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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	1/1/2015 MM/DD/YY	AND ENDIN	G 12/31/2015 MM/DD/YY
A. REGIST	RANT IDENTIFICAT	TON	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:			OFFICIAL USE ONLY
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	(No. and Street)		
Redlands,	California		2373
(City)	(State)	(Zip	Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERS	ON TO CONTACT IN	REGARD TO THIS	S REPORT
Stephen Oliveira		(909) 2	18-8950
		(Area Code - )	Telephone No.)
B. ACCOUN	TANT IDENTIFICAT	ION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT who	se opinion is contained i	in this Report*	
Ar	son, Brian, CPA		
	dual, state last, first, middle	name)	
18425 Burbank Blvd., #606 Tarzana,		CA	91356
(Address) (City)		(State)	(Zip Code)
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☐ Public Accountant			
☐ Accountant not resident in United Sta	tes or any of its possessi	ions.	
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<sup>\*</sup> 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).

#### **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

I, Stephen Oliveira, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying
financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Equinox Securities, Inc., as of
December 31, 2015, 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:

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is report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):	

- abla(a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- $\square$ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- ☑ Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital. (e)
- $\square$ Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors. (f)
- $\square$ Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation of 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.
- A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation.  $\square$
- $\square$ (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  $\square$ date of the previous audit.

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

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document

#### CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT CIVIL CODE § 1189 State of California County of Riverside On February 26, 2016 before me, Sarai Toweldana, Nestary Pub Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer Oliveira personally appeared who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) (is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in this/her/their authorized capacity(hes), and that by his/her/their signature(e) on the instrument the persones, or the entity upon behalf of which the SARAI TORREBLANCA person(s) acted, executed the instrument. Commission # 2073371 Notary Public - California I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws **Riverside County** of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph My Comm. Expires Jul 29, 2018 is true and correct. WITNESS my hand and official seal. Signature: \_\_ Place Notary Seal Above ignature of Notary Public - OPTIONAL -Though this section is optional, completing this information can deter alteration of the document or fraudulent reattachment of this form to an unintended document. Annual Audited Report **Description of Attached Document** Title or Type of Document: EQUINOX Sewring Document Date: 20016 Number of Pages: \_ Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: \_\_ Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer(s) Signer's Name: \_\_ Signer's Name: \_ Corporate Officer — Title(s): \_\_ ☐ Corporate Officer — Title(s): \_\_\_ ☐ Partner — ☐ Limited ☐ General ☐ Partner — ☐ Limited ☐ General ☐ Attorney in Fact ☐ Individual ☐ Attorney in Fact ☐ Individual ☐ Guardian or Conservator ☐ Guardian or Conservator ☐ Trustee ☐ Trustee Other: Other: \_\_

Signer Is Representing:

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Financial Statements
And
Independent Auditor's Report
Year Ended December 31, 2015

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors Equinox Securities, Inc. Redlands, California

I have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Equinox Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Equinox Securities, Inc.'s management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit included 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. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Equinox Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplemental information for the year ended December 31, 2015 (Schedule I, Statement of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1, Schedule II, Determination of Determination of Reserve Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3 (exemption), and Schedule III, Information for Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3 (exemption)) has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of Equinox Securities, Inc.'s financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of Equinox Securities, Inc.'s management. My audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming my opinion on supplemental information, I evaluated whether the supplemental information, including the form and content is presented in conformity with Rule 17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In my opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

This opinion is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, the Securities and Exchange Commission, 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.

