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Securities And Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K/A

AMENDMENT NO. 1

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

VECTOR GROUP LTD.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 1-5759 65-0
(State or other jurisdiction of Commission File Number (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation
incorporation or organization)

100 S.E. SECOND STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA 331
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip

(305) 579-8000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(B) OF THE ACT:

Title of Each Class -----	Name of each exchange on Which Registered -----
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	New York Stock Exchange

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(G) OF THE ACT: None

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. [X] Yes [] No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statement incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [X] Yes [] No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). [X] Yes [] No

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The aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates of Vector Group Ltd. as of June 30, 2004 was approximately \$435 million.

At March 14, 2005, Vector Group Ltd. had 41,837,553 shares of common stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

Part III (Items 10, 11, 12 and 13) from the definitive Proxy Statement for the 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after the end of the Registrant's fiscal year covered by this report.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2004 is being filed to include in Part IV, Item 15, financial statements with respect to Douglas Elliman Realty, LLC and Koa Investors, LLC. In accordance with Rule 3-09 of Regulation S-X, the separate financial statements of these entities (50% or less owned persons) are being filed with the SEC no later than 90 days after the end of our fiscal year covered by this report.

This Amendment No. 1 does not update any other disclosure to reflect developments since the original date of filing.

The following item of the original filing is amended by this Amendment No. 1:

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

Unaffected items have not been repeated in this Amendment No. 1.

(a) (2) List of Financial Statement Schedules

The following financial statements are filed as part of this report pursuant to Item 15(c) of Form 10-K:

Douglas Elliman Realty, LLC financial statements as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 and for the three years ended December 31, 2004.

Koa Investors, LLC financial statements as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 and for the three years ended December 31, 2004.

(a) (3) Exhibits

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
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23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
23.2	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting

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- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer, Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a), as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer, Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a), as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer, Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer, Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

(c) Financial Statement Schedules

The financial statements with regard to Douglas Elliman Realty, LLC and Koa Investors, LLC are being filed in this report pursuant to Rule 3-09 of Regulation S-X.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Managers and the Members
of Douglas Elliman Realty, LLC:

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the accompanying index present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Douglas Elliman Realty, LLC and Subsidiaries (the "Company") at December 31, 2004 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these statements 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 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, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Melville, New York
February 18, 2005

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DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REALTY, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)
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ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,375
Commission receivables	1,814
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,912

Total current assets	26,101

Property and equipment, net	15,520
Goodwill	36,676
Trademarks	21,663
Other intangible assets, net	2,748
Deferred financing charges	370
Security deposits	650

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Other assets	92

Total assets	\$103,820
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LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	
Current liabilities	
Current portion of notes payable and other obligations	\$ 2,491
Current portion of notes payable to related parties	2,507
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,436
Accrued compensation	4,808
Commissions payable	5,520
Other current liabilities	500

Total current liabilities	23,262

Notes payable and other obligations, less current portion	2,063
Notes payable to related parties, less current portion	64,647
Other long-term liabilities	1,838
Accrued royalties	1,287

Total liabilities	93,097

Commitments and contingencies	
Members' equity	10,723

Total liabilities and members' equity	\$103,820
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REALTY, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

REVENUES	
Commission revenues	\$ 258,388
Property management fees	22,939
Other revenues	5,489

Total	286,816
COSTS AND EXPENSES	
Commissions and royalties	168,164
Sales administration	13,170
General and administration	45,191

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Rent	12,137
Advertising and promotions	15,200
Depreciation	4,533
Amortization of intangible assets	968

Total costs and expenses	259,363
Operating income	27,453
Other income (expenses)	
Interest income	71
Interest expense	(6,279)

Net income before taxes	21,245

Income tax expense	645

Net income	\$ 20,600
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REALTY, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2004	\$ (288)
Net income	20,600
Distributions to members	(9,589)

BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2004	\$ 10,723
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REALTY, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net income	\$ 20,600
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	4,533
Amortization	968
Interest paid in kind	392
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions	
Accounts receivable	(182)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,003
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,579
Commissions payable	2,995
Other liabilities	3,125

Net cash provided by operating activities	38,013

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Capital expenditures	(8,413)
Business acquisitions	(3,293)

Net cash used in investing activities	(11,706)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Payments on notes payable to related parties	(5,594)
Payments on notes payable and other obligations	(396)
Payments on notes receivable	1,585
Distribution to members	(9,589)

Net cash used in financing activities	(13,994)

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	12,313
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	
Beginning of period	9,062

End of period	\$ 21,375
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SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION	
Interest paid	\$ 6,279
Income taxes paid	\$ 77

Non-cash investing and financing activities -- see Note 4.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Douglas Elliman Realty, LLC, formerly Montauk Battery Realty, LLC, a New York limited liability company, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (the "Company"). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Company is primarily engaged in the real estate brokerage business through its principal subsidiaries, Douglas Elliman, LLC ("Douglas Elliman"), a residential real estate brokerage company based in New York, New York and its Long Island based operations, B&H Associates of New York, LLC and B&H of the Hamptons, LLC, both of which conduct business as Prudential Douglas Elliman Real Estate ("Prudential Douglas Elliman"). The Company is also engaged in property management through its subsidiary, Residential Management Group, LLC, which conducts business as Douglas Elliman Property Management ("DEPM").

ORGANIZATION

On October 15, 2002, Montauk Battery Realty, LLC was formed to consolidate the ownership of the then Company's operating entities, B&H Associates of New York, LLC and B&H of the Hamptons, LLC, under one company, which was completed on December 19, 2002. On March 14, 2003, the Company acquired Douglas Elliman and DEPM and, on May 19, 2003, Montauk Battery Realty, LLC changed its name to Douglas Elliman Realty, LLC.

In October 2004, upon receipt of required regulatory approvals, the Company purchased all of the interest in Burr Enterprises Ltd., which conducts business as Preferred Empire Mortgage Company ("Preferred"). Preferred is a mortgage broker, and the seller is a former officer of the Company. See Notes 3 and 4.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ESTIMATES. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS. The Company considers all highly liquid financial instruments with an original maturity of less than three months to be cash equivalents.

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PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT. Property, equipment and leasehold improvements are stated at cost. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred; costs of major additions and betterments are capitalized. When property and equipment are sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in other income.

Depreciation is provided on the straight line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The cost of leasehold improvements is amortized over the lesser of the length of the related leases or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

GOODWILL AND TRADEMARKS. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" ("SFAS No. 142"), the Company does not amortize goodwill and trademarks, which are deemed to have an indefinite useful life. The Company assesses goodwill and trademarks for impairment using fair value measurement techniques on an annual basis.

OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS. Other intangible assets consist primarily of non-compete agreements and management contracts. Amortization of non-compete agreements is being provided over the contractual term, generally three years or less. Amortization of management contracts is being provided over fifteen years.

DEFERRED FINANCING CHARGES. Deferred financing charges consist primarily of professional fees related to the acquisition of new financing and the restructuring of the Company's debt obligations in March 2003. These are being amortized over the life of the related debt obligations.

REVENUE RECOGNITION. Real estate commissions earned by the Company's real estate brokerage business are recorded as revenue on a gross basis upon the closing of a real estate transaction (i.e., the purchase or sale of a home). Property management fees earned by DEPM are recorded as revenue when the related services are performed.

ADVERTISING COSTS. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and are included in operating expenses.

INCOME TAXES. The Company is a limited liability company. The members of a limited liability company are taxed on their proportionate share of the Company's taxable income. Accordingly, no provision or liability for federal income taxes is included in the financial statements. Taxes for New York City operations are included in the financial statements as New York City does not follow federal tax regulations for limited liability companies.

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3. ACQUISITION OF DOUGLAS ELLIMAN AND DEPM

On March 14, 2003, the Company acquired from Insignia Financial Group, Inc. ("Insignia") the operations of Douglas Elliman and DEPM and related trademarks for \$67,250 cash, \$175 in closing costs and the assumption of up to \$4,000 of liabilities. The results of their operations are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition. The Company's acquisition objective was to leverage and expand its position in the real estate brokerage business in the New York metropolitan area.

Douglas Elliman was founded in 1911 and is one of Manhattan's leading residential real estate brokers, specializing in the high-end of the sales and rental marketplaces. Douglas Elliman has twelve New York City offices with more than 1,100 real estate brokers. DEPM is a leading manager of rental, co-op and condominium housing in the New York metropolitan area. DEPM provides full service third-party fee management for approximately 250 properties, representing approximately 50,000 units in New York City, Nassau County, Northern New Jersey and Westchester County.

To fund the acquisition, the Company borrowed \$71,500 from two of its members, Prudential Real Estate Financial Services of America, Inc. ("PREFSA") and New Valley Corporation ("New Valley"). PREFSA lent the Company \$52,500 of senior secured debt and PREFSA and New Valley each lent the Company \$9,500 of subordinated debt. In connection with the issuance of the subordinated debt, PREFSA and New Valley each acquired additional membership interests representing a 15% fully diluted interest in the Company. Based on an appraisal conducted by an independent third party, the Company valued these additional membership interests at \$2,500 and recorded this amount as a reduction to the principal amount of the subordinated debt. The Company is amortizing the value of these membership interests over the term of the subordinated debt.

The acquisition of Douglas Elliman and DEPM has been accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations". The cost of acquisition was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on estimates of their respective fair values at the date of acquisition. Fair values were determined by an independent third-party appraisal.

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The following table summarizes the final purchase price allocation of Douglas Elliman's and DEPM's assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 650
Receivables	2,860
Other assets	462
Property and equipment	10,864
Customer-based intangible assets	4,057
Management contract intangible assets	2,734
Trademarks	21,663
Goodwill	33,617

Total	\$76,907

LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,407
Other obligations	4,000
Acquisition financing from related parties	66,500

Total	\$76,907

The Company assesses intangible assets for impairment using fair value measurement techniques on an annual basis. In accordance with SFAS No. 142, the Company does not amortize goodwill and trademarks, which are deemed to have an indefinite useful life. Douglas Elliman amortized the entire amount of the acquired customer-based intangible assets of \$4,057 in the year ended December 31, 2003. DEPM is amortizing management contracts over 15 years. This represents the expected period of benefit from such assets. For U.S. income tax purposes, the Company and Insignia elected to treat the acquisition of Douglas Elliman, DEPM and the related trademarks as an asset acquisition. As a result, the entire amount of intangible assets is amortizable over 15 years for U.S. income tax purposes.

4. ACQUISITIONS IN 2004

The Company acquired the interest of Preferred for a purchase price of \$2,363, and the interest of several real estate offices in four transactions for an aggregate purchase price of \$1,230. The results of their operations are included in the consolidated financial statements from the dates of acquisition. The Company's acquisition objective was to leverage its position in the real estate brokerage business in the New York metropolitan area.

