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|  | TRANT IDENTIFICATION          |            |                 |
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| 7.1.12.010   | TRANTIDENTIFICATION           |            |                 |
|  |                               | -          | OFFICIAL USE ON |
| ME OF BROKER-DEALER:   | •                             |            | FIRM ID. NO.    |
| HEEVERS & COMPANY, INC.  |                               |            |                 |
| DRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINES  | SS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.) |            |                 |
| 440 S. LaSalle Street; Suite 710   |                               |            |                 |
| (No. and Street)  Chicago  | Illinois                      | 60605      |                 |
| (City)   | (State)                       | (Zip Code) |                 |
| B. ACCOU   | NTANT IDENTIFICATION          |            |                 |
|  |                               |            |                 |
| DEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose  | opinion is contained in this  | Report*    |                 |
| Bradford R. Dooley & Associates  |                               |            |                 |
| (Name – if individual, state last, first, middle name)   | )4 Chicago                    | Illinois   | 60606           |
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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, Kathleen T. Cheevers, swear (or affirm), to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Cheevers & Company, Inc. as of December 31, 2016, 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:

|   | None  |
|---|---|
|   | Kall Signature  |
|   | CEO<br>Title  |
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| Sworn and subscribed to me on the   |   |
| 28th day of February, 2017  |   |
| Edital C. Mo<br>Notary Public   | OFFICIAL SEAL ERICA C TEBO NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS My Commission Expires Feb 2, 2019                                     |
| [ ] (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Suborce [ ] (g) Computation of Net Capital for Brokers an           | quity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.<br>dinated to Claims of General Creditors.<br>d Dealers pursuant to Rule 15c3-1. |
| [ ] (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve [ ] (i) Information Relating to the Possession of Rule 15c3-3. | r Control Requirements for Brokers and Dealers Under  |
| [ ] (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate ex  | planation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule<br>nation of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of                  |

[x] (I) An Oath or Affirmation.

[ ] (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.

respect to methods of consolidation.

[] (n) A copy of the Exemption Report.

[ ] (o) Schedule of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation – Customers' Regulated Commodity Futures Accounts Pursuant to CFTC Rule 1.11(d)2(iv).

[](k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with

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

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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of Cheevers & Company, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Cheevers & Company, Inc. as of December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements. This financial statement is the responsibility of Cheevers & Company, 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 position. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial position 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 Cheevers & Company, Inc. as of December 31, 2016, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Bradford R. Dooley & Associates

Chicago, Illinois February 28, 2017

# CHEEVERS & COMPANY, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2016

## **ASSETS**

| Cash Receivables from brokers/dealers Deposits with brokers Investment in CHX Holdings, Inc. Other Assets | \$  | 349,705<br>1,198,766<br>409,026<br>36,000<br>169,550 |
|---|-----|--|
| Total Assets  | · . | 2 163 047  |

## **LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

5,000

240,211

1,735,882

## **Liabilities**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses \$\frac{181,954}{181,954}\$

## Stockholders' Equity

Common stock: no par value

authorized 10,000 shares issued and outstanding 7,600 shares Additional Paid in Capital Retained Earnings

Total Stockholders' equity 1,981,093

Total liabilities and stockholders' equity \$\frac{2,163,047}{}\$

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

## (1) Organization and Description of business

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois on December 27, 1993. The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. The Company's principal business is providing floor execution on the Chicago Stock Exchange. Operations commenced during June, 1994.

## (2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Use of Estimates**

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 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 these estimates.

### **Cash Equivalents**

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

#### **Revenue Recognition**

Brokerage income is earned and recorded on the settlement date of the transaction.

#### Furniture and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost and depreciated using the straight line and accelerated method over the estimated useful lived of the asset.

### **Income Taxes**

The Company has elected to be taxed under Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, the taxable income or loss of the Company is allocated to the shareholders, who are responsible for taxes thereon. The Company is subject to State of Illinois replacement tax which has been included in the determination of net income and is included within the other operating expnese in the Statement of Income.