Brian W. Anson

Certified Public Accountant

Tarzana, California

February 16, 2016

# Statement of Financial Condition

## **December 31, 2015**

#### **ASSETS**

Cash	\$296
Deposits with clearing organization	25,941
Commissions receivable	12,720
Other receivables	127,539
Securities owned	5,947
Prepaid expenses and other assets	11,900
Property, furniture, and equipment at cost less	
accumulated depreciation of \$7,225	<u>2,036</u>
	<u>\$186,379</u>

# LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Liabilities Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Due to financial institutions Total liabilities	\$11,958 <u>18,968</u> <u>30,926</u>
Stockholder's equity	
Common stock, \$1.25 par value,	
1,000,000 shares authorized and 20,000 shares outstanding	25,000
Additional paid-in capital	143,265
Accumulated deficit	(12,812)
Total stockholder's equity	155,453
• •	\$186,379

## **Statement of Income**

## Year Ended December 31, 2015

Revenues Commissions and fees Investment income Reimbursed expenses Sublease income Other income	\$943,688 (284) 14,867 <u>125,285</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,083,556</u>
Expenses	
Commissions and clearing charges	\$701,896
Outside services	89,564
Compensation and benefits	33,401
Occupancy	37,349
Travel and entertainment	6,913
Communications	22,806
Regulatory fees	33,655
Information services	40,702
Supplies	8,289
Interest	5,302
Depreciation	
Other operating expenses	<u>24,157</u>
	<u>1,004,034</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 79,522</u>

# Statement of Changes in Stockholder's Equity Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Additional			
	Common Stock		Paid-in	Accumulated
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Deficit
Balance, beginning of year	20,000	\$25,000	\$143,265	\$(92,050)
Net income		<del></del>		<u>79,238</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>20,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$143,265</u>	<u>\$(12,812)</u>

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

# Year Ended December 31, 2015

Cash flows from operating activities  Net income  Adjustments to reconcile net income to net  cash from operating activities	\$79,238
Depreciation Changes in operating assets and liabilities Commissions receivable Other receivables Prepaid expenses and other assets Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Net cash from operating activities	(3,739) (81,072) 759 (7,524) (91,574)
Net cash from investing activities Capital expenditures Securities owned  Net cash from financing activities Due to financial institutions Capital contributions	$   \begin{array}{r}     (1177) \\     304 \\     (873)   \end{array} $ $   \begin{array}{r}     (854) \\     \hline     \hline     (854)   \end{array} $
Net decrease in cash	(14,064)
Cash, beginning of year	14,360
Cash, end of year	<u>\$296</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:	
Interest paid	<u>\$5,302</u>
Income taxes paid	<u>\$</u> _

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### 1. THE COMPANY AND ITS SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company. Equinox Securities, Inc. (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. The Company provides broker-dealer services as an introducing broker-dealer clearing customer transactions through another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis.

Accounting Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures 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 may differ from those estimates.

**Revenue Recognition.** Security transactions and the related commission revenue are recorded on a settlement date basis.

Income Taxes. The Company uses the liability method of accounting for income taxes whereby deferred tax asset and liability account balances are calculated at the balance sheet date using the current tax laws and rates in effect. Because temporary differences are insignificant and the future utilization of operating loss carryforwards is uncertain, the Company has not recognized in the financial statements any deferred tax assets or liabilities.

The Company is subject to audit by the taxing agencies for years ending 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The Company maintains cash balances with various financial institutions. Management performs periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of these institutions. The Company has not sustained any material credit losses from these instruments.

Financial Instruments. The carrying values reflected in the statement of financial condition at December 31, 2015 reasonably approximate the fair values for financial instruments. In making such assessment, the Company has utilized discounted cash flow analyses, estimates, and quoted market prices as appropriate. No allowance for potential credit losses was considered necessary at December 31, 2015.

2. Fair Value Measurements. FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritized 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 liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. 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:

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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.

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.)

