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WARD ONE CITY MARSHALL Leesville, Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2007

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ward One City Marshall Leesville, Louisiana:

I have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Ward One City Marshall as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, as listed in the table of contents. These generalpurpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Ward One City Marshal's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Ward One City Marshall, as of June 30, 2007, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated December 28, 2007, on my consideration of the Ward One City Marshall's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

The Ward One City Marshall has not presented management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

My audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of the Ward One City Marshall taken as a whole. The accompanying combining financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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Leesville, Louisiana December 28, 2007

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement A

WARD ONE CITY MARSHALL Leesville, Louisiana Governmental Funds Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2007

	General <u>Fund</u>	Bond Fund	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents(Note3)	\$ 26,910	\$ 27,308	\$ 54,218
Receivables(Note 4)	714	<u> </u>	714
Capital Assets, net of Accumulated			
Depreciation (Note 5)			
Total Assets	<u>\$ 27,624</u>	<u>\$ 27,308</u>	<u>\$ 54,932</u>
LIABILITIES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable (Note 6)	\$ 1,155	\$ —	\$ 1,155
Payroll Taxes Payable(Note 6)	80 3		- 803
Bonds Held		27,308	27,308
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,958</u>	<u>\$27,308</u>	<u>\$ 29,266</u>
NET ASSETS			
Invested in Capital Assets	\$	\$ —	\$
Unrestricted	_25,666	<u> </u>	25,666
Total Net Assets	\$ 25,666	<u>\$ </u>	<u>\$ 25,666</u>

The Accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement A

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Reconciliation of Total Governmental		
Fund Balances to Net Assets		
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007		
Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$	26,106
Amount reported for governmental Activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental		
Activities are not financial resources and		(440)
therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Long-term liabilities are not due and		
Payable in the current period and therefore		
Are not reported in the funds.		
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$	25,666
	<u> </u>	

Statement B

WARD ONE CITY MARSHALL Leesville, Louisiana <u>Statement of Activities</u> For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Revenues

Net (Expenses)

		Program Revenue	and Change in Net
<u>Assets</u>	Expenses	Charges for Services	Governmental <u>Activities</u>
Governmental Activities: General Government	<u>\$ 98,190</u>	<u>\$ 99,433</u>	<u>\$ 1,243</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 98,190</u>	<u>\$ 99,433</u>	<u>\$ 1,243</u>
	General Reve Intergoven Investment	nmental reimbursements	
	Total	general revenues	
	Chang	ge in net assets	1,243
	Net assets	- July 1, 2006	24,423
A	Net assets	- June 30, 2007	\$ <u>25,666</u>

WARD ONE CITY MARSHALL

Leesville, Louisiana

Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	General Fund
Revenues	
Court costs from Bond Fund	\$ 47,178
Intergovernmental	<u> </u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 99,433</u>
Expenditures:	
Current:	
General Government:	
Salaries	73,233
Payroll taxes	5,650
Auto expense	1,589
Telephone	3,925
Printing and copy services	1,286
Accounting	4,815
Insurance	2,586
Miscellaneous	879
Postage	398
Dues and Subscriptions	781
Office supplies and exp.	2,608
Total Expenditures	<u> </u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	
Over (under) expenditures	1,683
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	24,423
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 26,106</u>

The Accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement C

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funce to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2007		
Total net changes in fund balances at June 30, 2007 Per statement of revenues, expenditures, and Changes in fund balance	\$	1 ,68 3
The change in net assets reported for governmental Activities in the statement of activities is different Because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on the Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in Fund balance Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2007		 (440)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds		
Total changes in net assets at June 30, 2007 per statement of activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>1.243</u>

The Accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WARD ONE CITY MARSHALL Leesville, Louisiana Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets June 30, 2007

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	Bond Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 27,308</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 27,308</u>
LIABILITIES	
Liabilities:	
Held for others pending court action	<u>\$ 27,308</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 27,308</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>s </u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WARD ONE CITY MARSHALL Leesville, Louisiana Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	_Deposit Fund
ADDITIONS	
Deposits	\$ 376,539
Fines received	
Total Deductions	<u>\$ 376,539</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Payments - other govts.	\$ 366,306
Bonds Posted	<u>11,256</u>
Total Deductions	<u>\$ 377,562</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(1,023)
Net Assets - Beginning	28,331
Net Assets - Ending	27,308

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Ward One City Marshall of Leesville, Louisiana (the Marshall's office) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices of the Marshall's Office.

