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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, Mark	C. Haus	sman, Jr, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowle	edge an	d belief that the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
•		CEROS Financial Services, Inc. as of December 31, 2009
are true an	id corre	ect. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has atterest in any account classified solely as that of customer, except as follows:
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⊠		Statement of Financial Condition.
		Statement of Income (Loss).
	(d)	Statement of Cash Flows.
	(e)	Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
	(f)	Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
		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.
		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.
⊠	(1)	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 accounting control.

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

# CEROS BROKER SERVICE, INC.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**DECEMBER 31, 2009** 

#### WILLIAM BATDORF & COMPANY, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS 1750 K STREET, N.W., SUITE 375 WASHINGTON, DC 20006

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors Ceros Financial Services, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Ceros Financial Services, Inc. (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 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 statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ceros Financial Services, Inc. at December 31, 2009, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Willia Battof & Company, P.C.

February 23, 2010

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

# **DECEMBER 31, 2009**

## **ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents Receivable from clearing organizations Securities owned Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses Property and equipment Other assets	\$ 1,453,876 194,811 199,987 415,579 11,818 13,001 
Total assets	\$ <u>2,298,589</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	
Liabilities Payable to clearing organizations	\$ 2,306 1,020,121
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accrued income taxes	38,000
Payable to officer Total liabilities	<u>4,182</u> 1,064,609
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Stockholder's equity  Common stock	1,150,000
Retained earnings	83,980
Total stockholder's equity	<u>1,233,980</u>

\$ 2,298,589

Total liabilities and stockholder's equity

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2009**

#### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY

Ceros Financial Services, Inc. (the "Company") is a securities broker-dealer operating on a fully-disclosed basis. The Company is a is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ceros Holding AG and a registered member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the National Futures Assiciation and various state securities commissions.

During 2009 the Company acquired the Rydex Financial Services Division of Rydex Distributors, Inc.

#### **NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Revenue Recognition - Commissions and related clearing expenses are recorded on a settlement date basis as securities transactions occur, which management believes is not materially different than trade date basis.

<u>Use of Estimates</u> - 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 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.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> - The Company considers all highly liquid instruments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

<u>Property and Equipment</u> - Property and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Expenditures for routine repairs and maintenance are charged to operations as they are incurred while those which significantly, improve or extend the lives of existing assets are capitalized. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line and accelerated methods.

Income Taxes - Income tax expense includes federal and state taxes currently payable and, when material, deferred taxes arising from temporary differences between income from financial reporting and tax purposes and also operating losses that are available to offset future taxable income. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. At December 31, 2009 deferred tax assets and liabilities were immaterial.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2009**

## NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

<u>Translation of Foreign Currencies</u> - Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at year-end rates of exchange, whereas the income statement accounts are translated at average rates of exchange for the year. Gains or losses resulting from foreign currency transactions are included in net income.

#### **NOTE 3 - REGULATORY 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 \$854,078 which was \$604,078 in excess of its required net capital of \$250,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 1.25 to 1.

#### **NOTE 4 - OTHER REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

The Company is exempt from the customer reserve requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3 under Section (k)(2)(ii).

#### NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

All of the Company's assets and liabilities which are stated at fair value are valued in accordance with Level 1 criteria, as defined in FASB ASC 820. Level 1 value measurement uses quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities the Company has the ability to access.

#### **NOTE 6 - SECURITIES OWNED**

At December 31, 2009, securities owned were as follows:

U.S. Treasury Bills

\$ <u>199,987</u>

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2009**

## NOTE 7 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company is affiliated with other companies in the same line of business. 42% of the Company's commissions are earned from transactions with these affiliates for the year ended December 31, 2009. Per a written agreement, a foreign corporation with the same ownership refers customers who purchase securities through the Company. A significant portion (40% in 2009) of the commissions earned, on these transactions were paid back to the foreign affiliate as commission expense.

Total commissions paid back, net of reimbursed costs, totaled \$202,462 for the year ended December 31, 2009. During 2008, the Company revised their written agreement and no longer receives a management fee but now receives a clearing charge in the amount of \$16,000 per month from the affiliate.

Accounts receivable includes \$29,048 due from affiliated companies at December 31, 2009.

#### **NOTE 8 - CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

During 2009 the Company increased the par value of its common shares from \$1 to \$10 and increased the number of shares authorized to 300,000. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had 300,000 shares of Class A voting common stock authorized, \$10 par value, and 250,000 shares issued and outstanding. The first 150,000 shares were issued at \$1, which was par value at the time of issuance.

#### **NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN**

The Company has a defined contribution retirement plan. Discretionary contributions are made to individual accounts of eligible employees. Employees meeting certain age and service requirements participate in the plan. There was no company contribution for the year ended December 31, 2009.

### NOTE 10 - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

At various times during the year cash and cash equivalents consisted of cash on deposit with banks which were in excess of insured limits and money market mutual funds which are not insured. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had \$792,329 in foreign banks accounts and \$609,053 in money market mutual funds which are not insured. The company has never experienced any losses in these accounts and does not believe that it is exposed to any significant concentration of credit risk.

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# SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ON INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL

To the Board of Directors Ceros Financial Services, Inc. Baltimore, MD

#### Gentlemen:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Ceros Financial Services, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2009, we considered its internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities, 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(SEC) we made a study of the practices and procedures followed by The Company including test 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 the procedures 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 in any of the following:

Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons

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Recordation of differences required by rule 17-a-13

Washington, DC

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 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 SEC'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 recorded in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit 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.

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 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 information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC and other regulatory agencies which 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.

William Bathof & Company, P.C.

February 23, 2010

#### WILLIAM BATDORF & COMPANY, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS 1750 K STREET, NW, SUITE 375 WASHINGTON, DC 20006

To the Board of Directors of Ceros Financial Services, Inc. Boston, MA

In accordance with rule 17a-5(e)(4) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have performed the following procedures with respect to Form SIPC-7T of Securities Investor Protection Corporation assessments and payments of Ceros Financial Services, Inc. for the period ended December 31, 2009. Our procedures were performed solely to assist you in complying with rule 17a-5(e)(4), and our report is not to be used for any other purpose. The procedures we performed are as follows:

- 1. Compared listed assessment payments with respective cash disbursement records entries;
- 2. Compared amounts reported on the audited Form X-17A-5 for the period April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 with the amounts reported in the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7T);
- 3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7T with supporting schedules and working papers;
- 4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7T and in the related schedules and working papers supporting adjustments; and
- 5. Compared the amount of any overpayment applied with the Form SIPC-7T on which it was computed.

Because the above procedures do not constitute an audit made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we do not express an opinion on the form referred to above. In connection with the procedures referred to above, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the amounts shown on Form SIPC-7T were not determined in accordance with applicable instructions and forms. This report relates only to the form referred to above and does not extend to any financial statements of Ceros Financial Services, Inc. taken as a whole.

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