3610
7.	Other additions and/or allowable credits (List) .....		3620
8.	Net capital before haircuts on securities positions .....	20 \$	110,604
9.	Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable, pursuant to 15c3-1(f)):		
A.	Contractual securities commitments .....	\$	3660
B.	Subordinated securities borrowings .....		3670
C.	Trading and investment securities:		
1.	Exempted securities .....	18 16,040	3735
2.	Debt securities .....		3733
3.	Options .....		3730
4.	Other securities .....		3734
D.	Undue Concentration .....		3650
E.	Other (List) .....		3736
		( 16,040 )	3740
10.	Net Capital .....	\$ 94,564	3750

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The net capital as reported in the Company's unaudited Focus Report agrees with the audited net capital reported above.

See notes to financial statements.

# FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT

## PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER	Empiric Distributors, Inc.	as of <u>12/31/09</u>
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### COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

**Part A**

11. Minimum net capital required (6 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of line 19) .....	\$	1,616	3756
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	3758
13. Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12) .....	\$	5,000	3760
14. Excess net capital (line 10 less 13) .....	\$	89,564	3770
15. Excess net capital at 1000% (line 10 less 10% of line 19) .....	\$	92,138	3780

### COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS

16. Total A.I. liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition .....	\$	24,252	3790
17. Add:			
A. Drafts for immediate credit .....	\$		3800
B. Market value of securities borrowed for which no equivalent value is paid or credited .....	\$		3810
C. Other unrecorded amounts (List) .....	\$		3820
18. Total aggregate indebtedness .....	\$	24,252	3840
19. Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (line 18 ÷ by line 10) .....	%	26	3850
20. Percentage of debt to debt-equity total computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1(d) .....	%	0	3860

### COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

**Part B**

21. 2% of combined aggregate debit items as shown in Formula for Reserve Requirements pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 prepared as of the date of the net capital computation including both brokers or dealers and consolidated subsidiaries' debits .....	\$		3970
22. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A) .....	\$		3880
23. Net capital requirement (greater of line 21 or 22) .....	\$		3760
24. Excess capital (line 10 less 23) .....	\$		3910
25. Net capital in excess of the greater of:			
A. 5% of combined aggregate debit items or \$120,000 .....	\$		3920

**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
  - 2. 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of aggregate indebtedness or 4% 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 which were included in non-allowable assets.
- (C) For reports filed pursuant to paragraph (d) of Rule 17a-5, respondent should provide a list of material non-allowable assets.

See notes to financial statements.

# FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT

## PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER      **Empiric Distributors, Inc.**

For the period (MMDDYY) from 1/1/09 3932 to 12/31/09 3933  
 Number of months included in this statement      12      3931

### STATEMENT OF INCOME (LOSS)

#### REVENUE

1. Commissions:			
a. Commissions on transactions in exchange listed equity securities executed on an exchange .....	\$	206,630	3935
b. Commissions on listed option transactions .....			3938
c. All other securities commissions .....			3939
d. Total securities commissions .....		206,630	3940
2. Gains or losses on firm securities trading accounts			
a. From market making in options on a national securities exchange .....			3945
b. From all other trading .....			3949
c. Total gain (loss) .....		26,630	3950
3. Gains or losses on firm securities investment accounts .....			3952
4. Profit (loss) from underwriting and selling groups .....			3955
5. Revenue from sale of investment company shares .....			3970
6. Commodities revenue .....			3990
7. Fees for account supervision, investment advisory and administrative services .....			3975
8. Other revenue .....			3995
9. Total revenue .....		\$	233,260

#### EXPENSES

10. Salaries and other employment costs for general partners and voting stockholder officers .....			4120
11. Other employee compensation and benefits .....			4115
12. Commissions paid to other broker-dealers .....		1,690	4140
13. Interest expense .....			4075
a. Includes interest on accounts subject to subordination agreements .....		4070	
14. Regulatory fees and expenses .....		2,480	4195
15. Other expenses .....		63,484	4100
16. Total expenses .....		\$	67,654

#### NET INCOME

17. Income (loss) before Federal income taxes and items below (Item 9 less Item 16) .....		\$	165,606	4210
18. Provision for Federal income taxes (for parent only) .....				4220
19. Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated subsidiaries not included above .....				4222
a. After Federal income taxes of .....		4338		
20. Extraordinary gains (losses) .....				4224
a. After Federal income taxes of .....		4239		
21. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles .....				4225
22. Net income (loss) after Federal income taxes and extraordinary items .....		\$		4230

#### MONTHLY INCOME

23. Income (current month only) before provision for Federal income taxes and extraordinary items .....		\$		4211
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See notes to financial statements.