The acquisitions have been accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations". The cost of the acquisitions was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on estimates of their respective fair values at the date of acquisition, which approximated their book values. The costs of the acquisitions were allocated to goodwill for \$2,357, to fixed assets for \$330, and to other assets for \$906. The purchases were primarily funded from the Company's operations, and the Company issued a note for \$300 for one of the real estate transactions. Goodwill acquired is amortizable over 15

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years for U.S. income tax purposes.

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5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment at December 31, 2004 consist of the following:

Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	\$ 12,803
Internally developed software	6,030
Leasehold improvements	8,319
Automobiles	80
Construction in progress	415

Total	27,647

Less, accumulated depreciation and amortization	(12,127)

Total	\$ 15,520
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The estimated useful life of furniture, fixtures and office equipment at December 31, 2004 ranges from five to ten years. Internally developed software has an estimated useful life of three to five years, and automobiles have a life of six years. Leasehold improvements are depreciated based on the lesser of the remaining life of the lease or the useful life of the leasehold improvement. Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$4,533. Computer software had a net book value of \$3,818 at December 31, 2004, and the related amortization expense included in depreciation expense was \$1,091 for the year then ended.

6. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets at December 31, 2004 consist of the following:

Goodwill	\$ 36,676
Trademarks	21,663
Deferred financing charges	506
Other intangible assets	3,764

Total	62,609
Less, accumulated amortization	(1,153)

Total	\$ 61,456
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In accordance with SFAS No. 142, the Company does not amortize goodwill and trademarks, which have indefinite lives. Amortization expense for

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the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$968, which includes \$78 of amortization of customer-based intangible assets acquired and fully amortized during the year. Amortization expense is estimated to be \$729, \$405, \$344, \$293, and \$251 for the five years ended December 31, 2005 through 2009, respectively.

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The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the year ended December 31, 2004 were as follows:

	REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE -----	PROPERTY MANAGEMENT -----	TOTAL -----
Balance as of December 31, 2003	\$34,316	\$ 3	\$34,319
Acquisitions	2,357	--	2,357
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Balance as of December 31, 2004	\$36,673	\$ 3	\$36,676
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7. DUE FROM RELATED PARTIES

A former officer of the Company used the proceeds he received from the sale of Preferred to repay \$1,585 due from that officer.

8. NOTES PAYABLE AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Notes payable, capital leases and other obligations at December 31, 2004 consist of:

	2004 -----
Notes payable and other obligations	
Payment obligation - former owner	\$ 2,000
Term note payable - bank	1,605
Notes payable issued in connection with acquisitions	830
Capital leases payable	119

Total notes payable, capital leases and other obligations	4,554
Less, current maturities	(2,491)

Amount due after one year	\$ 2,063
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In connection with the acquisition of Douglas Elliman, the Company assumed an obligation to make a payment to a former owner of Douglas

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Elliman in an amount up to \$4,000, due in 2003 and 2004. The obligation is subject to certain claims and offsets the Company has against this former owner. The 2003 payment of \$2,000 was made. The remaining balance of \$2,000 was due in August 2004, but is the subject to final negotiation.

TERM NOTE PAYABLE - BANK:

In December 2002, Prudential Douglas Elliman borrowed \$1,940 from a bank, bearing interest at 7% per annum, due in January 2006. Principal is amortized in the amount of \$15 per month during the term of the loan. The loan is collateralized by the assets of Prudential Douglas Elliman to the extent of the unpaid principal and interest.

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NOTES PAYABLE ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH ACQUISITIONS AND CAPITAL LEASES PAYABLE:

Prudential Douglas Elliman has various other notes issued in connection with acquisitions of real estate brokerage companies and capital leases payable bearing interest at various rates up to 14.5%, which mature through 2009. Assets under capital lease are primarily office equipment and furniture, and have a net book value of \$167 at December 31, 2004.

SCHEDULED MATURITIES:

Scheduled maturities of notes payable, capital leases and other obligations are as follows:

Year ending December 31	2004
2005	\$ 2,491
2006	1,658
2007	203
2008	103
2009	99
Total	\$ 4,554

9. NOTES PAYABLE TO RELATED PARTIES

Notes payable to related parties at December 31, 2004 consist of:

2004

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Notes payable to related parties	-----
Acquisition term note payable - PREFSA	\$ 45,530
Acquisition subordinated notes payable - PREFSA	8,621
Acquisition subordinated notes payable - New Valley	8,621
Franchise term notes payable - PREA	3,939
Note payable - officer	443

Total notes payable to related parties	67,154
Less, current maturities	(2,507)

Amount due after one year	\$ 64,647
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ACQUISITION TERM NOTE PAYABLE - PREFSA:

In connection with the acquisition of Douglas Elliman and DEPM, PREFSA lent the Company \$52,500 of Senior Secured Debt, maturing in 2011 (the "Term Note"). The Term Note bears interest at prime rate plus 2% and is collateralized by substantially all the assets of the Company. The Term Note provides for monthly payments of 3% of gross revenues of Douglas Elliman and Prudential Douglas Elliman prior to March 15, 2005 and 4.5% thereafter so long as the Term Note is outstanding. The payments based on gross revenues are applied first to interest and then to outstanding principal. Additional principal payments are due on June 1 of each year in the amount equal to 60% of the Company's Excess Cash Flow, which is defined in the Term Note loan agreement as the prior year's net income plus cash proceeds received from asset sales and depreciation and amortization expense, less cash capital expenditures, principal payments on notes payable and capital leases (excluding the revolving note facility discussed below), and tax distributions made to the Company's members. The Term Note includes covenants that, among other things, require the Company to meet certain financial ratios, limit the Company's ability to incur debt, and limit capital expenditures.

SUBORDINATED NOTES PAYABLE - PREFSA AND NEW VALLEY:

In connection with the acquisition of Douglas Elliman and DEPM, PREFSA and New Valley each lent the Company \$9,500 of subordinated debt, due 2013 (the "Subordinated Debt"). The Subordinated Debt is subordinate to the Term Note and bears interest at 12% per annum, of which 10% is payable in cash and 2% accrues and is added to the principal amount. Interest added to the principal balance in 2004 was \$392. In connection with the issuance of the Subordinated Debt, PREFSA and New Valley each acquired additional membership interests representing a 15% fully-diluted interest in the Company. Based on an appraisal conducted by an independent third party, the Company valued those membership

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interests at \$2,500 and recorded this amount as a reduction to the principal amount of the Subordinated Debt. The Company is amortizing the value of these membership interests over the term of the Subordinated Debt. The amount amortized to interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$172. Principal payments are due on June 1 of each year in an amount equal to 20% of the Company's Excess Cash Flow computed in the same manner as defined in the Term Note loan agreement.

FRANCHISE TERM NOTES PAYABLE:

In December 2002, The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. ("PREA" or the "Franchiser"), an affiliate of PREFSA, lent Prudential Douglas Elliman \$3,300 bearing interest at 9% per annum and due in annual installments of principal and interest of \$514 through 2012.

In March 2003, PREA lent Douglas Elliman \$1,250 bearing interest at 8% per annum and due in annual installments of principal and interest of \$186 through 2013.

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REVOLVING LOAN FACILITY:

In March 2003, the Company and PREFSA entered into a revolving loan facility for \$5,000, available until March 2006. Borrowings under the facility bear interest at prime rate plus 1.5% and are collateralized by substantially all the assets of the Company. As of December 31, 2004, \$5,000 was available under the facility.

NOTE PAYABLE - OFFICER:

As of December 31, 2004, the Company was indebted to a member and executive officer of Realty, in the amount of \$443 with interest at prime rate plus 1.5%. The principal amount is due on June 1 of each year in the amount equal to approximately 8.29% of the Company's Excess Cash Flow, which is computed in the same manner as defined in the Term Loan agreements, provided New Valley receives an equal payment and PREFSA receives a proportionate payment, each as a return of capital.

SCHEDULED MATURITIES:

Scheduled maturities of debt to related parties are presented below. The table does not include the Company's obligations to make principal payments under the Term Note, the Subordinated Notes, or the note payable to such officer based on percentages of future Gross Revenues or future Excess Cash Flow.

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Year ending December 31	2004
2005	\$ 2,507
2006	574
2007	424
2008	461
2009	501
Thereafter	62,687

Total	\$ 67,154
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10. FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND ROYALTY FEES

Douglas Elliman is party to a franchise agreement with PREA entered into in March 2003. The agreement provides for Douglas Elliman to make monthly payments of royalty fees to PREA based on the level of gross revenue, with a royalty rate ranging from 1.8% to 6.0% of gross revenues earned. Pursuant to the franchise agreement, Douglas Elliman was granted a 50% deferral of applicable royalty fees for 2004, which is payable in monthly installments beginning in the first month of the fourth year. A balance of \$1,394 was accrued at December 31, 2004. The royalty percentage was 2.07% for the year ended December 31, 2004. The agreement also provides for Douglas Elliman to remit advertising and annual franchise fees to PREA, which are based on gross revenues and the number of offices occupied.

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Prudential Douglas Elliman is party to a franchise agreement with PREA entered into in December 2002. The Agreement provides for Prudential Douglas Elliman to make monthly payments of royalty fees to PREA based on 2.24% of gross revenues earned for the first five years and on a scale ranging from 1.8% to 6.0% of gross revenues earned thereafter. The agreement also provides for Prudential Douglas Elliman to remit advertising and annual franchise fees, which are based on gross revenues and the number of offices occupied.

For the year ended December 31, 2004, total fees incurred under the franchise agreements amounted to approximately \$4,515.

The Franchiser has significant rights over the use of the franchised service marks and the conduct of the brokerage companies' business. The franchise agreements require the companies to coordinate with the Franchiser on significant matters relating to their operations, including the opening and closing of offices, make substantial royalty payments to the Franchiser and contribute significant amounts to

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national advertising funds maintained by the Franchiser, indemnify the Franchiser against losses arising out of the operations of their business under the franchise agreements and maintain standards and comply with guidelines relating to their operations which are applicable to all franchisees of the Franchiser's real estate franchise system.

The Franchiser has the right to terminate Douglas Elliman's and Prudential Douglas Elliman's franchises, upon the occurrence of certain events, including a bankruptcy or insolvency event, a change in control, a transfer of rights under the franchise agreement and a failure to promptly pay amounts due under the franchise agreements. A termination of Douglas Elliman's or Prudential Douglas Elliman's franchise agreement could have a material adverse affect on the Company.

The franchise agreements grant Douglas Elliman and Prudential Douglas Elliman exclusive franchises in New York for the counties of Nassau and Suffolk on Long Island and for Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan, subject to various exceptions and to meeting certain annual revenue thresholds. If Douglas Elliman or Prudential Douglas Elliman fails to achieve these levels of revenues for two consecutive years or otherwise materially breaches the franchise agreements, the Franchiser would have the right to terminate the applicable brokerage company's exclusivity rights. A loss of these rights could have a material adverse affect on the Company.

11. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS

Douglas Elliman, Prudential Douglas Elliman and DEPM sponsor individual 401(k) plans which allow eligible employees to make pre-tax contributions. Employees who have completed one year of service, as defined, are eligible to participate in the plans. The plans provide for matching employer contributions of 10% of employee contributions up to a maximum annual contribution of \$12 per employee. Participants are immediately vested in their contributions made. Matching contributions for the years ended December 31, 2004 amounted to \$252.

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12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

LAWSUITS

The Company is involved in litigation through the normal course of business. Certain claims arising before the date of acquisition of Douglas Elliman and DEPM are subject to indemnification agreements with the prior owners. The majority of these claims have been referred to the insurance carrier and related counsel. The Company believes that

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the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of the Company.

LEASES

The Company and its subsidiaries are obligated under various operating lease agreements for office facilities. Certain leases are non-cancelable and expire on various dates through September 2013.

Future minimum rental payments under the operating leases at December 31, 2004 are as follows:

Year ending December 31	2004
2005	\$ 10,465
2006	9,775
2007	8,752
2008	7,670
2009	4,190
Thereafter	31,408

Total	\$ 72,260
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13. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Company and its subsidiaries may, from time to time, maintain demand deposits in excess of federally insured limits in the normal course of business. At December 31, 2004, cash balances in excess of insured limits were approximately \$24,384.

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14. BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company reports using separate business segments, defined by the different services offered. The following table presents certain financial information of the Company's continuing operations as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004. Corporate loss consists solely of the Company's net interest expense.

REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE	PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	CORPORATE	TOTAL
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Revenues	\$263,877	\$ 22,939	\$ --	\$286,816
Net income (loss)	27,126	(244)	(6,282)	20,600
Identifiable assets	96,960	6,860	--	103,820
Depreciation and amortization	3,992	1,509	--	5,501
Capital expenditures	7,909	504	--	8,413

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
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ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,062
Commission receivables	1,217
Escrow deposits	312
Due from affiliate	415
Due from officer	1,485
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,956

Total current assets	15,447

Property and equipment, net	11,310

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Goodwill	34,319
Trademarks	21,663
Other intangible assets, net	3,821
Deferred financing charges	156
Security deposits	634
Other assets	58

Total assets	\$ 87,408
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' DEFICIENCY	
Current liabilities:	
Current portion of notes payable and other obligations ..	\$ 2,400
Current portion of notes payable to related parties	1,658
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,353
Commissions payable	2,525
Escrow deposits payable	312
Other current liabilities	500

Total current liabilities	14,748

Notes payable and other obligations, less current portion	2,250
Notes payable to related parties, less current portion ..	70,698
Commitments and contingencies	--
Members' deficiency	(288)

Total liabilities and members' deficiency	\$ 87,408
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REALTY, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
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Revenues:	
Commission revenues	\$ 157,958
Property management fees	19,807
Other revenues	2,088

Total	179,853

Costs and expenses:	
Commissions and royalties	100,461

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Sales administration	15,099
Administration	28,480
Rent	8,677
Advertising and promotions	11,643
Depreciation	3,640
Amortization of intangible assets.....	5,037
Other costs and expenses	1,917

Total	174,954

Operating income	4,899

Other:	
Other income	67
Interest income	15
Interest expense	(4,782)

Total	(4,700)

Net income	\$ 199
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DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REALTY, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' DEFICIENCY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003
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Balance, January 1, 2003.....	\$ (2,541)
Net income.....	199
Issuance of membership interests.....	2,500
Distributions.....	(446)

Balance, December 31, 2003.....	\$ (288)
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DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REALTY, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
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Cash flows from operating activities	
Net income	\$ 199

Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	3,640
Amortization	5,037
Interest paid-in-kind	308
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions	
Accounts receivable	655
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(3,686)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(1,420)
Commissions payable	1,555
Escrow deposits payable and other liabilities	711

Cash provided by operating activities	6,999

Cash flows used in investing activities	
Capital expenditures	(2,321)
Cash acquired in acquisition	650
Investment in affiliate	(325)

Cash used in investing activities	(1,996)

Cash flows used in financing activities	
Proceeds from notes payable to related parties	3,322
Repayments of notes payable to related parties	(2,127)
Proceeds from notes payable and other obligations	657
Repayments of notes payable and other obligations	(2,344)
Deferred financing charges	(475)
Distributions to members	(446)

Cash used in financing activities	(1,413)

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	3,590
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	5,472

Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 9,062
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Interest paid	\$ 4,237
Income taxes paid	4
Non cash investing and financing activities:	
See Note 3 for the acquisition of Douglas Elliman and RMG.	

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Fixed assets acquired through incurrence of debt \$
The Company recorded an increase of \$2,500 to members' equity in connection with
the issuance of the subordinated debt. See Note 8

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these consolidated financial statements.

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DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REALTY, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
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1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Douglas Elliman Realty, LLC (formerly Montauk Battery Realty, LLC), a New York limited liability company, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (the "Company"). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Company is primarily engaged in the real estate brokerage business through its principal subsidiaries, Douglas Elliman, LLC ("Douglas Elliman"), a residential real estate brokerage company based in New York, New York and its Long Island based operations, B&H Associates of New York, LLC and B&H of the Hamptons, LLC, both of which conduct business as Prudential Douglas Elliman Real Estate ("Prudential Douglas Elliman"). The Company is also engaged in property management through its subsidiary, Residential Management Group, LLC ("RMG").

ORGANIZATION

On October 15, 2002 Montauk Battery Realty, LLC was formed to consolidate the ownership of the then Company's operating entities, B&H Associates of New York, LLC and B&H of the Hamptons, LLC, under one company, which was completed on December 19, 2002. On March 14, 2003, the Company acquired Douglas Elliman and RMG and, on May 19, 2003, Montauk Battery Realty, LLC changed its name to Douglas Elliman Realty, LLC. See Note 3.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ESTIMATES. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS. The Company considers all highly liquid financial instruments with an original maturity of less than three months to be

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cash equivalents.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT. Property, equipment and leasehold improvements are stated at cost. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred; costs of major additions and betterments are capitalized. When property and equipment are sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in other income.

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Depreciation is provided on the straight line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The cost of leasehold improvements is amortized over the lesser of the length of the related leases or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

GOODWILL AND TRADEMARKS. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" ("SFAS No. 142"), the Company does not amortize goodwill and other intangible assets, primarily trademarks, deemed to have an indefinite useful life. The Company assesses goodwill and certain intangible assets deemed to have an indefinite useful life for impairment using fair value measurement techniques on an annual basis.

OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS. Other intangible assets consist primarily of non-compete agreements and management contracts. Amortization of non-compete agreements is being provided on a straight line basis over the contractual term, generally three years or less. Amortization of management contracts is being provided on a straight line basis over fifteen years.

DEFERRED FINANCING CHARGES. Deferred financing charges consist primarily of professional fees related to the acquisition of new financing and the restructuring of the Company's debt obligations in March 2003. These are being amortized over the life of the related debt obligations.

REVENUE RECOGNITION. Real estate commissions earned by the Company's real estate brokerage business are recorded as revenue on a gross basis upon the closing of a real estate transaction (i.e., the purchase or sale of a home). Property management fees earned by RMG are recorded as revenue when the related services are performed.

ADVERTISING COSTS. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and are included in operating expenses.

INCOME TAXES. The Company is a limited liability company. The members of a limited liability company are taxed on their proportionate share of the Company's taxable income. Accordingly, no provision or liability for federal or state income taxes is included in the financial statements.

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS. In December 2003, Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation ("FIN") No. 46(R), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (revised December 2003)" was issued. The interpretation revises FIN No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities" to exempt

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certain entities from the requirements of FIN No. 46. The interpretation requires a company to consolidate a variable interest entity ("VIE"), as defined, when the company will absorb a majority of the VIE's expected losses, receive a majority of the VIE's expected residual returns, or both. FIN No. 46(R) also requires consolidation of existing, non-controlled affiliates if the VIE is unable to finance its operations without investor support, or where the other investors do not have exposure to the significant risks and rewards of ownership. The interpretation applies immediately to a VIE created or acquired after January 31, 2003. For a VIE acquired before February 1, 2003, FIN No. 46(R) applies in the first interim period ending after March 15, 2004. The Company has not completed its assessment of the impact of this interpretation, but does not anticipate a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In April 2003, SFAS No. 149, "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" was issued. SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies accounting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133.

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SFAS No. 149 is effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003 and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. The adoption of this statement did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity." SFAS No. 150 establishes standards for how companies classify and measure certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires companies to classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances). SFAS No. 150 is effective immediately for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 15, 2003 and in the first interim period after June 15, 2003 for all other financial instruments. The adoption of this statement did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

3. ACQUISITION OF DOUGLAS ELLIMAN AND RMG

On March 14, 2003, the Company acquired from Insignia Financial Group, Inc. ("Insignia") the operations of Douglas Elliman and RMG and related trademarks for \$67,250 cash, \$175 in closing costs and the assumption of up to \$4,000 of liabilities. The results of their operations are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition. The Company's acquisition objective was to leverage and expand its position in the real estate brokerage business in the New York metropolitan area.

Douglas Elliman was founded in 1911 and is one of Manhattan's leading residential real estate brokers, specializing in the high-end of the sales and rental marketplaces. Douglas Elliman has nine New York City offices with more than 900 real estate brokers. RMG is a leading manager of rental, co-op and condominium housing in the New York metropolitan area. RMG provides full service third-party fee management for approximately 250 properties, representing

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approximately 50,000 units in New York City, Nassau County, Northern New Jersey and Westchester County.

To fund the acquisition, the Company borrowed \$71,500 from two of its members, Prudential Real Estate Financial Services of America, Inc. ("PREFSA") and New Valley Corporation ("New Valley"). PREFSA lent the Company \$52,500 of senior secured debt and PREFSA and New Valley each lent the Company \$9,500 of subordinated debt. In connection with the issuance of the subordinated debt, PREFSA and New Valley each acquired additional membership interests representing a 15% fully diluted interest in the Company. Based on an appraisal conducted by an independent third party, the Company valued these additional membership interests at \$2,500 and recorded this amount as a reduction to the principal amount of the subordinated debt. The Company is amortizing the value of these membership interests over the term of the subordinated debt.

The acquisition of Douglas Elliman and RMG has been accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations". The cost of acquisition was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on estimates of their respective fair values at the date of acquisition. Fair values were determined by an independent third-party appraisal.

