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#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

Donald Hancock , swear (or affirm) that, to the best of I. my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Hancock Securities Group , 20\_09\_, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that December 31 of 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: Signature Title DOROTHY JOKERST My Commission Expires This report **\*\*** contains (check all applicable boxes): October 27, 2013 St. Louis County (a) Facing Page.(b) Statement of Commission #09774174 (b) Statement of Financial Condition. **K**ND K K (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. Ø (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. A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the (i) 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.  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  (1) An Oath or Affirmation. Ø (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).

# HANCOCK SECURITIES GROUP, LLC (A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF MANCHESTER HOLDINGS, LLC)

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION

## YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

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

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION

Year Ended December 31, 2009

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## **Report of Independent Public Accountants**

Member Hancock Securities Group, LLC St. Louis, Missouri

We have audited the statement of financial condition of Hancock Securities Group, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Manchester Holdings, LLC, as of December 31, 2009, and the related statements of income and changes in member's equity, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our 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 the Hancock Securities Group, LLC 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.

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Hauk Kruse & Associates LLC Certified Public Accountants

St. Louis, Missouri

February 4, 2010

## HANCOCK SECURITIES GROUP, LLC (A wholly-owned subsidiary of Manchester Holdings, LLC) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

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## For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

## ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$232,339
Cash and securities segregated under clearing organization regulations	75,000
Receivable from clearing organization	68,327
Receivable from affiliated companies	12,682
Prepaid expenses and other assets	28,160
Securities owned:	
Marketable, at estimated fair market value	110,579
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$9,243	4,994
Total assets	\$ 532,081

#### LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Liabilities: Commissions payable to brokers Accounts payable and accrued expenses <b>Total liabilities</b>	\$128,943 1,707 130,650
Subordinated borrowings	50,000
Member's equity	351,431
Total liabilities and member's equity	\$ 532,081

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

## HANCOCK SECURITIES GROUP, LLC (A wholly-owned subsidiary of Manchester Holdings, LLC) STATEMENT OF INCOME AND CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY

# For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Revenues:	1
Commissions Securities trading losses, net Interest and dividends Other income	\$ 3,763,121 32,667 2,933 32,262
Total revenues	3,830,983
Expenses:	
Employee compensation and benefits Brokers commissions and clearing fees Communications expense Occupancy and equipment expense Management fees Interest expense Other operating expenses	$\begin{array}{r} 404,379\\ 1,647,237\\ 52,613\\ 25,499\\ 229,800\\ 8,707\\ 248,124\end{array}$
Total expenses	2,616,359
Net income	\$ 1,214,624
Member's equity, beginning of year	123,803
Distributions to member, net of contributions	(986,996)
Member's equity, end of year	\$ 351,431

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

## HANCOCK SECURITIES GROUP, LLC (A wholly-owned subsidiary of Manchester Holdings, LLC) STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS

# For The Year Ended December 31, 2009

Subordinated borrowings at January 1, 2009	\$	250,000
Issuance of subordinated notes		-
Payments of subordinated notes	<u> </u>	200,000
Subordinated borrowings at December 31, 2009	\$	50,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

# HANCOCK SECURITIES GROUP, LLC (A wholly-owned subsidiary of Manchester Holdings, LLC)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

## For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Cash flows from operating activities: Net income	\$ 1,214,624
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	2,901
Changes in operating assets: Receivable from clearing organization Receivable from affiliated companies Prepaid expenses and other assets Securities owned, net	(29,681) 17,310 (9,250) (69,906)
<b>Changes in operating liabilities:</b> Payable to broker-dealers and clearing organizations Accounts payable and accrued expenses	79,709 (61,074)
Total cash provided by operating activities	1,144,633
Cash flows used for investing activities: Purchases of property and equipment	(4,906)
Cash flows used for financing activities: Distributions to member, net of contributions Redemption of subordinated notes	(986,996) (200,000)
Total cash used for rinancing activities	(1,186,996)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(47,269)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	279,608
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 232,339
Supplemental cash flows disclosure: Cash paid for interest expense	\$ 12,372

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

# HANCOCK SECURITIES GROUP, LLC (A wholly-owned subsidiary of Manchester Holdings, LLC)

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ORGANIZATION - Hancock Securities Group, LLC, a Missouri Limited Liability Company (the Company), was formed as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Missouri on November 9, 1999 and commenced operations on April 4, 2000. During 2001, the members of the Company exchanged their ownership interest in the Company for equal interests in Manchester Holdings, LLC such that the Company is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Manchester Holdings, LLC (the Parent). The latest date upon which the Company is to dissolve is December 31, 2029.

