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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	01/01/2015	5 AND ENDING	12/31/2015
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A. RI	GISTRANT IDENTI	FICATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: LCS Securities, LLC		OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BU	JSINESS: (Do not use P.C	). Box No.)	FIRM I.D. NO.
5	95 Madison Avenu	e, 17th Floor	
New York	New Yo	ork	10022
(City)	(State)	1	(Zip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF Mr. Raymond Ottusch	PERSON TO CONTACT	IN REGARD TO THIS RE	PORT <u>212-259-0800</u> (Area Code – Telephone Number)
B. AC	COUNTANT IDENT	IFICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	whose opinion is contained  EisnerAmper  (Name - if individual, state le	LLP	
750 Third Avenue	New York	New Yo	ork 10017
(Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
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☐ Public Accountant		•	
☐ Accountant not resident in U	nited States or any of its pe	ossessions.	
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# OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ɪ, Raymond Ottusch	, swear (or affirm) tha	at, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial stat	ement and supporting schedules pertaining to th	e firm of
LCS Securities, LLC		, as
of December 31 , 2	20 15 , are true and correct. I further swear	r (or affirm) that
neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principa	l officer or director has any proprietary interest	in any account
classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:		
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This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):	Qualified in Nassau County	
(a) Facing Page.	Commission Expires July 10, 20 / X	•
<ul><li>☑ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.</li><li>☐ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).</li></ul>		
(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 Requi		
<ul> <li>☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control</li> <li>☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation</li> </ul>		15c3-1 and the
Computation for Determination of the Reserve Re		19c5-1 and the
☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudit		ect to methods of
consolidation.	-	
(1) An Oath or Affirmation.		
(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.		out and the
(n) A report describing any material inadequacies foun		tne previous audit.
A copy of LCS Securities, LLC Exemption Report **For conditions of confidential treatment of certain ports	i. ions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

**DECEMBER 31, 2015** 

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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Member of LCS Securities, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of LCS Securities, LLC (the "Company"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Levin Capital Strategies, L.P., as of December 31, 2015. 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.

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 financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. 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 statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of LCS Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2015, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

New York, New York February 23, 2016

Eisner Amper LLP

# Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2015

\$ 552,329
307,701
18,582
<u>\$ 878,612</u>
\$ 70,230
<u>125,630</u>
195,860
682,752
\$ 878.612

# Notes to Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2015

#### **NOTE A - ORGANIZATION**

LCS Securities, LLC (the "Company") was formed as a limited liability company on January 26, 2006 (date of incorporation) under the laws of the State of New York. As of April 4, 2006, the Company was registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and began trading operations on May 10, 2006. The Company generates commissions by introducing customer securities transactions to a third-party clearing broker-dealer whereby that broker-dealer clears transactions for the Company's customers on a fully disclosed basis. Accordingly, the Company does not carry customers' accounts and operates under the exemptive provisions of SEC Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii). The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Levin Capital Strategies, L.P. ("LCSLP" or "Parent") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. The Company's operations are funded through contributions from LCSLP.

#### **NOTE B - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

## [1] Cash and cash equivalents:

The Company considers money market funds to be cash equivalents. The Company maintains cash and cash equivalents in bank accounts at one major financial institution which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits.

# [2] Revenue recognition:

Brokerage commissions earned from securities transactions and related expenses are recorded on a settlement date basis because the difference between the trade date and settlement date is not considered material.

Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis.

## [3] Income taxes:

Tax laws are complex and subject to different interpretations by the taxpayer and taxing authorities. Significant judgment is required when evaluating tax positions and related uncertainties. Future events such as changes in tax legislation could require a provision for income taxes. Any such changes could significantly affect the amounts reported in the member's equity.

The Company is a single member LLC wholly-owned by LCSLP and is a disregarded entity for federal, state and city income tax purposes. As such, the Company's income or losses are included in LCSLP's tax returns for the year ended December 31, 2015.

### [4] Use of estimates:

The preparation of this financial statement 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 statement. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### [5] Financial instruments:

The fair value of the Company's assets and liabilities, which qualify as financial instruments, approximates the carrying amounts presented in the statement of financial condition. Investments in money market funds and amounts due from clearing broker are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

Notes to Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2015

### NOTE C - RECEIVABLE FROM CLEARING BROKERS

The Company acts as an introducing broker. All transactions for its customers are cleared through a major U.S. securities firm on a fully disclosed basis. During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company changed clearing brokers. At December 31, 2015, the receivable from clearing broker represents cash deposited with the brokers and the net commissions receivable earned as an introducing broker for its customers' transactions. The Company has agreed to indemnify its clearing broker for losses that it may sustain from the customer accounts introduced by the Company. In the ordinary course of its business, however, the Company does not accept orders with respect to client accounts if the funds required, or sufficient marginable securities, for the client to meet its obligations are not on deposit in the client account at the time the order is placed.

In the event of the broker's insolvency, recovery of assets may be limited to account insurance or other protection.

# NOTE D - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1). The Company uses the alternative method, as permitted under the rule, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital of \$250,000. At December 31, 2015, the Company had net capital, as defined, of \$662,306, which was \$412,306 in excess of its required minimum net capital.

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 per paragraph (k)(2)(ii).

## **NOTE E - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has an expense sharing agreement with LCSLP whereby the Company is charged for its respective share of expenses, including, but not limited to, employee services, office space, equipment, administrative support and communication expenses. The charge is based upon a method which allocates expenses in amounts generally commensurate with LCSLP's support of the operation of the Company. The agreement may be terminated by either party upon 30 days' notice.

Substantially all clearing broker commission revenues are earned by the Company from certain investment advisory accounts of LCSLP. The Company relies upon LCSLP's financial capacity to fund operations. There is no guarantee that LCSLP will continue to have the financial capacity to fund the Company's operations.

### NOTE F - MEMBER'S EQUITY AND NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

In June 2015 and December 2015, LCSLP contributed \$275,000 and \$420,000, respectively, to the Company, which was settled through a reduction in the amount due to LCSLP and as contributions to member's equity.