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The following table summarizes the final purchase price allocation of Douglas Elliman's and RMG's assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

ASSETS:	
Cash	\$ 650
Receivables	2,860
Other assets	462
Property and equipment	10,864
Customer-based intangible assets	4,057
Management contract intangible assets	2,734
Trademarks	21,663
Goodwill	33,617
Total	----- \$ 76,907 =====
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,407
Other obligations	4,000
Acquisition financing from related parties	66,500
Total	----- \$ 76,907 =====

The Company assesses intangible assets for impairment using fair value measurement techniques on an annual basis. In accordance with SFAS No. 142, the Company does not amortize goodwill and trademarks, which are deemed to have an indefinite useful live. Douglas Elliman amortized the entire amount of the

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acquired customer-based intangible assets of \$4,057 in the year ended December 31, 2003. RMG is amortizing management contracts using the straight line method over 15 years. This represents the expected period of benefit from such assets and will result in future annual amortization expense of \$181. For U.S. income tax purposes, the Company and Insignia elected to treat the acquisition of Douglas Elliman, RMG and the related trademarks as an asset acquisition. As a result, the entire amount of intangible assets is amortizable over 15 years for U.S. income tax purposes.

4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment at December 31, 2003 consist of the following:

Furniture, fixtures and office equipment.....	\$ 9,773
Internally developed software.....	4,362
Leasehold improvements.....	4,394
Automobiles.....	49

Total.....	18,578
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization.....	(7,268)

Total.....	\$ 11,310
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The estimated useful life of the property and equipment, excluding leasehold improvements, at December 31, 2003 ranges from one to seven years. Leasehold improvements are depreciated based on the lesser of the

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remaining life of the lease or the useful life of the leasehold improvement. Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2003 was \$3,640.

5. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets at December 31, 2003 consist of the following:

Goodwill.....	\$ 34,329
Trademarks.....	21,663
Deferred financing charges.....	505
Other intangible assets.....	4,084

Total.....	60,581
Less: Accumulated amortization.....	(622)

Total.....	\$ 59,959
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In accordance with SFAS No. 142, the Company does not amortize goodwill and trademarks, which have indefinite lives. Amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2003 was \$5,037, which includes \$4,057 of amortization of customer-based intangible assets acquired and fully amortized during the year.

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The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the year ended December 31, 2003 were as follows:

	Real Estate Brokerage -----	Property Management -----
Balance as of December 31, 2002	\$ 387	\$ --
Acquisition of Douglas Elliman (Note 3)	33,614	--
Acquisition of RMG (Note 3)	--	3
Other acquisitions	325	--
	-----	-----
Balance as of December 31, 2003	\$ 34,326 =====	\$ 3 =====

6. DUE FROM RELATED PARTIES

As of December 31, 2003, the Company had a receivable of \$415 due from Burr Enterprises, Ltd., doing business as Preferred Empire Mortgage Company ("Preferred Empire Mortgage"), for advances made during 2002, and for allocation of expenses in 2003. The balances are payable on demand and bear interest at the prime rate (4.00% at December 31, 2003) plus 1.5% per annum compounded monthly.

In December 2002, the Company advanced \$300 to an officer in connection with the purchase by the Company of the officer's stock ownership interest in Preferred Empire Mortgage. In January 2003, the Company lent \$1,150 to the officer to finance the officer's purchase of additional stock in Preferred Empire Mortgage. The loan bears interest at prime plus 1.5%, and is due in January 2005. Upon receipt of the required regulatory approvals, the Company has agreed to purchase this officer's shares at a price of \$1,150.

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7. NOTES PAYABLE AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Notes payable, capital leases and other obligations at December 31, 2003 consist of:

Payment obligation - former owner.....	\$2,000
Term note payable - bank.....	1,780
Notes payable issued in connection with acquisitions.....	667
Capital leases payable.....	203

Total notes payable, capital leases and

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other obligations.....	4,650
Less:	
Current maturities.....	(2,400)

Amount due after one year.....	\$ 2,250
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PAYMENT OBLIGATION - FORMER OWNER:

In connection with the acquisition of Douglas Elliman, the Company assumed an obligation to make a payment to a former owner of Douglas Elliman in an amount up to \$4,000. The obligation is subject to certain claims and offsets the Company has against this former owner. During 2003, \$2,000 of this obligation was paid by the Company. The remaining balance is due in August 2004.

TERM NOTE PAYABLE - BANK:

In December 2002, Prudential Douglas Elliman borrowed \$1,940, bearing interest at 7% per annum and due in January 2006, from North Fork Bank. Principal is amortized in the amount of \$15 per month during the term of the loan. The loan is collateralized by the assets of Prudential Douglas Elliman to the extent of the unpaid principal and interest.

NOTES PAYABLE ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH ACQUISITIONS AND CAPITAL LEASES PAYABLE:

Prudential Douglas Elliman has various other notes issued in connection with acquisitions of real estate brokerage companies and capital leases payable bearing interest at rates between 0% and 14.5% outstanding at December 31, 2003, which mature through 2009. Assets under capital lease have a net book value of \$207 at December 31, 2003.

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SCHEDULED MATURITIES:

Scheduled maturities of notes payable, capital leases and other obligations are as follows:

Year ending December 31:	
2004.....	\$ 2,400
2005.....	387
2006.....	1,558
2007.....	103
2008.....	102
Thereafter.....	100

Total.....	\$4,650
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8. NOTES PAYABLE TO RELATED PARTIES

Notes payable to related parties at December 31, 2003 consist of:

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Acquisition term note payable - PREFSA.....	\$50,790
Acquisition subordinated notes payable - PREFSA.....	8,459
Acquisition subordinated notes payable - New Valley.....	8,459
Franchise term notes payable - PREA.....	4,121
Note payable - Dorothy Herman.....	527

Total notes payable to related parties.....	72,356
Less:	
Current maturities.....	(1,658)

Amount due after one year.....	\$70,698
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ACQUISITION TERM NOTE PAYABLE - PREFSA:

In connection with the acquisition of Douglas Elliman and RMG, PREFSA lent the Company \$52,500 of Senior Secured Debt, maturing in 2011 (the "Term Note"). The Term Note bears interest at prime rate plus 2% and is collateralized by substantially all the assets of the Company. The Term Note provides for monthly payments of 3% of gross revenues of Douglas Elliman and Prudential Douglas Elliman prior to March 15, 2005 and 4.5% thereafter so long as the Term Note is outstanding. The payments based on gross revenues are applied first to interest and then to outstanding principal. Additional principal payments are due on June 1 of each year in the amount equal to 60% of the Company's Excess Cash Flow, which is defined in the Term Note loan agreement as the prior year's net income plus cash proceeds received from asset sales and depreciation and amortization expense, less cash capital expenditures, principal payments on notes payable and capital leases (excluding the revolving note facility discussed below), and tax distributions made to the Company's members. The Term Note includes covenants that, among other things, require the Company to meet certain financial ratios, limit the Company's ability to incur debt, and limit capital expenditures.

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SUBORDINATED NOTES PAYABLE - PREFSA AND NEW VALLEY:

In connection with the acquisition of Douglas Elliman and RMG, PREFSA and New Valley each lent the Company \$9,500 of subordinated debt, due 2013 (the "Subordinated Debt"). The Subordinated Debt is subordinate to the Term Note and bears interest at 12% per annum, of which 10% is payable in cash and 2% accrues and is added to the principal amount. Interest added to the principal balance in 2003 was \$418. In connection with the issuance of the Subordinated Debt, PREFSA and New Valley each acquired additional membership interests representing a 15% fully-diluted interest in the Company. Based on an appraisal conducted by an independent third party, the Company valued those membership interests at \$2,500 and recorded this amount as a reduction to the principal amount of the Subordinated Debt. The Company is amortizing the value of these membership

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interests over the term of the Subordinated Debt. The amount amortized to interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2003 was \$110. Principal payments are due on June 1 of each year in an amount equal to 20% of the Company's Excess Cash Flow computed in the same manner as defined in the Term Note loan agreement.

FRANCHISE TERM NOTES PAYABLE:

In December 2002, The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. ("PREA" or the "Franchiser"), an affiliate of PREFSA, lent Prudential Douglas Elliman \$3,300 bearing interest at 9% per annum and due in annual installments of principal and interest of \$514 through 2012. A portion of the royalties received by PREA are applied to the annual principal payments due under the note.

In March 2003, PREA lent Douglas Elliman \$1,250 bearing interest at 8% per annum and due in annual installments of principal and interest of \$186 through 2013. A portion of the royalties received by PREA are applied to the annual principal payments due under the note.

REVOLVING LOAN FACILITY:

In March 2003, the Company and PREFSA entered into a revolving loan facility for \$5,000, available until March 2006. Borrowings under the facility bear interest at prime rate plus 1.5% and are collateralized by substantially all the assets of the Company. As of December 31, 2003, \$5,000 was available under the facility.

NOTE PAYABLE - DOROTHY HERMAN:

As of December 31, 2003, the Company was indebted to Dorothy Herman, a member and executive officer of Realty, in the amount of \$527 with interest at prime rate plus 1.5%. The principal amount is due on June 1 of each year in the amount equal to approximately 8.29% of the Company's Excess Cash Flow, which is computed in the same manner as defined in the Term Loan agreements, provided New Valley receives an equal payment and PREFSA receives a proportionate payment, each as a return of capital.

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SCHEDULED MATURITIES:

Scheduled maturities of debt to related parties are presented below. The table does not include the Company's obligations to make principal payments under the Term Note, the Subordinated Notes, or the note payable to Dorothy Herman based on percentages of future Gross Revenues or future Excess Cash Flow.

Year ending December 31:	
2004.....	\$ 1,658
2005.....	455
2006.....	455
2007.....	455
2008.....	455

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Thereafter.....	68,878

Total.....	\$72,356
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9. FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND ROYALTY FEES

Douglas Elliman is party to a franchise agreement with PREA entered into in March 2003. The agreement provides for Douglas Elliman to make monthly payments of royalty fees to PREA based on the level of gross revenue, with a royalty rate ranging from 1.8% to 6.0% of gross revenues earned. Pursuant to the franchise agreement, Douglas Elliman was granted a 50% reduction in royalty fees for the first year and a 50% deferral of applicable royalty fees for the second year, which is payable in monthly installments beginning in the first month of the fourth year. The percentage was 0.90% for the period ended December 31, 2003. The agreement also provides for Douglas Elliman to remit advertising and annual franchise fees to PREA, which are based on gross revenues and the number of offices occupied.