All assets in the amount of \$186,379 at December 31, 2015 are considered level 1. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

- Debt securities: Valued at quoted market prices.
- Equity securities: Valued at quoted market prices.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Company believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Company's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2015:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Securities owned				
Debt securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equity securities	5,947	<u>-</u>	·	<u>5,947</u>
• •	<b>\$5,947</b>	<u>s                                     </u>	\$	<u>\$5,947</u>

#### 3. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Settlement of Securities Transactions. As discussed in Note 1, the Company does not hold customer segregated cash or securities balances. Transactions are processed by a clearing firm on a fully disclosed basis. In conjunction with this arrangement, the Company is contingently liable for any unsecured debit balances in the customer accounts introduced by the Company. These customer activities may expose the Company to off-balance-sheet credit risk in the event the introduced customer is unable to fulfill its contracted obligations. The Company seeks to control such credit risk by monitoring its exposure to the risk of loss daily, on an account-by-account basis. At December 31, 2015, the Company was not responsible for any unsecured debits and did not have any open positions in its trading accounts.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

**Operating Lease.** The Company leases its facility under a short-term operating lease. Rent expense was approximately \$24,492 for 2015.

#### 4. **NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

Under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital (as defined) and a ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (as defined) not exceeding 15 to 1.

The Company's ratio at December 31, 2015 was 3.44 to 1. The basic concept of the Rule is liquidity, its object being to require a broker-dealer in securities to have at all times sufficient liquid assets to cover its current indebtedness. At December 31, 2015, the Company had net capital of \$8,978 which was \$3,978 in excess of the amount required by the SEC.

# 5. COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION AND CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3

The Company relies on Section K (2) (ii) of the Securities Exchange Rule 15c3-3 to exempt them from the provisions of these rules.

#### 6. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated subsequent events from the statement of financial condition date through February 08, 2016 the date at which the financial statements were issued, and determined there are no other items to disclose.

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### Schedule I Computation of Net Capital Pursuant to SEC Rule 15c3-1

## **December 31, 2015**

	Audited Financial Statements	FOCUS X-17A-5 Part IIA	Differences
Total stockholders' equity	\$155,453	\$155,453	\$0
Less non-allowable assets Cash			
Other receivables	(127,539)	(127,539)	- 0
Securities owned	(5,000)	(5,000)	0
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(11,900)	(11,900)	0
Property, furniture, and equipment	<u>(2,036)</u>	(2,036)	_0
Net capital before haircuts on security positions	\$8,978	\$8,978	0
Haircuts on security positions Securities owned	_	-	_
Net capital	8,978	8,978	0
Less minimum net capital	_5,000	5,000	_0
Excess net capital	<u>\$3,978</u>	<u>\$3,978</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$30,926</u>	<u>\$30,926</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>3.44</u>	<u>3.44</u>	

Note: There were no reported differences between the net capital reported above and the net capital reported on form FOCUS X-17A-5 Part IIA as of December 31, 2015.

#### Schedule II Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3

December 31, 2015

The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 under the exemptive provisions of section (k)(2)(ii) and, accordingly, has no reserve requirements. Consequently, a reserve requirement was not calculated in Part II of Form X-17A-5 of this Company's FOCUS report as of December 31, 2014; and a reconciliation to that calculation is not included herein.

# Schedule III Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3

**December 31, 2015** 

The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 under the exemptive provisions of section (k)(2)(ii) and, accordingly, has no possession or control requirements.

February 16, 2016 Brian W. Anson, CPA 18425 Burbank Blvd., #606 Tarzana, CA 91356

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Equinox Securities, Inc., which comprise the statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of income, changes in shareholder's' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the financial statements and supplemental information, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies, establishing and maintaining internal control, and preventing and detecting fraud.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of February 16, 2016, the following representations made to you during your audit.

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated December 22, 2015 including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the financial statements and supplemental information.
- The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP and include all disclosures necessary for such fair presentation and disclosures required to be included by the laws and regulations to which the Company is subject.
- We have provided you with:
  - Access to all financial records and other information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - Minutes of the meetings of stockholders, directors, and committees of directors, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared (no meetings took place during the prior fiscal year).
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control
  relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements and supplementary information
  that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- Related party relationships and transactions and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties
  have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

