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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 JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: KAHN BROTHERS LLC

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

555 MADISON AVENUE, 22ND FLOOR

(No. and Street)

NEW YORK

NY

10022

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

LILLING & COMPANY LLP

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

10 CUTTER MILL RD.

GREAT NECK

NY

11021

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant
☐ Public Accountant
☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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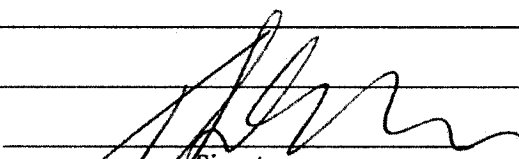
*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, THOMAS G. KAHN, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of KAHN BROTHERS LLC, as of DECEMBER 31, 20 14, 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:



Signature
PRESIDENT

Title



Notary Public

MICHELE A. PIERSIAK
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 43-4847957
Qualified in Richmond County
Certificate Filed in New York County
Commission Expires 6/30/17

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

- ☒ (a) Facing Page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☐ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☐ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☐ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☐ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) 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.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (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 date of the previous audit.

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

KAHN BROTHERS LLC

REPORT ON AUDIT OF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2014

Lilling & Company LLP

Certified Public Accountants

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Members
Kahn Brothers LLC
New York, New York

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Kahn Brothers LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2014, that is filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the financial statement. Kahn Brothers LLC's management is responsible for this financial statement. 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. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, 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 condition of Kahn Brothers LLC as of December 31, 2014, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
Great Neck, New York
February 23, 2015

KAHN BROTHERS LLC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2014

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 228,211
Marketable Securities	944,384
Due from clearing broker	1,208
Prepaid expenses	<u>8,778</u>
	<u>\$ 1,182,581</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 233,590
Due to affiliates	<u>7,538</u>
	241,128

MEMBER'S EQUITY

<u>941,453</u>
<u>\$ 1,182,581</u>

See notes to financial statements

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

Kahn Brothers LLC (the "Company") is a broker-dealer registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Company clears its securities transactions on a fully disclosed basis with another broker-dealer. The Company had no liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors during the year ended December 31, 2014. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kahn Brothers Group, Inc.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Securities Transactions and Commissions

Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Commissions and related clearing expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis as securities transactions occur. Securities owned are recorded at current market value.

Significant Credit Risk and Estimates

The responsibility for processing customer activity rests with the Company's clearing firm, Pershing LLC ("Pershing"). The Company's clearing and execution agreement provides that Pershing's credit losses relating to unsecured margin accounts receivable of the Company's customers are charged back to the Company.

In accordance with industry practice, Pershing records customer transactions on a settlement date basis, which is generally three business days after the trade date. There is no material difference between settlement date and trade date. Pershing is therefore exposed to risk of loss on these transactions in the event of the customer's inability to meet the terms of its contracts, in which case Pershing may have to purchase or sell the underlying financial instruments at prevailing market prices in order to satisfy its customer-related obligations. Any loss incurred by Pershing is charged back to the Company.

The Company, in conjunction with Pershing, controls off-balance-sheet risk by monitoring the market value and marking securities to market on a daily basis and by requiring adjustments of collateral levels. Pershing establishes margin requirements and overall credit limits for such activities and monitors compliance with the applicable limits and industry regulations on a daily basis.

The Company is located in New York City, New York and its customers are located throughout the United States.

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The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management of the Company to use estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income taxes

The Company is sole-member limited liability company and is considered a disregarded entity for income tax purposes. All items of income or loss are reported by its Parent. No provision has been made for federal and state income taxes, since these taxes are the responsibility of the Parent.

In accordance with ASC 740, Income Taxes, the Company is required to disclose unrecognized tax benefits resulting from uncertain tax positions. At December 31, 2014 the Company did not have any unrecognized tax benefits or liabilities. The Company operates in the United States and in state and local jurisdictions, and the previous three years remain subject to examination by tax authorities. There are presently no ongoing income tax examinations.

3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company occupies offices leased by its parent, Kahn Brothers Group, Inc. under non-cancelable leases expiring in 2016. The Company does not pay any consideration for the use of the premises. The Company also shares common occupancy and administrative expenses with an affiliated company related through common ownership. At December 31, 2014, the Company owed \$7,538 to this entity and \$22,041 is reflected in other expenses in the statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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4. PENSION PLANS

The Company sponsors defined contribution and profit sharing plans covering substantially all employees. Contributions to the profit sharing plan are made at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The pension contribution was \$50,428 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

5. COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKERS AND DEALERS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3

The Company is exempt for the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to Paragraph (k)(2)(ii). As an introducing broker, the Company clears customer transactions on a fully disclosed basis with Pershing. Pershing carries all of the accounts of such customers and maintains and preserves such books and records.

6. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c-3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 (and that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1). At December 31, 2014, the Company had net capital of \$774,719 which was \$724,719 in excess of its required net capital of \$50,000. The Company had a percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital of 31% as of December 31, 2014.

7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair Value Measurement

FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes 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 transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income or cost approach, as specified by FASB ASC 820, are used to measure fair value.

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The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

Level 1 – Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that 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.)

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in level 3. The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

A description of the valuation techniques applied to the company's major categories of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis follows.

U.S. Government Securities. U.S. government securities are valued using quoted market prices. Valuation adjustments are not applied. Accordingly, U.S. government securities are generally categorized in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Money Market Funds. The fair value of money market funds is based on quoted net asset value of the fund. These are categorized in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Exchange-Traded Equity Securities. Exchange-traded equity securities are generally valued based on quoted prices from the exchange. To the extent these securities are actively traded, valuation adjustments are not applied,

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and they are categorized in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy; otherwise, they are categorized in level 2 or level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The following table presents by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Company's investments fair value as of December 31, 2014.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets				
Securities owned-				
equity large				
growth	\$ 563,137	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 563,137
Money market	131,257	-	-	131,257
funds				
US Treasury Note	249,990	-	-	249,990
Total	<u>\$ 944,384</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 944,384</u>

8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated and noted no events or transactions that have occurred after December 31, 2014 that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.