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| A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION  |   |                  |   |  |  |  |
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| CYPRESS PARTNERS, LLC   |   |                  | OFFICIAL USE ONLY  FIRM ID. NO.                     |  |  |  |
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| NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSENCE KEVIN M. SWEENEY  | SON TO CONTACT IN                                   | REGARD TO THIS R | EPORT (212) 682-2222 (Area Code - Telephone Number) |  |  |  |
|   |   |                  |   |  |  |  |
| B. ACCOU  | NTANT IDENTIFICA                                    | ATION            |   |  |  |  |
| INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT who   | ose opinion is contained                            | in this Report * |   |  |  |  |
| FULVIO & ASSOCIATES, LLP  | ATTN: JOHN FUI ame - if individual state last, firs |                  |   |  |  |  |
| 5 West 37th Street, 4th Floor   | NEW YORK  | NY               | 10018   |  |  |  |
| (Address)   | (City)  | (Stat            | e) (Zip Code)                                       |  |  |  |
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| *Claims for exemption from the requirement that th  |   |                  | ndependent public accountant                        |  |  |  |

must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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## **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

| I, _      |               | KEVIN M. SWEENEY   | , swear (or affirm) that, to the              |
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| best      | of my         | knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and support        | orting schedules pertaining to the firm of    |
|           |               | CYPRESS PARTNERS, LLC  | , as of                                       |
|           |               | DECEMBER 31, 2015 , are true and correct. I further sw                       | vear (or affirm) that neither the company     |
| nor a     | any pa        | rtner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interes | st in any account classified solely as that   |
| of a      | custon        | ner, except as follows:  |   |
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|           |               |  | CFO & COO                                     |
|           |               | JACQUELINE PLANAS Notary Public State (1)                                    | Title   |
|           | /             | Notary Public, State of New York No. 0.1PL6240430 Qualified in New York      |   |
|           | $\overline{}$ | Qualified in New York County Commission Expires April 28, 2019               |   |
| This      | -report       | t ** contains (check all applicable boxes):                                  |   |
| $\square$ | (a)           | Facing page.   |   |
|           | (b)           | Statement of Financial Condition.  |   |
|           | (c)           | Statement of Income (Loss).  |   |
|           | (d)           | Statement of Cash Flows.   |   |
|           | (e)           | Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Propr      | rietor's 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 Ru         | ıle 15c3-3.                                   |
|           | (i)           | Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under F       | Rule 15c3-3.                                  |
|           | (j)           | A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation       | of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the      |
|           |               | Computation or Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhi          | ibit A of Rule 15c3-3.                        |
|           | (k)           | A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Finar       | ncial Condition with respect to methods of    |
|           | ` '           | consolidation.   | ·   |
| Ø         | (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 previous audit |
|           | (0)           | Supplemental Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Accounting Cor         | •   |

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

Certified Public Accountants

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member of

Cypress Partners, LLC (D/B/A Cypress Associates, LLC):

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Cypress Partners, LLC (D/B/A Cypress Associates, LLC) (the "Company") as of December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in this financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of this financial statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cypress Partners, LLC (D/B/A Cypress Associates, LLC) as of December 31, 2015 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

[ associate, LCP

New York, New York February 26, 2016

## CYPRESS PARTNERS, LLC (D/B/A CYPRESS ASSOCIATES, LLC) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2015

## **ASSETS**

| Cash               |                                       | \$ 107,117        |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Accounts rec       | ceivable                              | 11,673            |
| Prepaid UBT        | expense                               | 10,811            |
|                    | TOTAL ASSETS                          | <u>\$ 129,601</u> |
|                    | LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY       |                   |
| Liabilities:       |                                       |                   |
| Accounts page      | yable                                 | \$ 8,750          |
| Payable to members |                                       | 2,758             |
|                    | TOTAL LIABILITIES                     | 11,508            |
| Member's equity    |                                       | 118,093           |
| Wiember 3 ec       |                                       |                   |
|                    | TOTAL MEMBER'S EQUITY                 | 118,093           |
|                    | TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY | \$ 129,601        |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

## CYPRESS PARTNERS, LLC (D/B/A CYPRESS ASSOCIATES, LLC) NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

Cypress Partners, LLC (D/B/A Cypress Associates, LLC) (the "Company"), a Connecticut limited liability company doing business in New York, was formed on October 1, 2003. The Company is a limited purpose broker-dealer that serves as a placement agent for private placements and direct participation programs. The Company also acts as a consultant for companies seeking to raise capital through private offerings, or through mergers and acquisitions. The Company is a securities broker-dealer, registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA").

