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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	01/01/09	AND ENDING	<u> 12/31/09</u>
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A. REGIST	RANT IDENTIF	ICATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:			OFFICIAL USE ONLY
E.L.K. Capital Advisors, LLC ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSIN	ESS: (Do not use P.	O. Box No.)	FIRM I.D. NO.
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	(No. and Street)		
Northbrook	IL		60062
(City)	(State)		(Zip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERS	SON TO CONTACT	IN REGARD TO T	HIS REPORT
Randall S. Winters		(84	17) 919-3544
Kandan 5. Whiteis			Code - Telephone Number)
B. ACCOUN	NTANT IDENTIF	TICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT who	ose opinion is contain	ned in the Report*	
Rubio CPA, PC			
(Name - if indiv	idual, state last, first, n	niddle name)	
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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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#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I,	Randall S. Winters	, swear (or affirm) that	at, to the best of
my l	cnowledge and belief the accompanying  E.L.K. Capital Advisors, 1	g financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining	g to the firm of
of	December 31	, 2009, are true and correct. I further swear (	or affirm) that
neitl	ner the company nor any partner, proprie	ctor, principal officer or director has any proprietary intere	est in any account
clas	sified solely as that of a customer, except	t as follows:	
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Thi	Notary Public s report ** contains (check all applica	Signature  Title  "OFFICIAL SEAL"  Christine Krawec  Notary Public, State of Illinois  McHenry Coer  My Commission Expire: ARCH 0, 2010	J
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	A of Rule 15c3-3.  (k) A Reconciliation between trespect to methods of constant (1) An Oath or Affirmation.  (m) A copy of the SIPC Supple	the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Co olidation.	ondition with

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

## E.L.K. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009 With Independent Auditor's Report CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Stockholder of E.L.K. Capital Advisors, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of E.L.K. Capital Advisors, LLC as of December 31, 2009 and the accompanying statements of operations, cash flows and stockholder's equity for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 of 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 the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit 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. 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, results of operations and cash flows of E.L.K. Capital Advisors, LLC as of December 31, 2009 and for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I and II 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 statement taken as a whole.

RUBIO CPA, PC

Philip CPA, PC

February 9, 2010 Atlanta, Georgia

#### E.L.K. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION December 31, 2009

#### **ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$ 54,559 520,600
Office furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$21,282 Deposits and other	19,465 10,094
Total assets	\$ 604,718
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	
Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued retirement plan contributions Accrued payroll	\$ 3,470 40,867 1,026
Total liabilities	45,363
Stockholder's equity	559,355
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<u>\$ 604,718</u>

#### E.L.K. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

REVENUES: Placement fees Interest and other income	\$ 331,757 787
Total revenue	332,544
EXPENSES:  Compensation and benefits Communications and data processing Regulatory fees Occupancy Other operating expenses  Total expenses	397,721 12,678 2,961 48,021 91,651
NET (LOSS)	<u>\$ (220,488)</u>

#### E.L.K. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

		Paid In <u>Capital</u>		Retained Earnings		<u>Total</u>
Balance, December 31, 2008	\$	110,000	\$	1,049,843	\$ 1	,159,843
Net loss				(220,488)		(220,488)
Distributions to stockholder			_	(380,000)		(380,000)
Balance, December 31, 2009	<u>\$</u>	110,000	<u>\$</u>	449,355	<u>\$</u>	559,355

#### E.L.K. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

		2009
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net (loss)	<u>\$</u>	(220,488)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:  Depreciation and amortization  Decrease in accounts receivable  Decrease in deposits and other  Decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses		7,009 579,265 5,188 (28,814)
Net cash provided by operating activities		342,160
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Distributions to stockholder		(380,000)
Net cash used in financing activity	_	(380,000)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(37,840)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS: Beginning of year		92,399
End of year	<u>\$</u>	54,559

#### E.L.K. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2009

## NOTE 1 – NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Business: E.L.K. Capital Advisors, LLC (the Company) was organized as an Illinois Limited Liability Company by its sole Stockholder, ELK Investments, Inc., to provide advisory and consulting services related to capital raising activities and mergers and acquisitions for limited partnerships and private equity funds throughout the United States. The Company is an independent registered broker-dealer and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

<u>Income Taxes</u>: The Company has elected to be an S corporation under Internal Revenue Code regulations. Therefore, the income or losses of the Company flow through to and are taxable to its stockholder and no liability for income taxes is reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

<u>Estimates</u>: The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates in determining assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>: The Company considers deposits with maturities of ninety days or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

The Company maintains its cash and cash equivalents in a high credit quality bank. Balances at times may exceed federally insured limits.