- Significant estimates and material concentrations known to management have been properly disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to the representation letter.
- The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the company is contingently liable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- All securities exchange memberships and participation in joint accounts carried by others have been properly recorded.
- There are no material unrecorded assets or contingent assets, such as claims relating to buy-ins, unfulfilled contracts, etc., whose value depends on the fulfillment of conditions regarded as uncertain.
- All borrowings and financial obligations of which we are aware are included in the financial statements, and all borrowing arrangements of which we are aware are disclosed.
- There are no securities or investments not readily marketable owned by us or borrowed under subordination agreements.
- The Company has assessed the impact of FASB ASC 740. Income Taxes, and has determined that no
  material liability is required to be recorded.
- There are no borrowings or claims unconditionally subordinated to all claims or general creditors pursuant to a written agreement.
- The books and records underlying the financial statements and supplemental information have been reconciled to supporting data and properly adjusted as necessary.
- All material transactions have been properly recorded in the accounting records and reflected in the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
  - Management,
  - Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
  - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Company's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- We have no knowledge of any violations or suspected violations of laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.
- We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- There are no unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification 275, Risks and Uncertainties
- There are no other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed under GAAP.
- We have disclosed to you the identity of the Company's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- The company has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.

- Information about financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk and financial instruments (including receivables) with concentrations of credit risk have been properly disclosed.
- We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
- We have complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- We understand and acknowledge our responsibility for the fair presentation of the (Schedule I, Statement of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1, Schedule II, Determination of Determination of Reserve Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3 (exemption), and Schedule III, Information for Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3 (exemption)) in accordance with U.S. GAAP and Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. We believe the Statement of Net Capital, Determination of Reserve Requirements, Information Relating to Possession or Control, and SIPC Form 7, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP and SEC Rule 17a-5. The methods of measurement and presentation of the Statement of Net Capital, Determination of Reserve Requirements, Information Relating to Possession or Control, and SIPC Form 3 have not changed from those used in the prior period. The form and content of Statement of Net Capital, Determination of Reserve Requirements, Information Relating to Possession or Control, and SIPC Form 3 complies, in all material respects, with the regulatory requirements of SEC Rule 17a-5. We are responsible for, and have disclosed to you, any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplemental information, and we believe that those assumptions or interpretations are appropriate.

There have been no regulatory examination reports, supervising correspondence, or similar materials received from applicable regulatory agencies, including communications concerning supervisory actions or noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, rules, regulations, or supervisory actions during the year ended December 31, 2015 or through February 16, 2016

- There are no capital withdrawals anticipated within the next six months other than in the ordinary course
  of business.
- We are responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control for safeguarding the Company's securities and for the practices and procedures relevant to the objectives stated in SEC Rule 17a-5(g), including making periodic computations of aggregated indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 15c3-1 and for maintaining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we do not maintain practices and procedures related to the following:
  - Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons, and recording the differences as required by Rule 17a-13.
  - 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.

We believe that our practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2015 to meet the SEC's objectives. There have been no significant changes in internal control since December 31, 2015.

• We acknowledge our responsibility for compliance with the identified exemption provisions throughout the year, and our assertions. We have made available to you all records and other information relating to our assertions, including communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, and others who perform equivalent functions and compliance functions concerning possible exceptions to exemption provisions through the date of the review report. There have been no known events or other factors subsequent to the period addressed in our assertions that might significantly affect our compliance with the identified exemption provisions.

The Company has been in compliance with the exemptive provisions of SEC Rule 15c3-3 at all times during the year ended December 31, 2015 and through February 16, 2016.

Net capital computations prepared by us during the period January 1, 2015 through February 16, 2016 indicated that we were in compliance with the requirements of The Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1) at all times during the period. The Company is not subject to, and did not prepare, a calculation for the reserve requirements of SEC Rule 15c3-3.