These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which requires the use of estimates.

## NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Fair Value Measurement – Definition and Hierarchy

FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income or cost approach, as specified by FASB ASC 820, are used to measure fair value.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

## CYPRESS PARTNERS, LLC (D/B/A CYPRESS ASSOCIATES, LLC) NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2015 (continued)

## NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

<u>Fair Value Measurement – Definition and Hierarchy</u> (continued)

Level 3 are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability and rely on management's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The unobservable inputs should be developed based on the best information available in the circumstances and may include the Company's own data.

The Company's assets and liabilities are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis based upon a fair value hierarchy, in accordance with ASC 820, as of December 31, 2015.

## **Income Taxes**

No provision for federal and state income taxes has been made since the Company is not a taxable entity. As a limited liability company, each member is individually liable for the taxes on the Company's income or loss. However, the Company is subject to New York City Unincorporated Business Tax and, when applicable, a provision is included on the statement of operations.

The Company complies with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740, Income Taxes which require an asset and liability approach to financial accounting and reporting for income taxes. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed for differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on the enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce the deferred income tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

## CYPRESS PARTNERS, LLC (D/B/A CYPRESS ASSOCIATES, LLC) NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2015 (continued)

# NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Income taxes (continued)

ASC 740 provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented and disclosed in the financial statements. ASC 740 requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Company's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current year. The tax years that remain subject to examination are 2014, 2013, and 2012. The Company determined that there are no uncertain tax positions which would require adjustments or disclosures on the financial statements.

## NOTE 3. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

The Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule, 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. Equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed, 10 to 1. At December 31, 2015, the Company had net capital of \$95,609, which was \$90,609 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's net capital ratio was .12 to 1.

#### NOTE 4. SIGNIFICANT GROUP CONCENTRATION OF RISK

In the normal course of its business, the Company enters into financial transactions where the risk of potential loss due to changes in the market (market risk) or failures of the other parties to the transaction to perform (credit risk) exceeds the amounts recorded for the transaction.

The Company's policy is to continuously monitor its exposure to the market and counterparty risk through the use of a variety of financial, position and credit exposure reporting and control procedures. In addition, the Company has a policy of reviewing the customers and/or other counterparties with which it conducts business.

As of December 31, 2015, there were no customer accounts having debit balances which presented any risks nor was there any exposure with any other transaction conducted with any other broker.

## CYPRESS PARTNERS, LLC (D/B/A CYPRESS ASSOCIATES, LLC) NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2015 (continued)

#### NOTE 5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company had no lease or equipment rental commitments, no underwriting commitments, no contingent liabilities and had not been named as defendant in any lawsuit at December 31, 2015 or during the year then ended.

#### NOTE 6. RELATED PARTY

The Company has an expense sharing agreement with Cypress Holdings LLC ("Holdings") wherein the Company agrees to reimburse Holdings for shared expenses including office space, computer and office equipment and general and administrative overhead including accounting, human resources, legal and compliance and information technology services. The Company paid Holdings \$60,000 pursuant to the expense sharing agreement in 2015.

#### NOTE 7. GUARANTEES

FASB ASC 460, Guarantees, requires the Company to disclose information about its obligations under certain guarantee arrangements. FASB ASC 460 defines guarantees as contracts and indemnification agreements that contingently require a guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on changes in an underlying factor (such as an interest or foreign exchange rate, security or commodity price, an index or the occurrence or nonoccurrence of a specified event) related to an asset, liability or equity security of a guaranteed party. This guidance also defines guarantees as contracts that contingently require the guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on another entity's failure to perform under an agreement as well as indirect guarantees of the indebtedness of others.

The Company has issued no guarantees at December 31, 2015 or during the year then ended.

## NOTE 8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated, and no events have been identified which require disclosure.

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February 27, 2016

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is the Annual Audited Report for:

Name:

Cypress Partners LLC (d/b/a/ Cypress Associates LLC)

SEC File No.:

8-66321

FINRA CRD No.:

130252

Sincerely,

Kevin M Sweeney Managing Director

# CYPRESS PARTNERS, LLC (D/B/A CYPRESS ASSOCIATES, LLC)

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2015