Prudential Douglas Elliman is party to a franchise agreement with PREA entered into in December 2002. The agreement provides for Prudential Douglas Elliman to make monthly payments of royalty fees to PREA based on 2.24% of gross revenues earned for the first five years and on a scale ranging from 1.8% to 6.0% of gross revenues earned thereafter. The agreement also provides for Prudential Douglas Elliman to remit advertising and annual franchise fees, which are based on gross revenues and the number of offices occupied. Prudential Douglas Elliman operates each of its offices under its franchiser's brand name, but generally does not own any of the brand names under which it operates.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, total fees incurred under the franchise agreements amounted to approximately \$2,162.

The Franchiser has significant rights over the use of the franchised service marks and the conduct of the brokerage companies' business. The franchise agreements require the companies to coordinate with the Franchiser on significant matters relating to their operations, including the opening and closing of offices, make substantial royalty payments to the Franchiser and contribute significant amounts to national advertising funds maintained by the Franchiser, indemnify the Franchiser against losses arising out of the operations of their business under the franchise agreements and maintain standards and comply with guidelines relating to their operations which are applicable to all franchisees of the Franchiser's real estate franchise system.

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The Franchiser has the right to terminate Douglas Elliman's and Prudential Douglas Elliman's franchises, upon the occurrence of certain events, including a bankruptcy or insolvency event, a change in control, a transfer of rights under the franchise agreement and a failure to promptly pay amounts due under the franchise agreements. A termination of Douglas Elliman's or Prudential Douglas Elliman's franchise agreement could have a material adverse affect on the Company.

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The franchise agreements grant Douglas Elliman and Prudential Douglas Elliman exclusive franchises in New York for the counties of Nassau and Suffolk on Long Island and for Manhattan, subject to various exceptions and to meeting certain annual revenue thresholds. If Douglas Elliman or Prudential Douglas Elliman fails to achieve these levels of revenues for two consecutive years or otherwise materially breaches the franchise agreements, the Franchiser would have the right to terminate the applicable brokerage company's exclusivity rights. A loss of these rights could have a material adverse affect on the Company.

10. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS

Douglas Elliman, Prudential Douglas Elliman and RMG sponsor individual 401(k) plans which allow eligible employees to make pre-tax contributions. Employees who have completed one year of service, as defined, are eligible to participate in the plans. The plans provide for matching employer contributions of 10% of employee contributions up to a maximum annual contribution of \$12 per employee. Participants are immediately vested in their contributions made. Matching contributions for the years ended December 31, 2003 amounted to \$106.

11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

LAWSUITS

The Company is involved in litigation through the normal course of business. Certain claims arising before the date of acquisition of Douglas Elliman and RMG are subject to indemnification agreements with the prior owners. The majority of these claims have been referred to the insurance carrier and related counsel. The Company believes that the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Company.

LEASES

The Company and its subsidiaries are obligated under various operating lease agreements for office facilities. Certain leases are non-cancelable and expire on various dates through September 2013. Rent expense during the year ended December 31, 2003 was approximately \$6,602.

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Future minimum rental payments under the operating leases at December 31, 2003 are as follows:

Year ending December 31:	
2004.....	\$ 7,452
2005.....	7,970
2006.....	6,953
2007.....	6,121
2008.....	5,194
Thereafter.....	24,700

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Total..... \$58,390
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12. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Company and its subsidiaries may, from time to time, maintain demand deposits in excess of federally insured limits in the normal course of business. At December 31, 2003, cash balances in excess of insured limits were approximately \$10,008.

13. BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION

The following table presents certain financial information of the Company's continuing operations as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003. Corporate loss consists solely of the Company's net interest expense.

	Real Estate Brokerage	Property Management	Corporate	Total
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Revenues.....	\$ 160,046	\$ 19,807	\$ --	\$ 179,853
Net income (loss).....	4,171	795	(4,767)	19
Identifiable assets.....	77,934	9,474	--	87,408
Depreciation and amortization.....	7,672	1,005	--	8,677
Capital expenditures.....	2,169	152	--	2,321

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Assets

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,472,069
Escrow deposits	100,500
Due from affiliate	321,992
Other receivables	289,642
Due from officer	300,000
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	10,333

	6,494,536

PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS -
 net of accumulated depreciation of \$3,860,691

1,764,923

OTHER ASSETS

Goodwill	376,939
Other intangibles - net of accumulated amortization of \$5,333	754,667
Deferred financing charges	350,718
Security deposits	294,815
Investment in joint venture	48,408

	1,825,547

\$ 10,085,006

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Liabilities and Members' Equity (Deficit)	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 2,366,071
Commissions payable	969,705
Escrow deposit payable	100,500
Current maturities of term notes payable - bank	160,413
Current maturities of other long-term debt	62,210
Current maturities of notes payable - related parties	3,757,839
Current maturities of capital leases	89,276

	7,506,014

OTHER LIABILITIES	
Term-notes payable - bank - net of current maturities	1,779,587
Other long-term debt - net of current maturities	116,615
Notes payable - related parties - net of current maturities	3,095,356
Capital leases - net of current maturities	128,870

	5,120,428

MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)	(2,541,436)

	\$ 10,085,006
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MONTAUK BATTERY REALTY LLC & SUBSIDIARIES
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COMMISSION REVENUE	\$ 59,289,992

COMMISSION EXPENSES	
Sales agents	36,025,709
Royalty fees	1,251,540

	37,277,249

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GROSS PROFIT	22,012,743
OPERATING EXPENSES	20,216,469

INCOME BEFORE OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)	1,796,274

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)	
Income from joint venture	86,560
Interest income	83
Interest expense	(369,982)

	(292,936)

NET INCOME	\$ 1,512,935
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)
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MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) - December 31, 2001	\$ (3,956,237)
Net income	1,512,935
Redemption of interests	(2,805,034)
Contribution of capital	2,750,000
Distributions	(23,100)

MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) - December 31, 2002	\$ (2,541,436)
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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net income
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used for)
operating activities:
 Depreciation and amortization
 Impairment loss
 Non-cash income earned on joint venture
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:
 (Increase) decrease in:
 Escrow deposit
 Other receivables
 Prepaid expenses and other current assets
 Security deposits and other assets
 Increase (decrease) in:
 Accounts payable and accrued expenses
 Commissions payable
 Escrow deposit payable

Net cash from operating activities

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Capital expenditures
Intangibles paid for
Cash paid for business acquisition
(Increase) of due from affiliates
(Increase) in due from officer

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Repayments of notes payable - related parties
Repayments of term notes payable - bank
Payments of capital leases
Deferred financing charges
Proceeds from related party loan
Proceeds of bridge loan
Repayments of other long-term debt
Capital returned to members
Distributions to members
Contributions by members

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NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - beginning

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - end

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Cash paid during the year:
Interest

NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Acquisition of equipment and leasehold improvements
in exchange for debt

Transfer of portion outstanding line of credit obligation
to term obligation

Debt incurred for business acquisition

Transfer of bridge loan to related party loan

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MONTAUK BATTERY REALTY LLC & SUBSIDIARIES
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1 - THE COMPANY

Montauk Battery Realty LLC ("Montauk") was formed on December 17, 2002 as a limited liability company to acquire the membership interests in B&H Associates of New York LLC d/b/a Prudential Long Island Realty ("B&H"), B&H of the Hamptons LLC ("Hamptons") and PE Title Agency LLP ("PE"). As such, B&H, Hamptons and PE became wholly-owned subsidiaries of Montauk. The acquisitions were accounted as the merger of entities under common control. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements present the results of operations and cash flows for the entire year ended December 31, 2002 on a consolidated basis.

B&H and Hamptons operate a network of real estate brokerage offices under the name of Prudential Long Island Realty, primarily in Long Island, New York. PE has an investment in a joint venture which provides title abstract services.

2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The summary of significant accounting policies is presented to assist the reader in understanding and evaluating the consolidated financial statements. These policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and have been applied consistently in all material respects.

- a. PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION - The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Montauk and its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany items and transactions have been eliminated.
- b. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Cash equivalents include all highly-liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase.
- c. REVENUE RECOGNITION. Real estate commissions earned by the B&H and Hamptons real estate brokerage business are recorded as revenue on a gross basis upon the closing of a real estate transaction (i.e., the purchase or sale of a home).

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- d. PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS - Property, equipment

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and leasehold improvements are stated at cost. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred; costs of major additions and betterments are capitalized. When property and equipment are sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in income.

Depreciation is provided for on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The cost of leasehold improvements is amortized over the lesser of the length of the related leases or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

- e. GOODWILL - Goodwill, resulting from the acquisition of various real estate branch offices, in accordance with Statement on Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, is stated at carrying value as of January 1, 2002 or its acquisition amount, if later, and was not subject to amortization during 2002. Goodwill is tested for impairment on an annual basis.
- f. INTANGIBLE ASSETS - Intangible assets consist of non-compete agreements. Amortization of non-compete agreements is being provided on a straight line basis over the contractual term, generally three years or less. Future estimated aggregate amortization is approximately \$252,000 per annum through 2005.
- g. DEFERRED FINANCING CHARGES - Deferred charges consist of professional fees related to the acquisition of new financing and the restructuring of the Company's debt obligations in December 2002. Amortization will be provided on a straight-line basis over five years beginning January 1, 2003.
- h. INCOME TAXES - The Company is a limited liability company. The members of a limited liability company are taxed on their proportionate share of the Company's taxable income. Accordingly, no provision or liabilities for federal income taxes are included in the financial statements. State taxes have been provided as appropriate.
- i. INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE - Investment in joint venture represents PE's 50% ownership interest in a company that performs title searches. Income from this investment is recorded under the equity method of accounting.
- j. ADVERTISING COSTS - Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and are included in operating expenses. For the year ended December 31, 2002, advertising expense amounted to approximately \$2,757,000.
- k. ESTIMATES - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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3 - Other Receivables

Other receivables consist primarily of receivables from employees, agents and landlords whose properties are managed by the Company. These amounts are non-interest bearing and have no definite repayment terms. It is anticipated by management that such amounts will be collected within one year.

4 - Property, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements

At December 31, 2002, property, equipment and leasehold improvements consist of the following:

	Amount -----	Estimated Useful Lives -----
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	\$3,278,105	5-7 years
Leasehold improvements	2,298,514	Life of lease
Automobiles	48,995	5 years

	5,625,614	
LESS: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	3,860,691	

	\$1,764,923	
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Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2002 amounted to \$565,216.

5 - Due from Affiliate

As of December 31, 2002, Montauk has a receivable of \$250,000 due from Burr Enterprises, Ltd. ("Burr"), a company under common control for advances made during 2002 and B&H has a receivable of \$71,992 from Burr for allocation of expenses in prior periods. Such balances are interest bearing and are expected to be collected during 2003.

6 - Business Acquisitions and Goodwill

In January and May of 2002, B&H acquired certain net assets of two separate real estate brokerage companies for total remuneration of \$300,000. The purchase method was used to account for these transactions and the purchase price for each acquisition was allocated based upon the estimated fair value of the assets acquired. As a result of these transactions, \$11,000 was allocated to Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment and \$289,000 was allocated to Goodwill.