FASB guidance requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Company's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained "when challenged" or "when examined" by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense and liability in the current year.

Management has reviewed the Company's tax positions for the open tax years (current and prior three tax years) and concluded that no provision for income tax is required in the Company's financial statements. Such open tax years remain subject to examination by tax authorities.

## (3) Fair Value Measurement

Fair value is defined as 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. In determining fair value, the Company may use various valuation approaches, including market, income and/or cost approaches. The fair value hierarchy requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant. As such, even when market assumptions are not readily available, the Company's own assumptions reflect those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. The fair value measurement accounting guidance describes the following three levels used to classify fair value measurements.

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2- Quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The availability of observable inputs can vary and in certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to a fair value measurement requires judgment and consideration of factors specific to the asset or liability.

## (4) Net Capital Requirements

The company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1). Under this rule, the Company is required to maintain "net capital" equivalent to \$100,000 or 6 2/3% of "aggregate indebtedness", whichever is greater, as these terms are defined.

Net Capital and aggregate indebtedness change from day to day, but at December 31, 2016, the Company had net capital and net capital requirement of \$1,349,390 and \$100,000, respectively. The net capital rule may effectively restrict the payment of cash dividends.

## (5) Retirement Plan

The Company has a profit sharing plan (defined contribution) retirement plan covering all employees with one year of service. The amount of contributions to the plan is determined annually by the Board of Directors, and may vary from zero to fifteen percent of covered compensation.

Contributions to the plan were \$325,000 for the year ended December 31, 2016. This amount was paid prior to December 31, 2016.

### (6) Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities in which counterparties primarily include broker-dealers, banks, and other financial institutions. In the event counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counterparty.

## (7) Commitments

The Company leases its office facilities under a lease that expires at November 30, 2017. For the year ended December 31, 2016, rent expense was \$175,917 which also included monthly equipment rental charges. The office lease provides for minimum annual rental payments plus operating costs. The future minimum lease payments under this lease are:

| Year Ended        | Minimum    |
|-------------------|------------|
| December 31, 2017 | \$126,009  |
| Subtotal ,        | \$126,009  |
| Thereafter        | <u>-0-</u> |
| Total             | \$126,009  |
|                   |            |

## (8) Retirement of Treasury Stock

The company retired the treasury stock through retained earnings pursuant to an action taken by the Director related to the agreement to sell shares in the Company. This took place in 2016 and the share certificates were canceled.

## (9) Change of Ownership

On December 30, 2016, all of the Company shares were acquired by Penserra Financial Ventures LLC, a Delaware LLC (Penserra). Penserra has sought and been granted regulatory approval to continue the Company's activities as a broker dealer and will continue to engage in the institutional brokerage business and clear through the Company's current clearing brokers. In connection with this, the Company is changing from an "S" Corporation into a Limited Liability Company and, during the first quarter of 2017, will merge with a broker dealer affiliate of the parent, Penserra Securities, LLC. The new owner will apply as a Chicago Stock Exchange (CHX) participant during the first quarter of 2017 with Cheevers terminating an a CHX participant and as a registered broker dealer.

Penserra Financial Ventures LLC, a financial services holding company and Delaware State limited liability company acquired Cheevers and Company on December 30, 2016. The acquisition was made for the purpose of merging Cheevers with Penserra Securities LLC, a broker dealer and New York State limited liability company. The acquisition and subsequent merger was conducted for the purpose of establishing a meaningful presence in the Midwest for Penserra and to further diversify its product/service mix. As part of the change of ownership, the sellers of Cheevers and Company have agreed to covenants not to engage in any competitive enterprise.

## (10) Subsequent Events

In accordance with the provisions set forth in FASB ASC Topic 855, Subsequent Events, management has evaluated subsequent events through February 28, 2017, the date the financial statements were available for issuance. Management has determined that there are no material events that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the Company's financial statements.