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Division of Market Regulation
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Dear Sirs:

On August 1, 2001, Robert Andrew Securities, Inc. will be acquired by Synovus Securities, Inc. and at that time, its membership interests in NASDQ, NASD and the SEC will terminate. SEC Rule 17a-5 requires filing of Part II or Part IIA of Form X-17A-5 within two business days after such event.

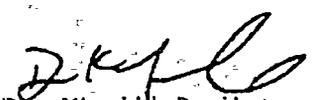
This letter is to formally request an exemption from the requirement due to the fact that our clearing firm, National Financial Services LLC, will not be able to furnish Robert Andrew Securities, Inc. with the necessary trade and commission data until several days after August 1, 2001 as well as other required financial data being unavailable within the required time frame.

In accordance with requirements of Rule 17a-5, Robert Andrew Securities, Inc states the following:

1. It is not in violation of the applicable requirements specified in S240.15c3-1 or S240.15c3.3
2. It is not experiencing any significant financial, operational or recordkeeping problems.
3. It is in compliance with applicable rules of the Commission and each self-regulatory organization of which it is a member.
4. The reason for requesting exemption is unavailability of financial data on a timely basis as described above.

Thank you for your attention to this request and we look forward to your granting this exemption

Very truly yours,

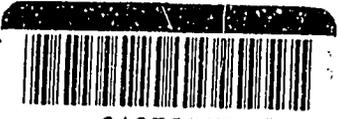

Drew Klepchick, President

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Mr. Drew Klepchick, President Robert Andrew Securities, Inc. 53 Perimeter Center East Suite 450 Atlanta, GA 30346

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Re: Request for Form X-17A-5 Filing Extension

Dear Mr. Klepchick:

We have received your letter, dated July 19, 2001, in which you request on behalf of Robert Andrew Securities, Inc. ("Firm") an extension for filing Part IIA of Form X-17A-5 ("Final FOCUS") as required pursuant to Rule 17a-5(b) ("Rule") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act").

From your letter, dated July 19, 2001, and our conversation of July 25, 2001, I understand the following facts to be pertinent to the Firm's request. The Firm's membership with the National Association of Securities Dealers ("NASD") will terminate as of August 1, 2001. Therefore, pursuant to subparagraph (b)(1) of the Rule, the Firm must file a Final FOCUS by August 3, 2001.

Based on the foregoing facts and representations, the Division of Market Regulation ("Division") will not recommend enforcement action to the Commission if the Firm files its Final FOCUS, as required pursuant to subparagraph (b)(1) of the Rule, by September 3, 2001.

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Mr. Drew Klepchick

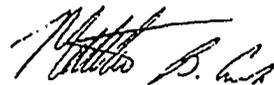
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Please note, however, that a broker-dealer also must file Form BDW with the Commission when withdrawing fully or partially from the securities business. Form BDW requires, in certain circumstances, that the broker-dealer attach a Form X-17A-5, which reflects an as of date no earlier than 10 days prior to the filing of the BDW. The no action position taken by the Division in this letter does not affect the requirement, when applicable, to file a Form X-17A-5 when filing Form BDW.

The Division's position is confined to the facts as described in this letter. Any material change in circumstances may warrant a different conclusion and should be brought immediately to the Division's attention.

Sincerely,



Matthew B. Comstock
Staff Attorney

cc: Marc S. Voltz, NASD Regulation, Inc.