- There were no significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, or material inadequacies at December 31, 2015 or during the period January 1, 2015 through February 16, 2016, in internal control over financial reporting and control activities for safeguarding the Company's securities (as well as other assets), and the practices and procedures followed in making periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital as defined in accordance with the Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1).
- The Company did not owe the PCAOB any accounting support fees for the year ended December 31, 2015
- We are aware of the requirements regarding expense-sharing agreements as specified in SEC Rule 15c3-1(a)(2)(i)(F) and the July 11, 2003, letter issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, Division of Market Regulation. We believe that the Company has sufficient documentation necessary to verify the financial independence of the affiliated entity assuming the Company's liabilities, has appropriately recorded all expenses relative to the operation of its business, and is in compliance with the Rule and the requirements stipulated in the letter.

No events have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.

Signature:

Title:

# **Assertions Regarding Exemption Provisions**

We, as members of management of Equinox Securities, Inc. ("the Company"), are responsible for compliance with the annual reporting requirements under Rule 17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Those requirements compel a broker or dealer to file annuals reports with the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) and the broker or dealer's designated examining authority (DEA). One of the reports to be included in the annual filing is an exemption report prepared by an independent public accountant based upon a review of assertions provided by the broker or dealer. Pursuant to that requirement, the management of the Company hereby makes the following assertions:

#### **Identified Exemption Provision:**

The Company claims exemption from the custody and reserve provisions of Rule 15c3-3 by operating under the exemption provided by Rule 15c3-3, Paragraph (k)(2)(ii).

#### **Statement Regarding Meeting Exemption Provision:**

The Company met the identified exemption provision without exception throughout the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Equinox Securities, Inc.

Dy.

Stephen Oliveira, President (Name and Title)

02-16-2016 (Date)

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# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors Equinox Securities, Inc. Redlands, California

I have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Equinox Securities, Inc., Exemption Report in which (1) Equinox Securities, Inc. identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which Equinox Securities, Inc. claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3: (k)(2)(ii) (the "exemption provision") and 2 Equinox Securities, Inc. stated that Equinox Securities, Inc. met the identified exemption provision throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. Equinox Securities, Inc.'s management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provision and its statements.

My review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about Equinox Securities, Inc.'s compliance with the exemption provision. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Brian W. Anson

Certified Public Accountant

Tarzana, California February 16, 2016

# (33-REV 7/10)

# SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION P.O. Box 92185 Washington, D.C. 20090-2185 202-371-8300

#### **General Assessment Reconciliation**

(33-REV 7/10)

For the fiscal year ended  $\frac{12/31/2015}{\text{(Read carefully the instructions in your Working Copy before completing this Form)}}$ 

#### TO BE FILED BY ALL SIPC MEMBERS WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDINGS

	tme of Member, address, Designated Examining oses of the audit requirement of SEC Rule 17a-		n no. and month in which fiscal year ends for
	067752 FINRA DEC Equinox Securities Inc 1776 W. Park Ave., Suite 101 Redlands, CA 92373		Note: If any of the information shown on the mailing label requires correction, please e-mail any corrections to form@sipc.org and so indicate on the form filed.  Name and telephone number of person to contact respecting this form.  Stephen Oliveira 909-218-895(
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2. A.	General Assessment (item 2e from page 2)		<u>\$_2107</u>
В	Less payment made with SIPC-6 filed (exclude	interest)	():
C	Date Paid Less prior overpayment applied		()
D	Assessment balance due or (overpayment)		2107
E.	Interest computed on late payment (see instr	uction E) for 211_days at 20%	per annum 112
F.	Total assessment balance and interest due (d	or overpayment carried forward)	\$2219
G	. PAID WITH THIS FORM: Check enclosed, payable to SIPC Total (must be same as F above)	<sub>\$</sub> 2219	
Н	Overpayment carried forward	\$(	)
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Date	d the 16th day of February , 20 16	President	(Title)
for a	form and the assessment payment is due 60 period of not less than 6 years, the latest 2		al year. Retain the Working Copy of this form place.
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# DETERMINATION OF "SIPC NET OPERATING REVENUES" AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT

Amounts for the fiscal period beginning January 01, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014

