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(n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

(I) An Oath or Affirmation.

(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2016** 

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#### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholder of Liberum Capital Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Liberum Capital Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2016, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplemental information listed in the accompanying Table of Contents has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Company's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our 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 our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Becker, Bella Tone, Sitto & Company

Becher, Della Torre, Gitto & Company

Ridgewood, New Jersey

February 21, 2017

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

	DE	CEMBER 31, 2016
ASSETS		
Cash	\$	1,495,848
Deposit with clearing organization		250,000
Receivable from clearing organization		192,011
Prepaid expenses, receivables, and other assets (no valuation allowance)		175,289
Prepaid income taxes		130,275
Fixed assets, net		26,366
Security deposit		127,300
Deferred tax asset		113,000
Investment - parent		255,899
Due from parent		2,195,678
Total assets	\$	4,961,666
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	917,333
Total liabilities		917,333
Stockholder's equity		
Common stock, \$0 par value; 1,000 shares authorized		
155 issued and outstanding		155,000
Series A preferred stock, \$0 par value; 9,000 shares authorized		
1,091 issued and outstanding		1,091,000
Additional paid-in capital		1,637,539
Retained earnings		1,160,794
Accumulated other comprehensive income		-
Total stockholder's equity	·	4,044,333
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$	4,961,666

### STATEMENT OF INCOME

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016			
Revenue	\$	5,068,496		
Direct Costs		104,130		
Gross Profit		4,964,366		
Operating expenses				
Wages and salaries		2,803,003		
Other staff costs		332,445		
Travel and subsistence		224,512		
Market data		245,699		
Trading systems		221,083		
Communications		65,054		
Hardware and software		33,736		
Service agreements		51,497		
Marketing, public relations and entertaining		51,100		
Professional fees		131,425		
Premises costs		292,259		
Office expense		13,483		
Other costs		5,579		
Arbitration settlement	<del></del>	49,216		
Total operating expenses	· · · · ·	4,520,091		
Income from operations before income taxes		444,275		
Income taxes	<del></del>	188,620		
Net income	\$	255,655		

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

	Common Stock	Preferr Stock	_	Additional Paid-in Capital		Retained Earnings	Con	cumulated Other prehensive Income		Total Stockholder's Equity
Balance - January 1, 2016	\$ 155,000	\$ 1,550,	000 \$	1,548,767	\$	905,139	\$	19,137	\$	4,178,043
Redemption of 459 shares of preferred stock		(459,	000)							(459,000)
Contribution to capital of Parent's shares for Share Plans				88,772						88,772
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax								(19,137)		(19,137)
Net income						255,655			_	255,655
Balance - December 31, 2016	\$ 155,000	\$ 1,091,	000 \$	1,637,539	<u>\$</u>	1,160,794	\$	-	\$	4,044,333

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016			
Cash flows from operations				
Net income	\$	255,655		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used by		,		
operating activities:				
Depreciation expense		11,128		
Share awards compensation		168,475		
Deferred taxes		(35,000)		
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:				
Deposit with clearing organization		250,020		
Receivable from clearing organization		(108,095)		
Prepaid expenses, receivables, and other assets		160,129		
Prepaid income taxes		(101,410)		
Due to/from parent		(1,104,162)		
Increase in operating liabilities:		,		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		87,430		
Net cash used by operating activities		(415,830)		
Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchase of fixed assets		(26,805)		
Net cash used by investing activities	***	(26,805)		
Cash flows from financing activities				
Decrease in cash		(442,635)		
Cash - beginning of the year		1,938,483		
Cash - end of the year	\$	1,495,848		

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### Note 1 - Organization and Nature of Operations

Liberum Capital Inc. (the "Company"), a New York corporation organized in February 2008, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Liberum Capital Limited (the "Parent"). The Company is a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Company received its FINRA approval for membership on January 23, 2009. The Company provides sales and marketing services to the Parent and engages in a general securities business with institutional investors.

#### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Revenue Recognition** – The Company provides sales and marketing services to the Parent. The fee for services is calculated based on direct and certain indirect costs incurred plus twelve percent (12%).

Clearing Transactions - The Company transmits all transactions through a clearing broker who maintains the customers' accounts on a fully disclosed basis.

Receivables – Receivables are recorded at the amount the Company expects to collect on balances outstanding at year-end. Management closely monitors outstanding balances and writes off, as of year-end, all balances deemed uncollectible. No allowance was considered necessary at December 31, 2016.

**Property and Equipment -** Property and equipment are carried at cost. When assets are sold or retired, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in income for the period. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to expense as incurred.

Depreciation is computed on the straight-line basis over the assets' useful lives.

Income Taxes and Deferred Taxes – The Company has elected to be taxed as a C-corporation pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state laws. The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with FASB ASC 740, Income Taxes, which requires the recognition of deferred income taxes for differences between the basis of assets and liabilities for financial statement and income tax purposes. The differences relate principally to depreciation and amortization of fixed assets, and stock-based compensation. Deferred tax assets and liabilities represent the future tax consequence for those differences, which will either be deductible or taxable when the assets and liabilities are recovered or settled. If it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recognized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Advertising - The Company expenses the cost of advertising and promotions as incurred.