NATURE OF OPERATIONS - The Company primarily operates as an introducing brokerdealer clearing all transactions for customers on a fully disclosed basis. These transactions are cleared through a clearing broker, Mesirow Financial, Inc. (Mesirow). The Company does not hold cash or securities for its customers. In accordance with the clearing agreement with Mesirow, the Company is required to maintain a minimum deposit of \$75,000 in cash and/or government securities with Mesirow. The Company is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

The Company generates additional revenue through its Financial Advisory and Merchant Banking lines of business. Financial Advisory revenues are generated by the Company's significant knowledge base relating to the financial services industry and revolve around maximizing shareholder value to their clients. Shareholder value may be enhanced through a number of offerings including, but not limited to: mergers and acquisitions, restructuring or re-capitalization, and private placement.

The Company earns Merchant Banking fees from mergers, acquisitions and related transactions whereby the principals participate in the equity investment. The Company earns their fees associated with these transactions through charges to the equity group based upon industry standard rates for due-diligence, brokerage, and consulting on the proposed transaction.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - The Company considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK - Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. The Company maintains several cash and money market accounts with banks and a securities broker/dealer. The banks provide \$250,000 of deposit insurance through the Federal Depositors Insurance Corporation. The securities broker/dealer provides \$100,000 of coverage through the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. There were no amounts in excess of insured limits at December 31, 2009. Management does not believe significant credit risk exists at December 31, 2009.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT - Property and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line method using estimated useful lives of three to seven years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the life of the improvement or the term of the lease.

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS – Marketable securities are stated at fair market value. Gains and losses, both realized and unrealized, are included in net securities trading losses.

INCOME TAXES – The Company is a limited liability company and the current period net income is recognized on the Parent Company's income tax return. The Parent is also a limited liability company taxed as a partnership in which all elements of income and deductions are included in the tax returns of the members of the Parent. Therefore, no income tax provision is recorded by the Company.

COMMISSIONS – Commissions and related clearing expenses are recorded on a tradedate basis as securities transactions occur.

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 the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

ALLOCATION OF PROFITS OR LOSSES – Profits or losses from operations are allocated to the Parent. All profits or losses from a sale or other disposition of the assets of the Company will be allocated to the Parent as of the date of such sale or disposition.

#### **B. SECURITIES OWNED**

Securities owned consist of the following at December 31, 2009:

Common stocks

#### \$ 110,579

The unrealized trading account gain included in operating income was \$12,023 as of December 31, 2009.

#### C. SUBORDINATED BORROWINGS

Amounts due under subordination agreements at December 31, 2009 consist of the following:

Subordinated note

## \$ 50,000

The subordinated note earns interest at the rate of prime (3.25 percent at December 31, 2009) plus 3 percent and is due February 11, 2010. The interest rate on the subordinated debt fluctuates as the prime rate changes from time-to-time as published by the Wall Street Journal. The prime rate did not fluctuate from 3.25% during 2009. The subordinated borrowings are treated as net capital under the SEC's uniform net capital rule. To the extent that such borrowings are required for the Company's continued compliance with minimum net capital requirements, they may not be repaid. In accordance with the subordinated borrowing agreements between the Company and the principals, minimum net capital was in excess of 120% of the minimum net capital required by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Interest expense for the subordinated debt amounted to \$8,707 for the year ended December 31, 2009. The above borrowings are payable to principals involved in the operations of the Company or other related parties.

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **D. RESERVE REQUIREMENTS**

The Company is not obligated to report under SEC Rule 15c3-3, "Customer Protection: Reserves and Custody of Securities" Rule, because it does not maintain customer accounts or hold customer securities. Therefore, the Company does not have a reserve requirement nor does it have any information relating to the possession or control requirement under Rule 15c3-3.

#### **E. CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Company is subject to the net capital rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Under these rules, a broker-dealer may not engage in any securities transaction at a time when its "aggregate indebtedness" exceeds by 15 times its "net capital," as those terms are defined by the rules. At December 31, 2009, the Company's net capital was \$332,985 or \$82,985 in excess of the minimum required net capital of \$250,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 0.39 to 1 at December 31, 2009.

#### F. LEASES

The Company has a lease for office equipment classified as an operating lease. The lease is for a five year period that expires in May 2013. Lease expense for this lease was \$14,979 for the year ended December 31, 2009.

The Company subleases building space and office equipment from its Parent. The leases are classified as operating leases by the Parent Company. The sublease for building space is for \$3,400 per month on a month-to-month basis. Rent expense for the building amounted to \$44,100 for the year ended December 31, 2009. The sublease for equipment rental is for \$2,750 per month on a month-to-month basis. Rent expense for the equipment amounted to \$33,000 for the year ended December 31, 2009. Management's intent regarding the equipment lease is that it is ongoing in nature. See G. Related Party Transactions footnote for further information on building and equipment rent.