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Marshall's Office have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments, issued in June 1999.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Codification Section 2100, the Marshal includes all funds, account groups, activities, et cetera, that are controlled by the Marshal as an independently elected parish official. As an independently elected parish official, the Marshal is solely responsible for the operations of his office, which include hiring or retention of employees, authority over budgeting, responsibility for deficits, and the receipt and disbursement of funds. Accordingly, the Marshal is a separate governmental reporting entity. Certain units of local government over which the Marshal exercises no oversight responsibility, such as the parish council, parish school board, other independently elected parish officials, and municipalities within the parish are excluded from the accompanying general purpose financial statements. These units of government are considered separate reporting entities and issue general purpose financial statements separate from that of the Marshal.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The Marshall's Office uses funds and accounts groups to report on its financial position and results of operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregation transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. In this financial statement, funds are classified into two categories: governmental and fiduciary.

Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types." The fund classifications and a description of each existing fund type follows:

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most a government's general activities, including the collection and distribution of earmarked monies (special revenue funds), the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets (capital project funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service funds). The general fund is used to account for all activities or the general government not accounted for in some other fund. The general fund is the only governmental fund necessary for the Marshall's Office.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the government. The only fiduciary fund of the Marshall's Office is an agency fund used to record court costs, fines and bonds collected and subsequently expended, as ordered by the City Court. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operation.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in the General Fund and Other Funds, of Statements A and B, are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of court operations.

The amounts reflected in the General Fund and Other Funds, of Statements A and B, use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The court considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on genera long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

All governmental funds and agency funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Penalties, fines, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Bonds posted are recorded as a liability in the Agency Fund until disposition is made by order of the City Court. Intergovernmental revenue and interest income are accrued when their receipt occurs soon enough after the end of the accounting period so as to be both measurable and available. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrued basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid (and any other financing source/use) are accounted for as other financing sources (uses). (Also, include when recorded).

Deferred Revenues

Deferred revenues arise when resources are received by the court before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received before the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the court has legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and the revenue is recognized.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the column labeled Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived directly from court users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the marhall's general revenues.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Budgets

Formal budget integration within the accounting records is not employed as a management control device. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and any subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

F. Due To/From Other Funds

Amounts in each fund listed as due to/from are offset by corresponding entries in another fund. Funds shown as such are considered available for expenditures unless specifically restricted within the statements.

G. Compensated Absences

An employee may earn 10 days vacation per year. Vacation accrues on January 1 of each year. There was no accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave at June 30, 2007.

<u>Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (CONTINUED)

H. Cash Equivalents

Cash included amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Marshall may deposit funds in demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

L. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost (the extent to which fixed asset costs have been estimated and the methods of estimation should be disclosed) if historical cost is not available (or described other method of valuation). Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Marshall maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated Lives
Office Frankrant	5 Veert

Office Equipment Vehicles 5 - Years 5 - Years

Note 2 - MARSHALL'S OFFICE OPERATION

Louisiana Revised Statue 13:1899 provides that the City Judge may assess a sum not to exceed \$ 20 on all criminal cases in operation of the Marshall's Offices. On traffic cases that are not contested, the City Court (Judge's Office) collects the Marshall's cost portion and remits it to the Marshall's Office for deposit in the General Fund. The Marshall's Office collects the court costs and fines on all other cases, which are deposited in the Marshall's Agency Bond Fund. Amounts are transferred our of the Bond Fund to the General Fund, the City Court (Judge's Office) and other applicable agencies.

The amounts received from the processing of criminal and traffic cases are used to pay the expenses of operation the Marshall's Office, including salaries except for the Marshall's salary. The City Marshall's salary is paid by the Ward Marshall and the Police Jury of Vernon Parish.

Note 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under the state law, the Marshall's Office may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Marshall's Office may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

At June 30, 2007 the Marshall's Office has cash and cash equivalents (investments with a maturity date of 90 days or less) totaling \$ 54,218 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$ 54,218
Certificates of deposits	
	<u>\$ 54,218</u>

Note 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

These deposits are stated at costs, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. The securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at June 30, 2007, are secured as follows:

Bank Balance	<u>\$ 64,362</u>
Federal deposit insurance	<u>\$ 64,362</u>

Note 4 - RECEIVABLES

The receivables of \$ 714 at June 30, 2007 are as follows:

Class of Receivables	General Fund	Bond Fund Total
Charges for Services Licenses & permits	\$ 714	\$ <u> </u>
		,
Total	<u>\$ 714 </u>	<u>\$\$714</u>