Accounts Receivable: Accounts receivable are non-interest bearing uncollateralized obligations receivable in accordance with the terms agreed upon with each client, which range from thirty days to two years.

The carrying amount of accounts receivable is reduced by a valuation allowance that reflects management's best estimate of the amounts that will not be collected. Management individually reviews all delinquent accounts receivable balances and based on an assessment of current creditworthiness, estimates the portion, if any, of the balance that will not be collected. Generally, customer receivables are believed to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

<u>Property and Equipment:</u> Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation and amortization is computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of three to seven years.

#### E.L.K. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2009

NOTE 1 – NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue Recognition: Placement fees are recognized in accordance with terms agreed upon with each client and are generally based on (1) a percentage of capital raised or (2) profit allocated and management fees earned by a client on funds received from investors introduced by the Company. Other consulting fees are recognized as billed.

#### NOTE 2 – NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission 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, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2009, the Company had net capital of \$7,881 which was \$2,881 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000 and the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 5.76 to 1.0.

#### **NOTE 3 – CONCENTRATIONS**

Substantially all revenues earned during 2009 were from two customers and substantially all of the accounts receivable at December 31, 2009 were from three customers.

#### NOTE 4 - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

The Company maintains a profit sharing and 401(k) plan covering all eligible employees. The plan provides for both discretionary profit sharing contributions and safe harbor matching contributions by the Company as annually determined by its Stockholder. The Company will make discretionary contributions for 2009 of approximately \$41,000, consisting of approximately \$11,000 for safe harbor and \$30,000 for profit sharing.

#### **NOTE 5 – LEASES**

During 2009, the Company leased office premises under operating leases. The Company's commitment under its office premises leases at December 31, 2009 is approximately the following:

2010	\$	42,000
2011		14,000
	\$_	56,000

Rent expense for 2009 was approximately \$47,000.

#### E.L.K. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

#### Supplementary Information Pursuant to Rule 17(a)-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**December 31, 2009** 

The accompanying schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements and general format of FOCUS Form X-17 A-5.

#### E.L.K. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

## SCHEDULE I COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ACT OF 1934

#### **December 31, 2009**

Net Capital  Total stockholder's equity qualified for net capital  Deduction for non-allowable assets:  Deposits and other assets  Accounts receivable  Office furniture and equipment	\$	559,355 (10,094) (520,600) (19,465)			
Net capital before haircuts		9,196			
Less haircuts:  Money market assets Undue concentration		(882) (433)			
Net capital		7,881			
Minimum net capital required		5,000			
Excess net capital	<u>\$</u>	2,881			
Aggregate Indebtedness: Liabilities	<u>\$</u>	45,363			
Minimum net capital based on aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$</u>	3,024			
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		5.76 to 1.0			
RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL INCLUDED IN PART IIA OF FORM X-17A-5 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009					
Net capital as reported in Part IIA of Form X-17a Effect of adjustments to accounts payable	\$	6,226 1,655			
Net capital as reported above	<u>\$</u>	7,881			

#### E.L.K. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

# SCHEDULE II COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF THE RESERVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c3-3 AND INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c3-3 DECEMBER 31, 2009

The Company is not required to file the above schedules pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3 paragraph (k)(2)(i).

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL REQUIRED BY RULE 17a-5

To the Stockholder of E.L.K. Capital Advisors, LLC:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of E.L.K. Capital Advisors, LLC for the year ended December 31, 2009 we considered its internal control structure, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including test of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by E.L.K. Capital Advisors, LLC that we considered relevant to the objective stated in Rule 17a-5(g). We also made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedure for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company related to the following: (1) in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13; (2) 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; and (3) in obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure 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 internal control structure policies and procedures 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 Commission's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure 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 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 any internal control structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities 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 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 control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control structure, which we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report recognizes that it is not practicable in an organization the size of the Company to achieve all the division of duties and cross-checks generally included in a system of internal accounting control, and that alternatively, greater reliance must be placed on surveillance by management.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of procedures performed in our audit of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 and this report does not effect our report thereon dated February 9, 2010.

In addition, no facts came to our attention indicating that the exemptive provision of Rule 15c3-3 had not been complied with during the year.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission 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 Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and should not be used for any other purpose.

February 9, 2010 Atlanta, Georgia

RUBIO CPA, PC

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