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The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the year ended December 31, 2002 are as follows:

Balance - January 1, 2002	\$ 93,536
Goodwill acquired during the year	289,000
Impairment losses	(5,597)

Balance - December 31, 2002	\$ 376,939
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During 2002, previously recorded goodwill was subject to evaluation and it was determined that the valued goodwill associated with certain offices was impaired due to the existence of recurring operating losses. An aggregate impairment loss of \$5,597 was recorded in 2002.

7 - Unused Revolving Line of Credit

In December 2002, the Company obtained a revolving line of credit from PREFSA in the aggregate amount of \$2,500,000, expiring December 20, 2005, with interest due monthly at the rate of prime plus 1.5%. Commencing upon the full repayment of the \$2,500,000 term loan as described in Note 8, the Company shall make additional mandatory repayments on the term loan equal to 40% of excess cash flows, as defined in the agreement.

The line of credit is collateralized by the Company's assets. There was no outstanding balance at December 31, 2002.

8 - Term Notes Payable - Bank

At December 31, 2001, B&H had a credit facility that provided for a term loan in the amount of \$750,000 and a credit line of up to \$1,750,000. In December 2002, B&H refinanced the balances on the existing line of credit and term loan with a new term note with the same bank and the credit line was cancelled. The new term note was for \$1,940,000 and bears interest at 7%. Monthly payments of \$14,583, including interest, beginning February 1, 2003 to January 2006 are due under the obligation. In January 2006, the remaining principal and interest, if any, becomes due. The loan is secured by the assets of B&H and is guaranteed by B&H, Hamptons and Montauk.

Aggregate maturities required on the term note payable at December 31, 2002 are as follows:

For the Year Ending December 31, 2003	\$ 160,413
2004	174,996
2005	174,996
2006	1,429,595

	\$1,940,000

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9 - Notes Payable - Related Parties

At December 31, 2002, notes payable - related parties consist of the following:

FRANCHISE FEE LOAN - The Prudential Real Estate Financial Services of America, Inc. ("PREFSA") - original amount of \$3,300,000 - due in annual payments of \$514,206, including interest at 9% with remaining principal and interest due December 20, 2012

\$3,300,00

TERM LOAN - PREFSA - original amount of \$2,500,000 - due in monthly payments, including interest at a rate of 1.25% of the gross revenues (as defined in the franchise agreement) - in addition, beginning June 2, 2003 and June 1st of each succeeding year, the Company is required to make a payment equal to 40% of excess cash flow (as defined)

2,500,00

TERM NOTE PAYABLE - to current and former members who had obtained the same loan from a bank with identical terms - due in monthly installments of \$23,611, plus interest at the bank's prime rate (4.25% at December 31, 2002) through June 1, 2003 - the underlying notes between the bank and related parties are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company

141,66

TERM NOTE PAYABLE - to a former member - due in monthly installments of \$5,077, including interest at 7%, through December 2003 - payment of interest and principal is subject to the provisions of the membership agreement

245,76

NOTE PAYABLE - to a current member - due on demand - interest at prime plus 1.5% (5.75% at December 31, 2002) per annum - payment of interest and principal is subject to the provisions of the membership agreement

110,00

NOTE PAYABLE - to withdrawing member - due January 6, 2003

6,853,19

NOTE PAYABLE - to withdrawing member - due January 6, 2003

3,757,83

LESS: Current maturities

\$3,095,35

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Aggregate maturities required on the notes payable - related parties at December 31, 2002 are as follows:

For the Year Ending December 31, 2003	\$3,757,839
2004	223,841
2005	244,838
2006	267,806
2007	292,928

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Thereafter	2,065,943

	\$6,853,195
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In accordance with the terms of the franchise fee loan agreement, the scheduled annual principal and interest payments on the franchise obligation may be offset by the aggregate royalties paid by the Company to the franchiser for the year. Such offset is based upon the adherence of the Company to the terms of the franchise fee agreement and as evaluated by the franchisor.

In April 2002, B&H received a bridge loan of \$1,000,000 from PREFSA which was refinanced by B&H and Montauk in December 2002 into a \$2,500,000 term loan to Montauk.

Interest expense incurred on related party obligations during the year ended December 31, 2002 was approximately \$175,000.

10 - Notes Payable - Other

At December 31, 2002, notes payable - other consist of the following:

NOTE PAYABLE - acquisition - in the original principal amount of \$200,000 - due in 48 monthly installments of \$4,743, including interest at 6.5%	\$154,751
NOTE PAYABLE - acquisition - in the original principal amount of \$25,000 - due in monthly installments of \$1,000 - non-interest bearing	15,000
VEHICLE TERM LOANS PAYABLE - due in 60 monthly installments aggregating \$854, including interest at 6.9% through November 11, 2003 - secured by the underlying vehicles	9,074

	178,825
	62,210

LESS: Current maturities	\$116,615
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Aggregate maturities required on the notes payable - other at December 31, 2002 are as follows:

For the Year Ending December 31, 2003	\$ 62,210
2004	57,235
2005	54,667
2006	4,713

\$178,825

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11 - Capital Leases

The Company has acquired certain equipment under the provisions of long-term capital leases, whereby the minimum lease payments related to the equipment have been capitalized. As of December 31, 2002, the net present value of such obligations amounted to \$218,147. The leases expire at various times through November 2005. The leased property under capital lease as of December 31, 2002 has an aggregate cost of approximately \$457,000, accumulated amortization of approximately \$162,000, and an approximate carrying value of \$295,000. Amortization of the leased equipment is included in depreciation expense. Lease obligations are generally secured by leased equipment.

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The future minimum lease payments under the capital leases and the aggregate net present value of the future minimum lease payments at December 31, 2002 are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	2003	\$105,781
	2004	65,439
	2005	48,978
	2006	24,228
	2007	6,132

	250,558	
LESS: Amounts representing interest		32,412

Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments		218,146
Current Maturities of Capital Leases		89,276

Capital Leases - net of current maturities		\$128,870
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12 - Franchise Agreement and Royalty Fees

B&H is party to a franchise agreement (the "Agreement") with The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. (the "Franchisor"). B&H renewed the Agreement on March 7, 1997 for a period of five years. In March 2002, the agreement was extended until December 2002. In December 2002, a new ten-year Agreement was executed. The Agreement provides for B&H to make monthly payments of royalty fees of 2.24% of gross revenue attained, advertising fees of up to \$900 per month per sales office and an annual franchise fee of \$2,500 for each additional office opened.

For the year ended December 31, 2002, total fees incurred under the agreement amounted to approximately \$1,252,000.

13 - Related Party Transactions

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In December 2002, the Company advanced \$300,000 to an officer. Such amount is non-interest bearing and is expected to be collected during the year ending December 31, 2003.

The Company leases several offices from related parties. Included in rent expense is approximately \$305,000 of rent expense to related parties.

14 - Defined Contribution Plan

The Company has a 401(k) plan (the "Plan") which allows eligible employees to make before-tax contributions. Employees who have completed one year of service, as defined, are eligible to become participants in the Plan. The Plan provides for matching employer contributions of 10% of employee contributions. Participants are immediately vested in their contributions made. Matching contributions for the years ended December 31, 2002 amounted to \$23,960.

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15 - Commitments and Contingencies

OPERATING LEASES - The Company is obligated under various operating lease agreements for its office facilities. Certain leases are non-cancelable and expire on various dates through September 2013. Rent expense during the year ended December 31, 2002 approximated \$2,400,000.

Future minimum rental payments under the operating leases at December 31, 2002 are as follows:

For the Year Ending December 31, 2003	\$ 2,249,000
2004	2,300,000
2005	2,173,000
2006	1,749,000
2007	1,263,000
Thereafter	970,000

	\$10,704,000
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LITIGATION - The Company is involved in litigation through the normal course of business. The majority of these claims have been referred to the insurance carrier and related counsel. The Company believes that the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Company. The accompanying financial statements include an accrual of approximately \$200,000 for potential out-of-pocket costs and/or settlements that may arise in the future related to such cases.

16 - Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company may from time-to-time maintain demand deposits in excess of federally insured limits in the normal course of business. At December 31, 2002, cash balances in excess of insured limits were approximately \$4,296,000.

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17 - Redemption of Capital Interests and Capital Withdrawals

Effective December 17, 2002, B&H, Hamptons and PE redeemed the interests of certain of its minority members/partners. In addition, another partner received a partial distribution of their account in the amount of \$500,000. Total withdrawals of capital aggregated to \$2,805,034 during 2002.

18 - Subsequent Infusion of Capital and Business Acquisition

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On March 14, 2003, Montauk acquired 100% of the ownership interest of Insignia Douglas Elliman LLC, a New York City residential broker and Insignia Residential Group, a property management firm operating principally in New York City. Total purchase price was approximately \$71,000,000. In connection with this transaction, Montauk received \$2,500,000 in additional capital contributions from members and incurred an aggregate of approximately \$71,000,000 in debt.

In December 2002, Montauk entered into an agreement with the stockholders of Burr to acquire all the then outstanding shares of Burr in exchange for membership interests in Montauk. Such transaction is pending subject to regulatory approval.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Members
of KOA Investors, LLC
(A Limited Liability Company)

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the accompanying index present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of KOA Investors, LLC (a Delaware limited liability company) at December 31, 2004 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these statements 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 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, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ Weiser LLP

New York, New York
February 7, 2005

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
(A Limited Liability Company)
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2004

ASSETS

Real estate under development
Fixed assets, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation of \$634,141
Cash and cash equivalents
Cash - restricted
Accounts receivable
Prepaid expenses and other assets
Deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$847,854

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

Mortgage note payable
Capital lease obligation
Construction costs and accounts payable
Due to affiliates
Deferred ground rent payable

Commitments, contingencies, and other matters

Members' equity

See notes to financial statements.

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

Revenue
Costs and expenses

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Gross Profit

Operating expenses:

General and administrative
Repairs and maintenance
Marketing
Utilities
Ground rent
Management fees
Real estate taxes
Insurance
Depreciation
Amortization

Total operating expenses

Operating loss

Other expenses:

Interest expense

Total other expenses

Net loss

See notes to financial statements.

