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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17 a-5(e) (2)

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#### **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

I,	Raiko Bikelis	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my
		cial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
Sou	za Barros Securities, Inc.	as of
	December 31, 2015, are true	and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the
compan	ny nor any partner, proprietor, principal ed solely as that of a customer, except	officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
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	previous audit.	
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A report containing a statement of financial condition has been included; accordingly it is requested that this report be given confidential treatment.

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

# Souza Barros Securities, Inc.

**Statement of Financial Condition** 

**December 31, 2015** 

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# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

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Souza Barros Securities, Inc. Miami, Florida عرو معاوره المعارضية اعراض عراض

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Souza Barros Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and the related notes to the financial statement. This financial statement is the responsibility of Souza Barros Securities, Inc.'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 statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition 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 Souza Barros Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2015 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The accompanying financial statement has been prepared assuming that Souza Barros Securities, Inc. will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 2 to the statement of financial condition, Souza Barros Securities, Inc. has experienced a major downturn in its predominate related party sourced revenues, has recurring net losses and negative cash flows from operations and is dependent on funding from its Parent to maintain its capital requirements and liquidity. These conditions raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans regarding those matters are described in Note 2. The financial statement does not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Kaufman Rossin & Co., P.A.

February 17, 2016 Miami, Florida



# SOUZA BARROS SECURITIES, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2015

ASSETS	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, INCLUDING \$50,827 SEGREGATED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF CUSTOMERS (NOTE 6)	\$ 225,423
RECEIVABLE FROM BROKER (NOTE 6)	127
DEPOSIT AT BROKER (NOTE 6)	250,000
RESTRICTED CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT (NOTE 5)	12,475
OTHER ASSETS	20,695
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET (NOTE 4)	2,976
	\$ 511,696
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	
LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 118,024
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 5)	
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	 393,672
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### SOUZA BARROS SECURITIES, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Description of Business and Organization

Souza Barros Securities, Inc. (the Company) is a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Company acts in an agency capacity, buying and selling securities for its customers and charging a commission. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Giant Holding International, Ltd. (the "Parent").

### Government and Other Regulation

The Company's business is subject to significant regulation by various governmental agencies and self-regulatory organizations. Such regulation includes, among other things, periodic examinations by these regulatory bodies to determine whether the Company is conducting and reporting its operations in accordance with the requirements of these organizations.

#### Securities Transactions and Revenue Recognition

Securities transactions, along with related commission income and clearing costs, are reported on a trade date basis.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

From time to time, the Company maintains cash balances with financial institutions in excess of federally insured limits.

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is recorded at cost. Expenditures for major betterments and additions are charged to the asset accounts, while replacements, maintenance and repairs which do not improve or extend the lives of the respective assets are charged to expense as incurred.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation of property and equipment is computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from five to seven years.

#### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes under the liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are provided for the future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

Deferred tax assets, net of a valuation allowance, are recorded when management believes it is more likely than not that the tax benefits will be realized. Realization of the deferred tax assets is dependent upon generating sufficient taxable income in the future. The amount of deferred tax asset considered realizable could change in the near term if estimates of future taxable income are modified.

The Company assesses its tax positions in accordance with "Accounting for Uncertainties in Income Taxes" as prescribed by the Accounting Standards Codification, which provides guidance for financial statement recognition and measurement of uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return for open tax years (generally a period of three years from the later of each return's due date or the date filed) that remain subject to examination by the Company's major tax jurisdictions. The Company's tax returns since 2012 remain subject to examination by its taxing authorities.

The Company assesses its tax positions and determines whether it has any material unrecognized liabilities for uncertain tax positions. The Company records these liabilities to the extent it deems them more likely than not to be incurred. Interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions, if any, would be classified as a component of income tax expense.

The Company believes that it does not have any significant uncertain tax positions requiring recognition or measurement in the accompanying financial statements.

#### Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

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 reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the statement of financial condition date. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTE 2. GOING CONCERN

The Company has had recurring net losses and negative cash flows from operations and is dependent on capital contributions to maintain its regulatory net capital requirements and liquidity. These conditions raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. In 2015, due to changes in world markets, specifically in Brazil, the Company ended its relationship with its Brazilian Institutional Clients (the Company has been focusing in Institutional Clients since 2012). The Company is currently restructuring and seeking a suitable replacement for the institutional business or pursue a different line of business. The company expects to finish restructuring by June 2016. Until then, the Parent is committed to keep funding capital contributions. During the period of January 1, 2016 through February 17, 2016 the Parent has contributed \$200,000 of capital to the Company. The accompanying statement of financial condition does not include any adjustments that might be necessary if the Company is unable to continue as a going concern.