Note 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007. is as follows:

Governmental Activities	Balance July 1, 2006 Amounts Deletion	Balance ons June 30, 2007
Vehicles Office Equipment Total	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
Less accumulated depreciation:		
Vehicles Office Equipment Total	$\begin{array}{c} (20,000) & () & -\\ \hline (3,694) & (440) & -\\ \hline (23,694) & \hline (440) & \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c} - & (20,000) \\ - & (4,134) \\ - & \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 440 \$ (440) \$ -</u>	<u> </u>

Note 6 - ACCOUNTS, SALARIES, AND OTHER PAYABLES

The payables of \$ 2,361 at June 30, 2007, are as follows:

	General Fund		
Withholdings Accounts	\$	1.155 803	
Total	<u>s</u>	1.958	

Note 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Marshall's Office is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft or damage and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The Marshall's Office carries commercial insurance as outlined in the following table. Settled claims did not exceed commercial coverage for any of the past three fiscal years.

	LIM	AITS
	C)F
	COV	ERAGE
Workmen's Compensation	\$	300,000
Auto liability		300,000
Commercial general liability		None
Marshall's Office - owned buildings		
and equipment		None

The Marshall's Office covers all other losses, claim settlements, and judgments from operating resources. Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated.

The Marshall's Office was not involved in a litigation nor did it have asserted claims lodged against it.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Schedule-1

WARD ONE CITY MARSHALL Leesville, Louisiana Governmental Fund Type Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Budget to GAAP				
	Budget Ar		tual Amounts		Actual Amount
Dania	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final Bu</u>	dectary Basis	Over (Under)	GAAP
Basis Revenues:					
Court cost Bond Fund	\$45,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,178	\$ 178	\$ 47,178
Intergovernmental	50,000	51,000	52,255	1,255	52,255
Total Revenues	95,000	98,000	99,433	1,433	<u>99,433</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General Government:					
Salaries	56,000	57,000	73,233	(16,233)	73,233
Payroll taxes	5,500	5,850	5,650	200	5,650
Auto Expense	5,000	5,000	1,589	3,411	1,589
Telephone	4,000	4,800	3,925	875	3,925
Printing & copy services	1,300	300	1,286	(986)	1,286
Accounting	4,300	4,800	4,815	(15)	4,8 15
Insurance	10,000	10,000	2,586	7,414	2,586
Office Expense	3,800	3,900	2,608	1,292	2,608
Miscellaneous	3,500	4,000	879	3,121	879
Postage	450	400	398	2	398
Dues and subscriptions	400	700	<u> </u>	<u>(81)</u>	<u>781</u>
Total expenditures	94,250	<u>96,750</u>	97,750	(1,000)	<u>97,750</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues					
Over (under) expenditures	750	1,250	1,683	433	1,683
Fund Balance, beginning of year	24,423	24,423	24,423		<u>24,423</u>
Fund Balance, end of year	25,173	25,673	26,106	433	<u>26,106</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WARD ONE CITY MARSHALL Leesville, Louisiana Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

I have audited the financial statements of Marshall's Office as of and for the year Ended June 30, 2007, and have issued my reported thereon dated December 28, 2007. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 2007, resulted in an unqualified opinion.

Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Material Weaknesses	() Yes	(X) No
Reportable Conditions	() Yes	(X) No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial

Statements		() Yes	(X) No
	b.	Federal Av	vards

Internal Control			
Material Weaknesses	()Yes	() No	(X) N/A
Reportable Conditions	() Yes	() No	(X) N/A

Type of Opinion on Compliance For Major Programs

Unqualified	()	Qualified	()
Disclaimer	()	Adverse	()
N/A	(X)			

Are their findings required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510 (a)? () Yes () No (X) N/A

c. Identification of Major Programs CFDA Number (s) Name of Federal Program None None Dollar Threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$ 500,000 Is the auditee a "low-risk" auditee, as defined by OMB Circular A-133? () Yes () No (X) N/A

Section II Financial Statement Findings

N/A

Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

N/A

WARD ONE CITY MARSHALL Leesville, Louisiana Schedule of Prior Auditing Findings

There were no prior year audit findings.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Ward One City Marshall Leesville, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of the Ward One City Marshall as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, and have issued my report thereon dated June 10, 2007. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Ward One City Marshall's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements of Ward One City Marshall as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, I considered Ward One City Marshall internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Marshall's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Marshall's internal control. My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I noted no deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Marshall's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Marshall's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Marshall's internal control.

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Leesville, Louisiana December 30, 2007