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
(A Limited Liability Company)
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

Balance - January 1, 2004	\$ 12,459,794
Contributions	7,000,900
Net loss	(3,228,781)
Balance - December 31, 2004	\$ 16,231,913 =====

See notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

Cash flows from operating activities:

Net loss
Adjustment to reconcile net loss to net cash used
in operating activities:
 Depreciation
 Amortization
 Ground rent
Changes in assets:
 Increase in accounts receivable
 Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets

Net cash used in operating activities

Cash flows from investing activities:

Real estate under development

Net cash used in investing activities

Cash flows from financing activities:

Proceeds from mortgage note payable
Loan payoff
Restricted cash deposits
Capital lease obligation
Members' contributions
Deferred financing costs

Net cash provided by financing activities

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year

Cash and cash equivalents - end of year

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the year for interest, net of amounts capitalized

Supplemental disclosure of non-cash financing activities:

Deferred ground rent payable

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
(A Limited Liability Company)
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004

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Note 1 - Organization

KOA Investors, LLC (the "Company"), was formed as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware in November 1999. The Company was formed to acquire a mortgage note (see Note 3) and foreclose on the note for the purpose of owning, developing and operating a hotel resort in Keauhou, Hawaii (the "Project").

The Project contains 521 guest rooms, cabana style dining services, and a multilevel pool with a poolside grill and bar. Management projects the renovation of the hotel will be completed by the beginning of 2005. The Company has engaged Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. ("Starwood") as its exclusive managing agent to operate the Project.

Pursuant to the operating agreement, the Company will continue in existence until the earlier of December 31, 2051 or upon the decision of the Decision Members, as defined, to terminate the Company.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

b) Real Estate Under Development

Costs for the acquisition, development and construction of the Project are charged to real estate under development. Capitalized costs include deferred ground rent and interest expenditures incurred during the acquisition, development and construction of the Project.

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in banks and overnight investments that at various times during the year have exceeded the Federally insured limits. The Company believes it mitigates its risk by banking with major financial institutions.

d) Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consists of the receivables from guests for guest room revenue. Accounts receivable does not bear interest and is periodically evaluated for collectibility. At December 31, 2004, the Company considers accounts receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required. The Company generally does not require collateral for accounts receivable.

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

e) Inventories

Inventories are comprised primarily of hotel operating supplies and are valued at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined by the first-in, first-out method.

f) Revenue Recognition

Revenues are primarily derived from hotel and resort revenues at the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii and the Company recognizes revenues when services are rendered.

g) Deferred Financing Costs

Costs incurred in obtaining financing are amortized over the term of the related financing instrument. Amortization of such costs from inception through completion of construction is capitalized as a cost of the Project and is amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related debt, which approximates amortization expense under the effective interest method.

h) Property and Equipment Under Capital Lease

Property and equipment under capital lease represents property and equipment, which have been leased and have been capitalized by the Company. The property and equipment are recorded at cost and are depreciated on the straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

i) Leasehold Improvements and Equipment

Leasehold improvements and furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost and depreciated on the straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives.

Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred. Significant renovations or betterments, which extend the useful life of the assets, are capitalized.

j) Deferred Ground Rent Payable

Base rental expense on the ground lease is recognized ratably over its non-cancelable term. The difference between the ground rent expense recognized using the straight-line method and the ground rent in accordance with the lease is shown as deferred ground rent payable on the balance sheet.

k) Income Taxes

No provision or benefit for income taxes has been included in the financial statements because such taxable income or loss passes through to, and is reportable by, the members.

KOA INVESTORS, LLC
 (A Limited Liability Company)
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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

1) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3 - Fixed Assets and Real Estate Under Development

FIXED ASSETS

As of December 31, 2004, fixed assets consists of the following:

Building and leasehold interest	\$ 32,287,529
Land improvements	2,937,572
Furniture and equipment	10,123,055

	45,338,156
Less: accumulated depreciation	634,141

Total	\$ 44,714,014
	=====

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2004 amounted to \$634,141.

REAL ESTATE UNDER DEVELOPMENT

The Company purchased a non-performing note, collateralized by a leasehold interest in a hotel resort in Hawaii, for approximately \$7,300,000. The Company foreclosed on the note and took possession of the leasehold for renovation and operation of the hotel. During 2004, the Company began to phase-in operations at the Project. At December 31, 2004, real estate under development of \$32,625,132 represents the portion of the Project that has yet to be placed in service, including approximately \$1,399,000 of capitalized deferred ground rent and \$936,632 of capitalized interest.

Note 4 - Mortgage Note Payable

On August 18, 2002, the Company entered into a pre-development loan agreement (the "Loan") with Far East National Bank in an amount up to \$5,000,000. The Loan bore interest at the Prime Rate (as defined in the Loan) plus 2.00% per annum. Interest only payments were required on the first day of every month in arrears. All principal and all accrued and unpaid interest were due and payable at the

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Loan's maturity date, February 28, 2004. Far East National Bank funded additional loan proceeds in the amount of \$1,500,000 to the Company in January 2004, at which time the Loan's maturity date was extended to May 31, 2004. The Loan was collateralized by the Company's real estate under development. Interest expense relating to the Loan amounted to approximately \$269,000, all of which was capitalized as a cost of the Project.

The Company entered into a loan agreement ("New Loan Agreement") with Canpartners Realty Holding Company IV, LLC (the "Lender") in the amount of \$57,000,000 (the "New Loan") on April 15th 2004. Proceeds of the New Loan included amounts to payoff the principal and interest of the Loan, \$6,500,000 and \$22,750, respectively.

The New Loan bears interest at 10% per annum and calculated on 360-day year. Principal and interest payments are due on the first day of the month beginning May 1, 2004 through January 31, 2007, the maturity date. For the year ending December 31, 2004 the Company incurred interest pf \$2,935,043, of which \$2,223,563 was capitalized as a costs of the Project and \$709,480 was expensed.

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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Note 5 - Cash - Restricted

Cash - restricted represents unused funds from the proceeds of the New Loan. Cash - restricted is disbursed upon requisition of project expenditures in agreement with the funding schedule and approved budget in accordance with the New Loan Agreement. Unused funds available from the New Loan as of December 31, 2004 amounted to \$5,538,372.

Note 6 - Deferred Ground Rent Payable

In conjunction with the purchase of the hotel mortgage note the Company assumed two ground leases for the leasehold. On December 20, 2002, the Company entered into a Lease Escrow Agreement, which modified the provisions of the two ground leases.

As of December 31, 2004, the minimum amounts payable under the terms of the ground lease for the next five years and in the aggregate thereafter are approximately as follows:

Year Ending December 31, -----	Amount -----
2005	\$ 12,000
2006	12,000
2007	12,000
2008	12,000

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2009	12,000
Thereafter	76,729,110

	\$ 76,789,110
	=====

Subsequent to December 31, 2037 minimum payments are to be agreed upon at a later date in accordance with the Lease Escrow Agreement, but in no event will be less than \$1,537,000. The ground lease expires on December 31, 2067.

The Company is also obligated to pay to the ground lessor percentage rent, as stipulated in the original ground lease agreement, once the hotel begins operations.

For the year ended December 31, 2004 the Company incurred ground rent expense of approximately \$1,165,000, of which approximately \$1,025,000 capitalized as a cost of the Project.

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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DECEMBER 31, 2004

Note 7 - Capital Lease Obligations

The Company has entered into a lease agreement with GMAC Commercial Mortgage Corporation ("GMAC") on November 11, 2004, whereby the Company may receive advances in the amount of \$5,000,000 for furniture, fixtures and equipment for the Project. Monthly payments will be determined upon commencement of the lease in May 2005. The lease terminates on May 5, 2012 at which time the Company has the option to purchase the leased equipment for \$1, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the lease agreement. Accordingly, the Company's leasehold interest has been recorded as an asset and the capital lease is recorded as a liability in the accompanying balance sheet as capital lease obligation at the lower of the present value of the minimum lease payments or the fair market value of the asset. At December 31, 2004 the Company has drawn \$3,355,516 of advances from GMAC.

Note 8 - Related Party Transactions

Due to Affiliates

Due to affiliates represents advances from affiliates of the Company through common control to finance short-term cash flow requirements of the Company. The advance is non-interest bearing and due on demand.

Management Fees

In accordance with the terms of the operating agreement, the managing member shall provide asset management services to the Company for an annual fee equal to the greater of \$500,000 or 2% of the gross asset value, at cost, of the assets owned by the Company

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and the project entities, prior to depreciation. For the year ended December 31, 2004 the Company incurred management fees in the amount of \$500,000, of which \$439,803 have been capitalized as costs of the Project.

Note 9 - Commitments, Contingencies and Other Matters

a) Management Agreement - Starwood

On December 20 of 2002, the Company entered into a management agreement (the "Management Agreement") with Sheraton Operating Corporation ("Starwood"), which requires Starwood to provide managerial and promotional services for the Project. The Management Agreement has an operating term of two (2) periods of five (5) years each, as more fully described in the Management Agreement.

Starwood has the option to renew the Management Agreement for two successive terms of five years each. The Management Agreement provides for a base management fee equal to 2% of the Gross Operating Revenue of the Project, as defined in the Management Agreement. Management fees in the amount of \$56,200 were incurred for the year ending December 31, 2004.

b) A Leasehold Mortgage and Security Agreement secure the New Loan. Individuals that are affiliates of the Company are the guarantors of the New Loan.

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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BALANCE SHEET

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2003
(Unaudited)

ASSETS

Real estate under development
Cash and cash equivalents
Deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$233,139
Prepaid expenses and other assets

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

Mortgage note payable
Construction costs and accounts payable
Due to affiliates
Deferred ground rent payable

Commitments, contingencies and other matters

Members' equity

See notes to financial statements.

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003
(Unaudited)

Balance - January 1, 2003.....	\$ 9,400,694
Contributions.....	3,059,100

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Balance - December 31, 2003..... \$12,459,794
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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003
(Unaudited)

Cash flows from operating activities:

Net income	\$	--
Changes in asset and liabilities:		
Increase in accounts receivable		139,927
Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets		11,750

Net cash provided from operating activities ...		151,677

Cash flows from investing activities:

Real estate under development		(5,388,567)

Net cash used in investing activities		(5,388,567)

Cash flows from financing activities:

Proceeds from mortgage note payable		5,000,000
Payment of mortgage note payable		(2,384,544)
Members' contributions		3,059,100

Net cash provided by financing activities		5,674,556

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		437,666
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Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		241,398

Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	\$	679,064
		=====

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the year for interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$	--
		=====

Supplemental disclosure on non-cash financing activities:

Deferred ground rent payable	\$	1,152,158
		=====

Amortization of deferred finance costs	\$	70,564
		=====

KOA INVESTORS, LLC
(A Limited Liability Company)
NOTES TO BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2003
(Unaudited)

Note 1 - Organization

KOA Investors, LLC (the "Company"), was formed as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware in November 1999. The Company was formed to acquire a mortgage note (see Note 3) and foreclose on the note for the purpose of owning, developing and operating a hotel resort in Keauhou, Hawaii (the "Project").