Item No. 2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030)	Eliminate cents §1083556
<ul> <li>2b. Additions:         <ul> <li>(1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
(2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts.	
(3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts.	
(4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining item 2a.	
(5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities.	
(6) Expenses other than advertising, printing, registration fees and legal fees deducted in determining n profit from management of or participation in underwriting or distribution of securities.	
(7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts.	2704
Total additions	2704
2c. Deductions:	
(1) Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit investment trust, from the sale of variable annuities, from the business of insurance, from investmen advisory services rendered to registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts, and from transactions in security futures products.	63651
(2) Revenues from commodity transactions.	
(3) Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with securities transactions.	74188
(4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation.	0.100
(5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts.	2420
(6) 100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of deposit and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances or commercial paper that mature nine months or less from issuance date.	
(7) Direct expenses of printing advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with other revenue related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Act).	
(8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business. (See Instruction C):	
Reimbursed Expenses/Consulting/Services Income	97761
(Deductions in excess of \$100,000 require documentation)	
(9) (i) Total interest and dividend expense (FOCUS Line 22/PART IIA Line 13, Code 4075 plus line 2b(4) above) but not in excess of total interest and dividend income.	_
(ii) 40% of margin interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960).	- 5000
Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii)	5302
Total deductions	243322
2d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues	§ 842938
2e. General Assessment @ .0025	\$ 2107
	(to page 1, line 2.A.)

#### SIPC-7 Instructions

This form is to be filed by all members of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation whose fiscal years end in 2011 and annually thereafter. The form together with the payment is due no later than 60 days after the end of the fiscal year, or after membership termination. Amounts reported herein must be readily reconcilable with the member's records and the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17a-5 report filed. Questions pertaining to this form should be directed to SIPC via e-mail at form@sipc.org or by telephoning 202-371-8300.

A. For the purposes of this form, the term "SIPC Net Operating Revenues" shall mean gross revenues from the securities business as defined in or pursuant to the applicable sections of the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 ("Act") and Article 6 of SIPC's bylaws (see page 4), less item 2c(9) on page 2.

B. Gross revenues of subsidiaries, except foreign subsidiaries, are required to be included in SIPC Net Operating Revenues on a consolidated basis except for a subsidiary filing separately as explained hereinafter.

If a subsidiary was required to file a Rule 17a-5 annual audited statement of income separately and is also a SIPC member, then such subsidiary must itself file SIPC-7, pay the assessment, and should not be consolidated in your SIPC-7.

SIPC Net Operating Revenues of a predecessor member which are not included in item 2a, were not reported separately and the SIPC assessments were not paid thereon by such predecessor, shall be included in item 2b(1).

C. Your General Assessment should be computed as follows:

- (1) <u>Line 2a</u> For the applicable period enter total revenue based upon amounts reported in your Rule 17a-5 Annual Audited Statement of Income prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to securities brokers and dealers. or if exempted from that rule, use X-17A-5 (FOCUS Report) Line 12, Code 4030.
- (2) Adjustments The purpose of the adjustments on page 2 is to determine SIPC Net Operating Revenues.
  - (a) Additions Lines 2b(1) through 2b(7) assure that assessable income and gain items of SIPC Net Operating Revenues are totaled, unreduced by any losses (e.g., if a net loss was incurred for the period from all transactions in trading account securities, that net loss does not reduce other assessable revenues). Thus, line 2b(4) would include all short dividend and interest payments including those incurred in reverse conversion accounts, rebates on stock loan positions and repo interest which have been netted in determining line 2(a).
  - (b) Deductions Line 2c(1) through line 2c(9) are either provided for in the statue, as in deduction 2c(1), or are allowed to arrive at an assessment base consisting of net operating revenues from the securities business. For example, line 2c(9) allows for a deduction of either the total of interest and dividend expense (not to exceed interest and dividend income), as reported on FOCUS line 22/PART IIA line 13 (Code 4075), plus line 2b(4) or 40% of interest earned on customers' securities accounts (40% of FOCUS Line 5 Code 3960). Be certain to complete both line (i) and (ii), entering the greater of the two in the far right column. Dividends paid to shareholders are not considered "Expense" and thus are not to be included in the deduction. Likewise, interest and dividends paid to partners pursuant to the partnership agreements would also not be deducted.

