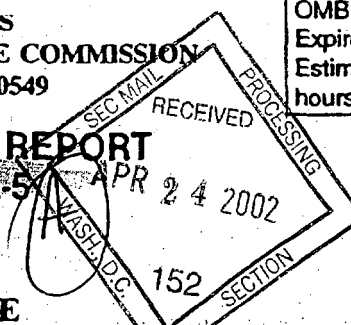


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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 ThereunderREPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 1/1/01 AND ENDING 12/31/01  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

## A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

ASTOR SECURITIES, INC.

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

229 EAST 79<sup>th</sup> ST

(No. and Street)

NEW YORK

NY

10021

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

ALBERT E. BARRETT

212-628-4946

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

## B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

SIDNEY D. WEALER

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

10 EAST 40<sup>th</sup> STREET

NEW YORK NEW YORK

10016

(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, ALBERT C. BARRETE, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of ASTOR SECURITIES, NC, as of 12/31/01, 192001, 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:

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BARBARA M. BURKE  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 41-4714657  
Qualified in Queens County  
Commission Expires November 30, 2001  
Barbara Burke  
Notary Public

[Signature]  
Signature  
PRESIDENT  
Title

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 Proprietor's 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).

**SIDNEY D. WEXLER**

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

*10 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10016*

SIDNEY D. WEXLER, CPA

212/686-4300

LARRY GREENSTEIN, CPA

Board of Directors  
Astor Securities, Inc.  
229 East 79th Street  
New York, New York 10021

I have examined the financial statements of Astor Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2001 and have issued my report thereon dated February 26, 2002. As part of my examination I have made a study and evaluation of the company's system of internal accounting control to the extent I considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards and regulation 1.16(d) of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. This study and evaluation included a review of the procedures for safeguarding customer and firm assets. In addition, I reviewed the practices and procedures followed by the company in making computations of the minimum financial requirements pursuant to the regulations of 1.17.

Regulation 1.16(d) states that the scope of the audit and review of the accounting system, the internal accounting controls and procedures for safeguarding customer and firm assets must be sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that any material inadequacies existing at the date of the examination would be disclosed. Under generally accepted standards and regulation 1.16(d) the purpose of such study and evaluation are to establish a basis for reliance on the system of internal accounting control in determining the nature, timing and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion of the financial statements and to provide a basis for reporting weaknesses in internal accounting control.

The objective of internal accounting control is to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance as to the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and the

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reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance that the cost of a system should not exceed the benefits derived and also recognizes that the evaluation of these factors requires estimates and judgments by management. However, for the purpose of this report under regulation 1.16(d), for the determination of weaknesses to be reported was made without considering the practicability of corrective action by management within the benefit of a cost/benefit relationship.

There are inherent limitations that should be recognized in considering the potential effectiveness of any system of internal accounting control. In the performance of most control procedures, errors can result from misunderstanding of instructions, mistakes of judgment, carelessness, or other personal factors. Control procedures whose effectiveness depends on segregations of duties can be circumvented by collusion. Similarly, control procedures can be circumvented intentionally by management either with respect to the execution and recording of transactions or with respect to the estimates and judgments required in the preparation of financial statements. Further, projections of any evaluation of internal accounting control to future periods is subject to the risk that the procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

My study and evaluation of the system of internal accounting control for the period ending December 31, 2001, which was made for the purposes set forth in the first paragraph above and which would not necessarily disclose all the weaknesses in the system that may have existed during the period under review, disclosed no weaknesses that I believed to be material.

  
SIDNEY D. WEXLER, C.P.A.

New York, New York  
March 25, 2002

SIDNEY D. WEXLER  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

**ASTOR SECURITIES, INC.**  
**229 East 79th Street, Suite 4**  
**New York, New York 10021**  
**212-628-4946**

April 16, 2001

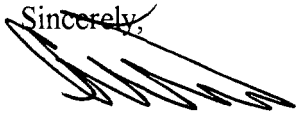
Securities & Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Sir:

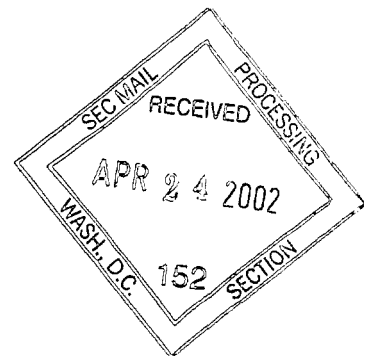
Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 17a-5(d) (the Rule) and Rule 8210 it is noted that there are no material inadequacies found to exist in the financial statements of Astor Securities, Inc. for the calendar year 2001.

If you have any question, please contact the undersigned at 212-686-4300

Sincerely,



Albert E. Barrette  
AB/bb  
Enclosure





March 21, 2002

Mr. Albert E. Barrette  
Astor Securities  
229 East 79<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Mr. Barrette:

This acknowledges receipt of your December, 2001 annual filing of audited financial statements made pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 17a-5(d) (the Rule). The report as submitted appears deficient in that it did not contain the following:

1. A Report describing any material inadequacies found to exist; or

If none existed, a statement so stating.

Therefore, your submission cannot be considered to comply with the requirements of the Rule. The text of the Rule is reproduced in the *NASD Manual* under the section titled *SEC Rules & Regulation T*, and we suggest that you review it with your independent accountant.

Pursuant to the provisions of NASD Rule 8210, we request that you immediately send one copy of the items listed above to this office and to the SEC regional or district office, and two copies to the SEC Washington, D.C. office. Your submissions must include a new completed Part III Facing Page, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience.

Please respond to this matter by April 8, 2002. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned, at (212) 858-4284.

Sincerely,

Scott Schnatter  
Compliance Examiner

Enclosure

cc: Ramona Lopez, Securities and Exchange Commission  
Sidney D. Wexler, Certified Public Accountant