#### NOTE 3. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

As a registered broker-dealer, the Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which requires that "Net Capital", as defined, shall be at least the greater of \$250,000 or 6 2/3% of "Aggregate Indebtedness", as defined. At December 31, 2015, the Company's Net Capital was \$357,527, which exceeded the requirements by \$107,527. The ratio of "Aggregate Indebtedness" to "Net Capital" was 0.33 to 1 at December 31, 2015.

#### NOTE 4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment at December 31, 2015 consisted of the following:

Furniture and fixtures	\$ 30,2	204
Office equipment	59,8	335
	90,0	)39
Less: accumulated depreciation	( 87,0	63)
	\$ 2,9	976

#### NOTE 5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### Lease Commitments

The Company is obligated under a non-cancelable operating lease for its office facility in Miami, Florida, expiring in November 2018. In addition, the Company also leases a software license under a non-cancelable operating lease.

The approximate future minimum rentals under these leases for the years subsequent to December 31, 2015 are as follows:

2017 2018	164,733 69,000
	\$ 473,340

#### Letter of Credit with Bank

At December 31, 2015, the Company maintained a \$12,475 irrevocable standby letter of credit issued in favor of the lessor holding the Company's office facility lease. The letter of credit expires in September 2016, with automatic one year renewals thereafter. As collateral for the letter of credit, the Company maintains a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$12,475.

#### **Contingencies**

During the normal course of operations, the Company, from time to time, may be involved in lawsuits, arbitration, claims, and other legal or regulatory proceedings. The Company had an ongoing matter with the Legal Section of FINRA's Department of Market Regulation relating to alleged violations of NYSE Arca and EDGX Exchange Rules, which the Company believes do not apply. The Company does not believe that these matters will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

#### NOTE 6. RISK CONCENTRATIONS

#### Clearing and Depository Operations

The clearing and depository operations for the Company's securities transactions are provided by a brokerage firm, whose principal office is in Jersey City, New Jersey. The underlying agreement expires in June 2016 and provides for early termination fees of \$500,000. On December 31, 2015, \$134,102 of cash and cash equivalents, the receivable from broker, and the deposit at broker as reflected in the accompanying statement of financial condition, are held by and due from this brokerage firm.

#### NOTE 6. RISK CONCENTRATIONS (CONTINUED)

#### Other Risk Concentrations

In the normal course of business, the Company's customer activities involve the execution, settlement, and financing of various customer securities transactions. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance-sheet risk in the event the customer or other broker is unable to fulfill its contracted obligations and the Company has to purchase or sell the financial instrument underlying the contract at a loss.

The Company's customer securities activities are transacted on either a cash or margin basis. In connection with margin activities, the Company executes customer transactions involving the sale of securities not yet purchased, substantially all of which are transacted on a margin basis subject to individual exchange regulations. Such transactions may expose the Company to significant off-balance-sheet risk in the event margin requirements are not sufficient to fully cover losses that customers may incur. In the event a customer fails to satisfy its obligations, the Company may be required to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices to fulfill the customer's obligations. The Company seeks to control the risks associated with its customer activities by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory and internal guidelines. The Company monitors required margin levels daily and, pursuant to such guidelines, requires the customer to deposit additional collateral or to reduce positions when necessary.

#### NOTE 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### Transactions with Affiliate

In the normal course of business, the Company engages in securities transactions with related party affiliated through common ownership.

#### NOTE 8. INCOME TAXES

At December 31, 2015, the Company has a deferred tax asset of approximately \$2,037,000 relating to its net operating loss carryforward and temporary differences in the tax and book basis of capitalized assets, principally start up expenses deferred and amortized for income tax purposes. A valuation allowance in the same amount has been recorded as management believes it is more likely than not that the tax benefits may not be realized. At December 31, 2015, the Company has a net operating loss carryforward of approximately \$4,861,000. The net operating loss carryforward, if not used, begins expiring in 2028.

## NOTE 9. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

The Company sponsors a 401(k) profit sharing plan (the Plan) that covers substantially all full-time employees meeting certain eligibility requirements. The Company matches 50% of employee deferrals up to 4% of annual compensation.