**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART IIA**

BROKER OR DEALER      Empiric Distributors, Inc.

For the period (MMDDYY) from 1/1/09 to 12/31/09

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP EQUITY  
(SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION)**

1. Balance, beginning of period .....	\$	104,218	4240
A. Net income (loss) .....		165,606	4250
B. Additions (Includes non-conforming capital of .....	29 \$	4262)	4260
C. Deductions (Includes non-conforming capital of .....	\$	4272)	4270
		(159,220)	
2. Balance, end of period (From item 1800) .....	\$	110,604	4290

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED  
TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS**

3. Balance, beginning of period .....	30 \$		4300
A. Increases .....			4310
B. Decreases .....			4320
4. Balance, end of period (From item 3520) .....	\$		4330

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See notes to financial statements.

## FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER Empric Distributors, Inc. as of 12/31/09

### EXEMPTIVE PROVISION UNDER RULE 15c3-3

24. If an exemption from Rule 15c3-1 is claimed, identify below the section upon which such exemption is based (check one only)

- |  |                                     |      |
|--|-------------------------------------|------|
| A. (k)(1) — \$2,500 capital category as per Rule 15c3-1 .....  |                                     | 4550 |
| B. (k)(2)(A) — "Special Account for the Exclusive Benefit of customers" maintained .....   |                                     | 4560 |
| C. (k)(2)(B) — All customer transactions cleared through another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis.<br>Name of clearing firm <sup>30</sup> <u>Pershing LLC \$(5,000)</u> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">4335</span> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4570 |
| D. (k)(3) — Exempted by order of the Commission (include copy of letter) .....   |                                     | 4580 |

### Ownership Equity and Subordinated Liabilities maturing or proposed to be withdrawn within the next six months and accruals, (as defined below), which have not been deducted in the computation of Net Capital.

Type of Proposed Withdrawal or Accrual (See below for code )	Name of Lender or Contributor	Insider or Outsider? (In or Out)	Amount to be Withdrawn (cash amount and/or Net Capital Value of Securities)	(MMDDYY) Withdrawal or Maturity Date	Expect to Renew (Yes or No)
31 4600	4601	4602	4603	4604	4605
32 4610	4611	4612	4613	4614	4615
33 4620	4621	4622	4623	4624	4625
34 4630	4631	4632	4633	4634	4635
35 4640	4641	4642	4643	4644	4645
			<b>Total \$<sup>36</sup></b>	<b>4699</b>	

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Instructions: Detail Listing must include the total of items maturing during the six month period following the report date, regardless of whether or not the capital contribution is expected to be renewed. The schedule must also include proposed capital withdrawals scheduled within the six month period following the report date including the proposed redemption of stock and anticipated accruals which would cause a reduction of Net Capital. These anticipated accruals would include amounts of bonuses, partners' drawing accounts, taxes, and interest on capital, voluntary contributions to pension or profit sharing plans, etc., which have not been deducted in the computation of Net Capital, but which you anticipate will be paid within the next six months.

<b>WITHDRAWAL CODE:</b>	<b>DESCRIPTIONS</b>
1.	Equity Capital
2.	Subordinated Liabilities
3.	Accruals

See notes to financial statements.