Pursuant to the operating agreement, the Company will continue in existence until the earlier of December 31, 2051 or upon the decision of the Decision Members, as defined, to terminate the Company.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

b) Real Estate Under Development

Costs for the acquisition, development and construction of the Project are charged to real estate under development. Capitalized costs include deferred ground rent and interest expenditures incurred during the acquisition, development and construction of the Project.

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in banks and overnight investments that at various times during the year have exceeded the Federally insured limits. The Company believes it mitigates its risk by banking with major financial institutions.

d) Deferred Financing Costs

Costs incurred in obtaining financing are amortized over the term of the related financing instrument. Amortization of such costs from inception through completion of construction is capitalized as a cost of the Project and is amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related debt, which approximates amortization expense under the effective interest method.

e) Deferred Ground Rent Payable

Base rental expense on the ground lease is recognized ratably over its non-cancelable term. The difference between the ground

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rent expense recognized using the straight-line method and the ground rent in accordance with the lease is shown as deferred ground rent payable on the balance sheet.

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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NOTES TO BALANCE SHEET
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(Unaudited)

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

f) Income Taxes

The Company is treated as the equivalent of a partnership for income tax purposes. Accordingly, all components of income and expense are reported in the income tax returns of the Company's members.

g) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the balance sheet. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3 - Real Estate Under Development

The Company purchased a non-performing note, collateralized by a leasehold interest in a hotel resort in Hawaii, for approximately \$7,300,000. The Company foreclosed on the note and took possession of the leasehold for renovation and operation of the hotel. At December 31, 2003, the Company's real estate under development includes approximately \$5,700,000 of predevelopment costs.

Note 4 - Mortgage Note Payable

On August 18, 2002, the Company entered into a pre-development loan agreement (the "Loan") with Far East National Bank in an amount up to \$5,000,000. The Loan bears interest at the Prime Rate (as defined in the Loan) plus 2.00% per annum. Interest only payments are required on the first day of every month in arrears. All principal and all accrued and unpaid interest are due and payable at the Loan's maturity date, February 28, 2004. The Loan is secured by the Company's real estate under development. Interest expense relating to the Loan amounted to approximately \$269,000 all of which was capitalized and is included in real estate under development. The Company is currently in negotiations for new construction financing.

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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 NOTES TO BALANCE SHEET
 DECEMBER 31, 2003
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Note 5 - Deferred Ground Rent Payable

In conjunction with the purchase of the hotel mortgage note the Company assumed two ground leases for the leasehold. On December 20, 2002, the Company entered into a Lease Escrow Agreement, which modified the provisions of the two ground leases.

As of December 31, 2003, the amounts payable under the terms of the ground lease for the next five years and in the aggregate thereafter are approximately as follows:

Year Ending December 31, -----	Amount -----
2004	\$ 12,000
2005	12,000
2006	12,000
2007	12,000
2008	12,000
Thereafter	76,741,110

	\$ 76,801,110
	=====

Subsequent to December 31, 2037 minimum payments are to be agreed upon at a later date in accordance with the Lease Escrow Agreement, but in no event will be less \$1,537,000. The ground lease expires on December 31, 2067.

The Company is also obligated to pay to the ground lessor percentage rent, as stipulated in the original ground lease agreement, once the hotel begins operations.

For the year ended December 31, 2003 the Company incurred ground rent expense of approximately \$1,165,000 all of which was capitalized and included in real estate under development.

Note 6 - Related Party Transactions

Due to Affiliates

Due to affiliates of the members presents costs paid on behalf of the Company. The amounts due are non-interest bearing and due upon demand.

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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Note 6 - Related Party Transactions (continued)

Management Fees

In accordance with the terms of the operating agreement, the managing member shall provide asset management services to the Company for an annual fee of the greater of \$500,000 or 2% of the gross asset value, at cost, of the assets owned by the Company and the project entities, prior to depreciation. For the year ended December 31, 2003 management fees in the amount of \$500,000 have been capitalized and are included in real estate under development.

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
 (A Limited Liability Company)
 BALANCE SHEET
 DECEMBER 31, 2002
 (Unaudited)

ASSETS

Real estate under development.....	\$13,077,473
Cash and cash equivalents.....	241,398
Accounts receivable.....	139,927
Deferred financing costs.....	209,136
Prepaid expenses and other assets.....	153,690

	\$13,821,624
	=====

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

Mortgage note payable.....	\$ 2,384,544
Construction costs and accounts payable.....	814,607
Due to affiliates.....	66,950
Deferred ground rent payable.....	1,154,829

	4,420,930
Commitments, contingencies and other matters.....	-
Members' equity.....	9,400,694

	\$13,821,624
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See Notes to Financial Statements

KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002
 (Unaudited)

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Expenses:

Loss on disposal of fixed assets.....	\$ 2,108,924

Net loss.....	\$(2,108,924)
	=====

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002
(Unaudited)

Balance - January 1, 2002.....	\$10,069,618
Contributions.....	1,440,000
Net loss.....	(2,108,924)

Balance - December 31, 2002.....	\$ 9,400,694
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KOA INVESTOR, LLC
(A Limited Liability Company)
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002
(Unaudited)

Cash flows from operating activities:

Net loss.....	\$(2,108,924)
Adjustment to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Amortization.....	59,753
Loss on disposal of fixed assets.....	2,108,924

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Changes in asset and liabilities:	
Increase in accounts receivable.....	(139,927)
Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets.....	(153,690)

Net cash used in operating activities.....	(233,884)

Cash flows from investing activities:	
Real estate under development.....	(2,989,225)
Construction costs and accounts payable.....	(183,191)

Net cash used in investing activities.....	(3,172,416)

Cash flows from financing activities:	
Proceeds from mortgage note payable.....	2,384,544
Members' contributions.....	1,440,000
Deferred financing costs.....	(268,889)
Due to affiliate.....	(114,445)

Net cash provided by financing activities.....	3,441,210

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents.....	34,930
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year.....	206,468

Cash and cash equivalents - end of year.....	\$ 1,154,829
	=====
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:	
Cash paid during the year for interest.....	\$ 29,706
	=====
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing activities:	
Foreclosure on mortgage note.....	\$ 9,004,879
	=====
Supplemental disclosure on non-cash financing activities:	
Deferred ground rent payable.....	\$ 1,154,829
	=====

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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Note 1 - Organization

KOA Investors, LLC (the "Company") was formed as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware in November 1999. The Company was formed to acquire a mortgage note (see Note 3) and foreclose on the note for the purpose of owning, developing and operating a hotel resort in Keauhou, Hawaii (the "Project").

Pursuant to the operating agreement, the Company will continue in

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existence until the earlier of December 31, 2051 or upon the decision of the Decision Members, as defined, to terminate the Company.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

b) Real Estate Under Development

Costs for the acquisition, development and construction of the Project are charged to real estate under development. Capitalized costs include deferred ground rent and interest expenditures incurred during the acquisition, development and construction of the Project.

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in banks and overnight investments that at various times during the year have exceeded the Federally insured limits. The Company believes it mitigates its risk by banking with major financial institutions.

d) Deferred Financing Costs

Deferred financing costs are amortized over the term of the related financing instrument. Amortization of such costs from inception through completion of construction is capitalized as a cost of the Project and is amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related debt, which approximates amortization expense under the effective interest method.

e) Deferred Ground Rent Payable

Base rental expense on the ground lease is recognized ratably over its non-cancelable term. The difference between the ground rent expense recognized using the straight-line method and the ground rent in accordance with the lease is shown as deferred ground rent payable on the balance sheet.

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KOA INVESTORS, LLC
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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

f) Income Taxes

The Company is treated as the equivalent of a partnership for income tax purposes. Accordingly, all components of income and

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expense are reported in the income tax returns of the Company's members.

g) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3 - Real Estate Under Development

In July 2001, the Company purchased a non-performing mortgage note, collateralized by a leasehold interest in a hotel resort in Hawaii, for approximately \$7,300,000. In June 2002, the Company foreclosed on the note and took possession of the leasehold for renovation and operation of the hotel. At December 31, 2002, the Company's real estate under development includes approximately \$5,700,000 of pre-development costs.

Note 4 - Mortgage Note Payable

On August 18, 2002, the Company entered into a pre-development loan agreement (the "Loan") with Far East National Bank in an amount up to \$5,000,000. The Loan bears interest at the Prime Rate (as defined in the Loan) plus 2.00%, subject to a minimum interest rate of 6.75% per annum. Interest only payments are required on the first day of every month in arrears. All principal and all accrued and unpaid interest is due and payable at the Loan's maturity date, February 28, 2004. The Loan is secured by the Company's real estate under development. Interest expense relating to the Loan amounted to approximately \$42,000, all of which was capitalized and is included in real estate under development.

Note 5 - Deferred Financing Costs

Deferred financing costs consist of costs incurred with the Loan (see Note 3). For the year ended December 31, 2002, amortization of the deferred financing costs amounted to approximately \$60,000, all of which was capitalized and is included in real estate under development.

Note 6 - Deferred Ground Rent Payable

In conjunction with the purchase of the hotel mortgage note, the Company assumed two ground leases for the leasehold. On December 20, 2002, the Company entered into a Lease Escrow Agreement, which modified the provisions of the two ground leases.

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As of December 31, 2002, the amounts payable under the terms of the ground lease for the next five years and in the aggregate thereafter are approximately as follows:

Year Ending

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December 31, -----	Amount -----
2003	\$ 12,000
2004	12,000
2005	12,000
2006	12,000
2007	12,000
Thereafter	76,753,110

	\$ 76,813,110
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Subsequent to December 31, 2037, minimum payments are to be agreed upon at a later date in accordance with the Lease Escrow Agreement, but in no event will be less \$1,537,000. The ground lease expires on December 31, 2067.

The Company is also obligated to pay to the ground lessor percentage rent, as stipulated in the original ground lease agreement, once the hotel begins operations.

For the year ended December 31, 2002, the Company incurred ground rent expense of approximately \$1,165,000, all of which was capitalized and included in real estate under development.

Note 7 - Related Party Transactions

Due to affiliates

Amounts due to affiliates are non-interest bearing and due upon demand.

Management Fees

In accordance with the terms of the operating agreement, the managing member shall provide asset management services to the Company for an annual fee of the greater of \$500,000 or 2% of the gross asset value, at cost, of the assets owned by the Company and the project entities, prior to depreciation. Management fees in the amount of \$500,000 have been capitalized and are included in real estate under development at December 31, 2002.

Note 8 - Other Matters

The Company called for capital contributions in the amount of \$1,500,000. Contributions in the amount of \$1,440,000 were received at December 31, 2002. The remaining \$60,000 was contributed subsequent to December 31, 2002.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

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VECTOR GROUP LTD.
(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Joselynn D. Van Siclen

Joselynn D. Van Siclen
Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer

Date: March 31, 2005