# HANCOCK SECURITIES GROUP, LLC (A wholly-owned subsidiary of Manchester Holdings, LLC)

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### F. LEASES (Continued)

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases with original terms greater than one year at December 31, 2009 are as follows:

December 31,	
2010	\$ 79,100
2011	73,800
2012	73,800
2013	53,400
	<u>\$ 280,100</u>

#### G. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company entered into an agreement with the Parent whereby a management fee is paid on a monthly basis in lieu of salaries to officers, building rent, and equipment rent. Management fees were \$229,800 for the year ended December 31, 2009. Management fees include \$156,000 for management of the firm and \$73,800 for building and equipment rent.

The Company maintains a business relationship with Hancock Investment Advisors, LLC and Hancock Institutional Advisors, LLC, who are controlled by their common Parent, Manchester Holdings, LLC. The Company acts as the introducing broker for the customers of its sister companies. All fees are negotiated on an arms length basis. There were no inter-company transactions in 2009 associated with this business relationship.

The Company pays for health insurance, dental insurance and voluntary life insurance for the employees of companies who share similar owners and management. The Company pays for the salaries and employee benefits of Hancock Investment Advisors, LLC and Hancock Institutional Advisors, LLC who are controlled by their common Parent. The receivable from these companies related to these expenses was \$11,265 at December 31, 2009. These amounts are settled on a monthly basis.

#### H. 401K PROFIT SHARING PLAN

The Company has a 401(k) profit sharing plan for the benefit of its employees. Employees

# HANCOCK SECURITIES GROUP, LLC (A wholly-owned subsidiary of Manchester Holdings, LLC)

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## H. 401K PROFIT SHARING PLAN (Continued)

may begin elective deferrals after one month of service and are eligible for matching contributions after 1,000 hours of service. Employees become 20% vested in the employer contributions to the plan after each year of service beginning in the second year. The employees become fully vested after six years of service. The Company's matching contribution is 100% of the first 3% and 50% of the next 2% of the employee's deferral amount. The Company's profit sharing contribution to the plan, as determined by the partners of the Parent, is discretionary but cannot exceed certain maximum defined limitations. Pension expense for the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$27,242..

#### I. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The Company has not accrued compensated absences because such amounts cannot be reasonably determined. The Company has no written plan for compensated absences.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY RULE 17a-5 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION



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# ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INFORMATION ACCOMPANYING THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our audit of the basic financial statements presented in the preceding section of this report was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on such financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying information shown on pages 13 through 15 is presented for 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 audit 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.

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Hauk Kruse & Associates LLC Certified Public Accountants

St. Louis, Missouri

February 4, 2010

## (A wholly-owned subsidiary of Manchester Holdings, LLC) COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS, AND RATIO OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009		
Member's equity Add: Subordinated borrowings allowable in computation of net capital	\$	351,431 50,000
Total capital and allowable subordinated borrowings		401,431
Less: Nonallowable assets: Prepaid expenses and other assets Property and equipment, net		40,842 4,994
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions Haircuts on securities pursuant to Rule 15c3-1		45,836 355,595 22,610
Net capital Less: Net capital requirement		332,985 250,000
Net capital in excess of requirement	\$	82,985
Aggregate indebtedness: Payable to broker-dealers and clearing organizations Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	128,943 1,707
Aggregate indebtedness	\$	130,650
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		.39 to 1

No material differences exist between the computation above and the one filed by Hancock Securities Group, LLC on FOCUS Report Part II as of December 31, 2008.



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

Member Hancock Securities Group, LLC St. Louis, Missouri

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Hancock Securities Group, LLC (the Company) 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 (the Commission), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including 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 for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry cash or 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, (2) recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13 and (3) 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 preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. 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, errors 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. Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control 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 components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or fraud 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 control, including 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 and 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 Member, management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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# Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures Related to an Entity's SIPC Assessment Reconciliation

Member Hancock Securities Group, LLC St. Louis, Missouri

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 Year Ended December 31, 2009, which were agreed to by Hancock Securities Group, LLC and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating Hancock Securities Group, LLC compliance with the applicable instructions of the Transitional Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7T). Hancock Securities Group, LLC's management is responsible for the Standard Stockbrokerage Co. Inc.'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 noting no differences;

2. Compared the amounts reported on the audited Form X-17A-5 for the year ended December 31, 2009, as applicable, with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7T for the year ended December 31, 2009 noting no differences;

3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7T with supporting schedules and working papers noting no differences;

4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7T and in the related schedules and working papers [Insert description of supporting schedules and working papers] supporting the adjustments noting no differences; and

5. Compared the amount of any overpayment applied to the current assessment with the Form SIPC-7T on which it was originally computed 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.

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Hauk Kruse & Associates LLC Certified Public Accountants

St. Louis, Missouri February 4, 2010