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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING January 1, 2009 AND ENDING December 31, 2009  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Stern Capital LLC

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

708 Third Ave - Suite#1610

(No. and Street)

New York

NY

10017

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Lawrence Stern

212-832-1200

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

MLGW, LLP

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

462 Seventh Avenue

New York

NY

10018

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

**CHECK ONE:**

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

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Lawrence Stern, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Stern Capital LLC, 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:

Robert Soniker
ROBERT SONIKER
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 02SO6213021
Qualified in Bronx County
Commission Expires October 26, 20 13

Signature
President
Title

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.

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

# STERN CAPITAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARY

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Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors and Member of  
Stern Capital LLC and Subsidiary

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition of Stern Capital LLC and Subsidiary (the "Company") as of December 31, 2009, and the related consolidated statements of income and changes in member's 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 consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Stern Capital LLC and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2009, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information 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 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. 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.

New York, New York  
February 19, 2010

**STERN CAPITAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2009**

**ASSETS**

|                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents         | \$ 70,774                |
| Fees receivable                   | 86,985                   |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | <u>27,187</u>            |
| <b>Total Assets</b>               | <b><u>\$ 184,946</u></b> |

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY**

|                                              |                          |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities       | \$ 79,134                |
| Member's equity                              | <u>105,812</u>           |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Member's Equity</b> | <b><u>\$ 184,946</u></b> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

STERN CAPITAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

**REVENUES**

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Fee income            | \$ 370,311     |
| Interest income       | 125            |
|                       | <hr/>          |
| <b>Total Revenues</b> | <b>370,436</b> |

**EXPENSES**

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Commissions              | 174,325        |
| Professional fees        | 49,061         |
| Administrative overhead  | 58,999         |
| Regulatory fees          | 11,765         |
| Other operating expenses | 20,183         |
|                          | <hr/>          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>    | <b>314,333</b> |

**Net Income** 56,103

**Member's Equity - January 1, 2009** 94,709

**Member's Distributions** (45,000)

**Member's Equity - December 31, 2009** \$ 105,812

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**STERN CAPITAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

|                                                                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Net income                                                                        | \$ 56,103     |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |               |
| Amortization                                                                      | 2,513         |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:                                      |               |
| Increase in fees receivable                                                       | (32,686)      |
| Decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets                                     | 1,926         |
| Increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities                                | 15,131        |
| <b>Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities</b>                                  | <b>42,987</b> |

**CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

|                                                      |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Member's distributions                               | (45,000)         |
| <b>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>     | <b>(2,013)</b>   |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - January 1, 2009</b>   | <b>72,787</b>    |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - December 31, 2009</b> | <b>\$ 70,774</b> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## STERN CAPITAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2009

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS

Stern Capital LLC (the “Company”) is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”). The Company is a single member limited liability company and continues until such time it is terminated. The member’s liability is limited. The Company earns commissions and fees from insurance companies and asset management firms for the implementation of private placement variable annuity life insurance contracts and the rendering of consulting services.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, Stern Capital LTD. All material intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Stern Capital LTD was formed on September 5, 2007 under the laws of Bermuda. Stern Capital LTD, an unregulated entity, earns fees from insurance companies and asset management firms for the implementation of private placement variable annuity life insurance contracts with foreign investors.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### a) Basis of Presentation

The Company recognizes fee income and related expenses when services provided are substantially completed.

##### b) Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principals generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

##### c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company and subsidiary consider all highly liquid investments purchased with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.



## STERN CAPITAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd)

DECEMBER 31, 2009

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

##### d) Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company and subsidiary maintain cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company and subsidiary have not experienced any losses in such accounts and believe it is not exposed to any credit risk.

##### e) Income Taxes

The Company is a single member limited liability company. As such, the member is responsible for income taxes that result from the Company's operations. Therefore, no provision for income taxes is included in the accompanying financial statements.

In accordance with ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, the Company is required to disclose unrecognized tax benefits resulting from uncertain tax positions. At December 31, 2009, the Company did not have any unrecognized tax benefits or liabilities. The Company operates in the United States and in state and local jurisdictions, and the previous three years remain subject to examination by tax authorities. There are presently no ongoing income tax examinations.

#### 3. 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 \$26,483, which was \$21,205 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,276. The Company's net capital ratio was 2.99 to 1.

#### 4. RELATED PARTY

The Company has entered into an agreement with an affiliate related through common ownership for administrative expenses. The amount of \$61,009 has been charged to the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

## STERN CAPITAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARY

## COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PER UNIFORM NET CAPITAL RULE 15c3-1

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total member's equity as of December 31, 2009                                                                                                                                                                                          | <u>\$ 105,812</u>       |
| <b>Deductions and/or charges</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                         |
| Cash                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2,248                   |
| Fees receivable                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 49,894                  |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <u>27,187</u>           |
| <b>Total Deductions and/or Charges</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>79,329</u>           |
| <b>NET CAPITAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <u><u>\$ 26,483</u></u> |
| <b>MINIMUM NET CAPITAL REQUIRED (GREATER OF<br/>6 2/3% OF A.I. OR \$5,000)</b>                                                                                                                                                         | <u><u>\$ 5,276</u></u>  |
| <b>EXCESS NET CAPITAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <u><u>\$ 21,207</u></u> |
| <b>TOTAL AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS (A.I.)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <u><u>\$ 79,134</u></u> |
| <b>RATIO OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <u><u>2.99:1</u></u>    |
| Reconciliation between the above computation of audited Net Capital of the Company as of December 31, 2009 and the computation included in the Company's corresponding unaudited from X-17A-5 Part IIA filing as of December 31, 2009. |                         |
| <b>Net Capital as Reported in the Company's (Unaudited) FOCUS Report</b>                                                                                                                                                               | \$ 20,136               |
| <b>Adjustments to:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                         |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>6,347</u>            |
| <b>Net Capital</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <u><u>\$ 26,483</u></u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**STERN CAPITAL LLC AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION**  
**OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS**  
**PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 OF THE**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**DECEMBER 31, 2009**

The Company claims exemption from the requirements of Rule 15c3-3, under section (k) (2) (i) of the rule.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



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Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT  
OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS  
ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

The Board of Directors and Member of  
Stern Capital LLC and Subsidiary

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements of Stern Capital LLC (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 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 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 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:

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 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 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 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 or 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.

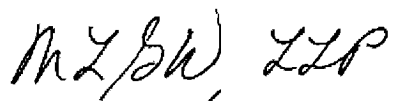
A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control 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 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 information and use by the Board of Directors management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority 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 should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MZBW, LLP". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

New York, New York  
February 19, 2010



Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING  
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES RELATED TO AN ENTITY'S SIPC  
ASSESSMENT RECONCILIATION**

Board of Directors and Member of  
Stern Capital, LLC and Subsidiary

In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to the accompanying Schedule of Assessment and Payments [Transitional Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7T)] to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") for the period April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, which were agreed to by Stern Capital, LLC and Subsidiary (the "Company") and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating the Company's compliance with the applicable instructions of the Transitional Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7T). The Company's management is responsible for the Company's compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

1. Compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7T with respective cash disbursement records entries i.e., cash disbursements journal and general ledger at December 31, 2009 noting no differences;
2. Compared the amounts reported on the audited Form X-17A-5 for the period April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, as applicable, with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7T for the period April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 noting no differences;
3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7T with supporting schedules and working papers, income statement and general ledger noting no differences; and
4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7T and in the related schedules and working papers, income statement and general ledger supporting the adjustments noting no differences.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

New York, New York  
February 19, 2010