Uncertain Tax Positions – The Company is required to recognize, measure, classify, and disclose in the financial statements uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the Company's tax returns. Management has determined that the Company does not have any uncertain tax positions and associated unrecognized benefits that materially impact the financial statements or related disclosures. Since tax matters are subject to some degree of uncertainty, there can be no assurance that the Company's tax returns will not be challenged by the taxing authorities and that the Company will not be subject to additional tax, penalties, and interest as a result of such challenge. Generally, the Company's current and prior three years tax returns remain subject for income tax examination as of December 31, 2016.

Foreign Currency Translation - Assets and liabilities that are translated use exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date and revenues and expenses that have occurred throughout the current fiscal year are converted at a weighted-average rate of exchange for the entire year. Resulting translation adjustments are recorded directly in accumulated other comprehensive income which is a separate component of stockholder's equity.

Share-based Compensation – The Company recognizes compensation expense for share awards granted to employees in accordance with the fair value recognition provisions of FASB ASC 718, Compensation – Stock Compensation, at their estimated fair market value on the date of the grant.

Compensated Absences - Employees are entitled to paid vacations, sick days and personal days off, depending on job classification, length of service, and other factors. It is impractical to estimate the amount of compensation for future absences, and accordingly, no liability has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements. It is the Company's policy to recognize the cost of compensated absence when actually paid.

Statement of Cash Flows – For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Company has defined cash equivalents as highly liquid assets, with original maturities of less than three months that are not held for sale in the ordinary course of business.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Subsequent Events – Management has reviewed and evaluated all events and transactions from December 31, 2016 (statement of financial condition date) through February xx, 2017, the date that the financial statements are available for issuance. The effects of those events and transactions that provide additional pertinent information about conditions that existed at the statement of financial condition date have been recognized in the accompanying financial statements.

#### Note 3 - Property and Equipment

Property and equipment at December 31, 2016, consisted of the following:

Furniture and fixtures	\$ 115,331
Equipment	189,509
Leasehold Improvements	 162,602
	467,442
Accumulated depreciation	 (441,076)
	\$ 26,366

#### Note 4 - Operating Lease

The Company occupies office space under a lease agreement that expires in October 2018. The lease agreement requires annual rent increases of 103% of the prior year's annual rent on November 1 for the term of the lease agreement. Aggregated future minimum annual rental payments under the lease agreement are as follows:

2017	\$ 2	48,411
2018	2	12,158
Total	\$ 4	60.569

Rent expense for the year ended December 31, 2016 amounted to \$241,176.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### Note 5 - Investment - Parent

The Parent has adopted stock-based compensation plans that eligible employees of the Company may participate in (See Note 15). When an employee of the Company is awarded shares under the plans, the Company records a contribution to additional paid-in capital, and a corresponding investment in parent for the fair market value of the Parent's shares on the date of the award. As compensation expense is recognized in accordance with FASB ASC 718, Compensation – Stock Compensation, the investment in parent is reduced accordingly.

#### Note 6 – Income Taxes

The income tax expense (benefit) for the year ended December 31, 2016 consists of the following:

Current	
Federal	\$ 157,362
State and local	66,258
Deferred	223,620
Federal	(27,250)
State and local	(7,750)
	(35,000)
	\$ 188.620

The income tax expense reported on the statement of income differs from the amounts that would result from applying statutory tax rates to income before income taxes primarily because of share awards deductibility upon vesting. The deferred tax asset of \$113,000 as of December 31, 2016 relates primarily to a timing difference for deductibility of share awards, this item is non-current.

#### Note 7 - Related Party Transactions

At December 31, 2016 the Company has a receivable from the Parent totaling \$2,195,678. There are no repayment terms associated with this transaction.

The Company has a service agreement with the Parent. Under the service agreement, the Company will provide sales and marketing services to the Parent. The fee earned by the Company for sales and marketing services is to be calculated based on direct and certain indirect costs incurred by the Company plus twelve percent (12%). For the year ended December 31, 2016, the fees earned by the Company from the Parent for these services amounted to \$5,111,722.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### Note 8 – Comprehensive Income

During 2009, the Company was required to make a deposit with its clearing broker. The deposit amount was 350,000 British Pounds. In connection with a change in clearing broker in 2016, the current deposit of \$250,000 is denominated in US Dollars. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company had a foreign currency translation adjustment related to the deposit denominated in British Pounds of (\$19,137).

#### Note 9 – Capital

During 2010, the Company amended its Certificate of Incorporation as filed with the New York State Department of State, Division of Corporation, to provide that the Company shall be entitled to issue 10,000 shares, consisting of 1,000 shares of common stock with no par value and 9,000 shares of preferred stock with no par value. The total of 9,000 shares of preferred stock shall be designated as a series known as Series A Preferred Stock.