If the amount reported on line 2c (8) aggregates to \$100,000 or greater, supporting documentation must accompany the form that identifies these deductions. Examples of support information include; contractual agreements, prospectuses,

and limited partnership documentation.

- (i) Determine your SIPC Net Operating Revenues, item 2d, by adding to item 2a, the total of item 2b, and deducting the total of item 2c.
- (ii) Multiply SIPC Net Operating Revenues by the applicable rate. Enter the resulting amount in item 2e and on line 2A of page 1.
- (iii) Enter on line 2B the assessment due as reflected on the SIPC-6 previously filed.
- (iv) Subtract line 2B and 2C from line 2A and enter the difference on line 2D. This is the balance due for the period.
- (v) Enter interest computed on late payment (if applicable) on line 2E.
- (vi) Enter the total due on line 2F and the payment of the amount due on line 2G.
- (vii) Enter overpayment carried forward (if any) on line 2H.

D. Any SIPC member which is also a bank (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) may exclude from SIPC Net Operating Revenues dividends and interest received on securities in its investment accounts to the extent that it can demonstrate to SIPC's satisfaction that such securities are held, and such dividends and interest are received, solely in connection with its operations as a bank and not in connection with its operations as a broker, dealer or member of a national securities exchange. Any member who excludes from SIPC Net Operating Revenues any dividends or interest pursuant to the preceding sentence shall file with this form a supplementary statement setting forth the amount so excluded and proof of its entitlement to such exclusion.

E. <u>Interest on Assessments.</u> If all or any part of assessment payable under Section 4 of the Act has not been postmarked within 15 days after the due date thereof, the member shall pay, in addition to the amount of the assessment, interest at the rate of 20% per annum on the unpaid portion of the assessment for each day it has been overdue.

F. Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17a-5(e) (4) requires those who are not exempted from the audit requirement of the rule and whose gross revenues are in excess of \$500,000 to file a supplemental independent public accountants report covering this SIPC-7 no later than 60 days after their fiscal year ends.

Mail this completed form to SIPC together with a check for the amount due, made payable to SIPC, using the enclosed return PO BOX envelope or wire the payment to:

Bank Name: Citibank, New York

Swift: CITIUS33 ABA#: 021000089

Account Number: 30801482

Address: 111 Wall Street, New York, New York 10043 USA On the wire identify the name of the firm and its SEC Registration 8-# and label it as "for assessment."

Please fax a copy of the assessment form to (202)223-1679 or e-mail a copy to form@sipc.org on the same day as the wire.

From Section 16(9) of the Act:

The term "gross revenues from the securities business" means the sum of (but without duplication)-

- (A) commissions earned in connection with transactions in securities effected for customers as agent (net of commissions paid to other brokers and dealers in connection with such transactions) and markups with respect to purchases or sales of securities as principal:
  - (B) charges for executing or clearing transactions in securities for other brokers and dealers;
  - (C) the net realized gain, if any, from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts;
  - (D) the net profit, if any, from the management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities;
  - (E) interest earned on customers' securities accounts;
- (F) fees for investment advisory services (except when rendered to one or more registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts) or account supervision with respect to securities;
  - (G) fees for the solicitation of proxies with respect to, or tenders or exchanges of, securities;
  - (H) income from service charges or other surcharges with respect to securities;
- (I) except as otherwise provided by rule of the Commission, dividends and interest received on securities in investment accounts of the broker or dealer;
  - (J) fees in connection with put, call, and other options transactions in securities;
- (K) commissions earned for transactions in (i) certificates of deposit, and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances, or commercial paper which have a maturity at the time of issuance of not exceeding nine months, exclusive of days of grace, or any renewal thereof, the maturity of which is likewise limited, except that SIPC shall by bylaw include in the aggregate of gross revenues only an appropriate percentage of such commissions based on SIPC's loss experience with respect to such instruments over at least the preceding five years; and
  - (L) fees and other income from such other categories of the securities business as SIPC shall provide by bylaw.