# EMPIRIC DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended December 31, 2009

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### INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH

#### *Cash flows from operating activities*

Commissions received and other revenue	\$215,171
Clearing expenses, filing fees and operating expenses paid	<u>55,793</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b><u>159,378</u></b>

#### *Cash flows from financing activities*

Dividends paid	<u>159,220</u>
<b>Net cash used for financing purposes</b>	<b><u>159,200</u></b>

<b>Net decrease in cash</b>	<b>158</b>
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#### *Cash*

Beginning of year	<u>525</u>
<b>End of year</b>	<b><u>\$ 683</u></b>

### RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net income	\$165,606
Gain on investments	(26,630)
Decrease in accounts receivable	8,540
Increase in accrued expenses	<u>11,862</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b><u>\$159,378</u></b>

See notes to financial statements.

# EMPIRIC DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 2009

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### (1) BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### *NATURE OF ORGANIZATION*

Empiric Distributors, Inc. (the “*Company*”), a fully disclosed introducing broker-dealer located in Austin, Texas, is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“*SEC*”), the State Securities Commissions of Texas and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“*FINRA*”). The Company is engaged primarily in institutional and retail securities brokerage services. The Company began operations August 30, 2002. The Company, formerly Texas Capital, Inc., doing business as First Austin Investments, changed its name in January 2007.

#### *REVENUE RECOGNITION*

Securities transactions and related revenues and expenses are recorded on a settlement date basis.

#### *INCOME TAXES*

The Company files its taxes with its parent company, Empiric Advisors, Inc. (formerly known as First Austin Capital Management).

#### *USE OF ESTIMATES*

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 certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### *INVESTMENTS*

Investments are stated at fair value and unrealized gains and losses are recognized in the statement of income.

#### *FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT*

The Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (“*FASB*”) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 “*Fair Value Measurements*” (“*FAS 157*”) on January 1, 2008. FAS 157 defines fair value as the price that the Company would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. FAS 157 establishes a framework for measuring fair value and a three level hierarchy for fair value measurements based on the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability. Inputs may be observable or unobservable and refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund’s own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available under the circumstances. The Company’s investment in its entirety is assigned a level based upon the inputs which are significant to the overall valuation. The hierarchy of inputs is summarized below.

# EMPIRIC DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (Continued)

Year ended December 31, 2009

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The inputs or methodology used for valuing investments are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical investments.

Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Company’s own assumptions in determining fair value of investments)

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2008 in valuing the Company’s investments:

<u>Valuation Input</u>	<u>Investment in Securities</u>
Level 1	\$121,552
Level 2	
Level 3	
	<u>\$121,552</u>

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, and accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these items.

### (2) INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 2009 investments consisted of the following:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Equity Securities	\$79,778	\$121,552

### (3) REGULATORY REQUIREMENT

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (reserve requirement for brokers and dealers) as covered in Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) in that it does not hold funds or securities for customers and it promptly transmits all funds and delivers all securities in connection with its activities as a broker or dealer.

The Company, as a registered broker-dealer, is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1). This rule requires that the Company maintain minimum net capital, as defined, of at least the greater of \$5,000 or 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness, as defined. Net capital and aggregate indebtedness change from day to day, but as of December 31, 2008, the Company had net capital of \$94,564 which exceeded its net capital requirement of \$5,000 by \$89,564. The Company’s ratio was .26 to 1 of aggregate indebtedness to net capital.

# EMPIRIC DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

## *NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (Continued)*

**Year ended December 31, 2009**

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### **(4) DUE FROM CLEARING BROKERS**

The Company always introduces its clients' transactions on a fully disclosed basis to its clearing broker for execution, clearance, and depository operations in accordance with the terms of their clearing agreement. In connection therewith, the Company has agreed to indemnify the clearing brokers pursuant to the terms of its clearing agreement.

### **(5) CONCENTRATION OF RISK**

The Company maintains bank accounts which may exceed federally insured limits. Historically, they have not experienced any credit-related losses.

*TAIT, WELLER & BAKER LLP*  
*Certified Public Accountants*

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5**

**Board of Directors**  
**Empiric Distributors, Inc.**  
**Austin, Texas**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Empiric Distributors, Inc. (the "Company"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's 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 (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of compliance with 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 and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedures for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13, or in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting 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. A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of a company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

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A control deficiency 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 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 company'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 would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be 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 were adequate at December 31, 2009, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the SEC 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.

  
TAIT, WELLER & BAKER LLP

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
February 26, 2010**



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