The holders of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive dividends out of the funds legally available therefore at 2% above LIBOR at such times and in such amounts as the Board of Directors may determine in its sole discretion. Such dividends shall be non-cumulative. For 2016, the Board of Directors did not declare any dividends.

Upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, each holder of each outstanding share of Series A Preferred Stock shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution, whether such assets are capital, surplus or earnings before any amount shall be paid or distributed to the holders of the Common Stock or any other series or class of capital stock of the Company ranking on liquidation junior to the Series A Preferred Stock, an amount per share equal to any declared but unpaid dividends to which such holder of Series A Preferred Stock is then entitled.

#### Note 10 - Net Capital Requirement

The Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital. At December 31, 2016, the Company had net capital of \$1,020,526, which was \$720,526 in excess of its required net capital of \$250,000.

#### Note 11 – Indemnifications

In the normal course of its business, the Company indemnifies and guarantees certain service providers, such as clearing and custody agents, trustees and administrators, against specified potential losses in connections with their acting as an agent of, or providing services to, the Company or its affiliates. The Company also indemnifies some clients against potential losses incurred in the event specified third-party service providers, including sub-custodians and third-party brokers, improperly execute transactions.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### Note 11 – Indemnifications (continued)

The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required to make under these indemnifications cannot be estimated. However, the Company believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments under these arrangements and has not recorded any contingent liability in the financial statements for these indemnifications.

The Company provides representations and warranties to counterparties in connection with a variety of commercial transactions and occasionally indemnifies them against potential losses caused by the breach of those representations and warranties. The Company may also provide standard indemnifications to some counterparties to protect them in the event additional taxes are owed or payments are withheld, due either to a change in or adverse application of certain tax laws. These indemnifications generally are standard contractual terms and are entered into in the normal course of business. The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required to make under these indemnifications cannot be estimated. However, the Company believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments under these arrangements and has not recorded any contingent liability in the financial statements for these indemnifications

#### Note 12 - Cash Segregated under Federal and Other Regulations

The Company is not required to maintain a special reserve bank account for the protection of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section K(2)ii of the rule.

#### Note 13 - Concentration of Credit Risk and Other Financial Information

Cash held by financial institutions which exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC') limits expose the Company to concentrations of credit risk. Balances throughout the year usually exceed the maximum coverage by the FDIC on insured depositor accounts. At December 31, 2016, the Company's uninsured cash balance was \$1,245,848.

Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information

Cash paid during the year for: Income taxes

Interest

\$ 325,030

During the year, 459 shares of preferred stock were redeemed in the amount of \$459,000. The redemption, a noncash financing activity, was recorded as a reduction of amounts due from Parent.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### Note 14 - Retirement Plan

The Company has a 401(k) retirement plan for its employees. The plan is available to all employees meeting certain eligibility requirements. The Company did not make any contributions to the plan on behalf of the employees in 2016.

#### Note 15 - Share Plans and Stock-Based Compensation

The Parent has adopted an Ordinary Share Scheme and a Growth Share Plan (the "Plans") for eligible employees as defined in the Plans. The shares of the Parent are awarded at a price that approximates the estimated fair value of the shares at the date of grant as determined in accordance with the Plans. The shares awarded vest under various provisions, not to exceed 5 years. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company recorded compensation expense under the Plans of \$168,475.

#### Note 16 - Arbitration Settlement

During August 2015, the Company settled an arbitration suit with a former employee involving separation of employment. The settlement provided for a one-time lump sum payment to the former employee in the amount of \$120,000. The Company's insurance carrier has provided insurance proceeds of \$176,242 to cover the settlement and certain legal and regulatory fees incurred. The net cost to the Company was \$166,710. The Company reported \$117,494 of the net cost in 2015 and the balance of \$49,216 in 2016.

# SCHEDULE OF COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL UNDER SEC RULE 15c3-1

	DECEMBER 31, 2016			
Total stockholder's equity	\$	4,044,333		
Add: Other or allowable credits		-		
Deductions and/or charges: Nonallowable assets:				
Prepaid expenses and other assets		175,289		
Prepaid income taxes		130,275		
Fixed assets		26,366		
Security deposit		127,300		
Deferred tax asset		113,000		
Investment - parent		255,899		
Due from parent		2,195,678		
		3,023,807		
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions		1,020,526		
Haircuts on securities				
Net capital	\$	1,020,526		
COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT				
Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer	\$	250,000		
Excess net capital		770,526		
Net capital in excess of 120% of minimum net capital requirement	\$	720,526		

# SCHEDULE OF RECONCILIATION OF NET CAPITAL PER FOCUS REPORT WITH AUDIT REPORT

	DECEMBER 31,
	2016
Net capital - per FOCUS Report	\$ 1,020,523
Rounding	3
Net capital - per audit report	\$ 1,020,526