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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

**[*Appropriate Addressee***[[1]](#footnote-2)**]**

We have performed the procedures included in Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and in the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) Series 600 Rules, which are enumerated below on the accompanying General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7) for the year ended **[Fiscal Year End Date]**. Management of **[Broker Dealer Name]** (Company) is responsible for its Form SIPC-7 and for its compliance with the applicable instructions on Form SIPC-7.

Management of the Company has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of assisting you and SIPC in evaluating the Company’s compliance with the applicable instructions on Form SIPC-7 for the year ended **[Fiscal Year End Date]**. Additionally, SIPC has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for their intended purpose. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we 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 we performed and the associated findings are as follows:

1. Compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7 with respective cash disbursement records entries noting no[[2]](#footnote-3) differences;
2. Compared the Total Revenue amounts reported on the Annual Audited Report Form X-17A-5 Part III for the year ended **[Fiscal Year End Date]**, with the Total Revenue amounts reported in Form SIPC-7 for the year ended **[Fiscal Year End Date]** noting no[[3]](#footnote-4) differences;
3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers noting no[[4]](#footnote-5) differences;
4. Recalculated the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers supporting the adjustments noting no[[5]](#footnote-6) differences; and
5. Compared the amount of any overpayment applied to the current assessment with the Form SIPC-7 on which it was originally computed noting no[[6]](#footnote-7) differences.

We were engaged by the Company to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA and in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or a review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Company’s Form SIPC-7 and for its compliance with the applicable instructions on Form SIPC-7 for the year ended **[Fiscal Year End Date]**. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Company and SIPC and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

[***Additional paragraphs may be added to describe other matters.***]

**[*Signature of the practitioner’s firm*]**

**[*City and state where the practitioner’s report is issued*]**

**[*Date of practitioner’s report*]**

1. Report should be addressed to the SIPC Member engaging the independent registered public accounting firm [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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