Such term includes revenues earned by a broker or dealer in connection with a transaction in the portfolio margining account of a customer carried as securities accounts pursuant to a portfolio margining program approved by the Commission. Such term does not include revenues received by a broker or dealer in connection with the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit investment trust or revenues derived by a broker or dealer from the sales of variable annuities, the business of insurance, or transactions in security futures products.

From Section 16(14) of the Act:

The term "Security" means any note, stock, treasury stock, bond, debenture, evidence of indebtedness, any collateral trust certificate, preorganization certificate or subscription, transferable share, voting trust certificate, certificate of deposit, certificate of deposit for a security, or any security future as that term is defined in section 78c(a)(55)(A) of this title, any investment contract or certificate of interest or participation in any profit-sharing agreement or in any oil, gas or mineral royalty or lease (if such investment contract or interest is the subject of a registration statement with the Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 [15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.]), any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege on any security, or group or index of securities (including any interest therein or based on the value thereof), or any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege entered into on a national securities exchange relating to foreign currency, any certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim certificate for, receipt for, guarantee of, or warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase or sell any of the foregoing, and any other instrument commonly known as a security. Except as specifically provided above, the term "security" does not include any currency, or any commodity or related contract or futures contract, or any warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase or sell any of the foregoing.

# From SIPC Bylaw Article 6 (Assessments): Section 1(f):

The term "gross revenues from the securities business" includes the revenues in the definition of gross revenues from the securities business set forth in the applicable sections of the Act.

#### Section 3:

For purpose of this article:

- (a) The term "securities in trading accounts" shall mean securities held for sale in the ordinary course of business and not identified as having been held for investment.
- (b) The term "securities in investment accounts" shall mean securities that are clearly identified as having been acquired for investment in accordance with provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to dealers in securities.
- (c) The term "fees and other income from such other categories of the securities business" shall mean all revenue related either directly or indirectly to the securities business except revenue included in Section 16(9)(A) (L) and revenue specifically excepted in Section 4(c)(3)(C)[Item 2c(1), page 2].

Note: If the amount of assessment entered on line 2e of SIPC-7 is greater than 1/2 of 1% of "gross revenues from the securities business" as defined above, you may submit that calculation along with the SIPC-7 form to SIPC and pay the smaller amount, subject to review by your Examining Authority and by SIPC.

SIPC Examining Authorities:

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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed – Upon Procedures Related to an Entity's SIPC Assessment Reconciliation.

Board of Directors Equinox Securities, Inc. Redlands, California

In accordance with Rule 17a-5 (e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, I have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to the accompanying Schedule of Assessment and Payments [General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7)] to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) for the Year Ended December 31, 2015, which were agreed to by Equinox Securities, Inc. and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., and SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating Equinox Securities, Inc.'s compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7). Equinox Securities, Inc.'s management is responsible for the Equinox Securities, 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, I 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 I performed and my findings are as follows:

- 1. Compared the listed assessment payment in Form SIPC-7 with respective cash disbursement records entries from the cash disbursements journal and related bank statements and reconciliations, noting no differences;
- 2. Compared the amounts reported on the audited Form X-17a-5 for the year ended December 31, 2015, as applicable with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7 for the year ended December 31, 2015 noting no differences;
- 3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers, such as clearing firms records supporting securities revenues, noting no differences:
- 4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers, such as revenues from third party support and bank records supporting the adjustments, noting no differences.

I was not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my 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.

Brian W. Anson

Certified Public Accountant

Tarzana, California February 16, 2016