

REED'S, INC.  
Form 10-K  
March 26, 2015

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-K**

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014**

**Commission File Number 000-32501**

**REED'S, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization

**35-2177773**  
I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number

**13000 South Spring Street**  
**Los Angeles, California**                      **90061**  
Address of principal executive offices    Zip Code

**(310) 217-9400**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

<b>Title of Class</b>	<b>Name of each exchange where registered</b>
<b>Common Stock, \$.0001 par value per share</b>	<b>NYSE MKT</b>

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  
Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

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 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. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements

Edgar Filing: REED'S, INC. - Form 10-K

incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [X]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “small reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated filer [ ] Accelerated filer [ ] Non-accelerated filer [ ] Smaller reporting company [X]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes [ ] No [X]

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates (excluding voting shares held by officers and directors) as of June 30, 2014 was \$51,620,000.

13,068,058 common shares, \$.001 par value, were outstanding on March 20, 2015.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
<b><u>PART I</u></b>	4
Item 1. <u>Business</u>	4
Item 2. <u>Properties</u>	10
Item 3. <u>Legal Proceedings</u>	10
Item 4. <u>Mine Safety Disclosures.</u>	11
<b><u>PART II</u></b>	12
Item 5. <u>Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities</u>	12
Item 6. <u>Selected Financial Data</u>	14
Item 7. <u>Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	14
Item 7A. <u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u>	19
Item 8. <u>Financial Statements</u>	20
Item 9. <u>Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure</u>	21
Item 9A. <u>Controls and Procedures</u>	21
Item 9B. <u>Other Information</u>	21
<b><u>PART III</u></b>	22
Item 10. <u>Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance</u>	25
Item 11. <u>Executive Compensation</u>	25
Item 12. <u>Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters</u>	26
Item 13. <u>Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence</u>	27
Item 14. <u>Principal Accountant Fees and Services</u>	27
<b><u>PART IV</u></b>	29
Item 15. <u>Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules</u>	29

## **CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION**

This Annual Report on Form 10-K (“Annual Report”), the other reports, statements, and information that we have previously filed or that we may subsequently file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and public announcements that we have previously made or may subsequently make include, may include, incorporate by reference or may incorporate by reference certain statements that may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this Annual Report and those reports, statements, information and announcements address activities, events or developments that Reed’s, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “we,” “us,” “our” or “Reed’s”) expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future. Any statements in this document about expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance are not historical facts and are forward-looking statements. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as “may,” “should,” “could,” “predict,” “potential,” “believe,” “will likely result,” “expect,” “will continue,” “a,” “seek,” “estimate,” “intend,” “plan,” “projection,” “would” and “outlook” and similar expressions. Accordingly, these statements involve estimates, assumptions and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in them. Any forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the factors discussed throughout this document. All forward-looking statements concerning economic conditions, rates of growth, rates of income or values as may be included in this document are based on information available to us on the dates noted, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements.

The risk factors referred to in this Annual Report could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by us, and you should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made and we do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement or statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict which will arise. In addition, we cannot assess the impact of each factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

Management cautions that these statements are qualified by their terms and/or important factors, many of which are outside of our control, involve a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from the statements made, including, but not limited to, the following risk factors.

Our ability to generate sufficient cash flow to support capital expansion plans and general operating activities,

Decreased demand for our products resulting from changes in consumer preferences,

Competitive products and pricing pressures and our ability to gain or maintain its share of sales in the marketplace,

The introduction of new products,

Our being subject to a broad range of evolving federal, state and local laws and regulations including those regarding the labeling and safety of food products, establishing ingredient designations and standards of identity for certain foods, environmental protections, as well as worker health and safety. Changes in these laws and regulations could have a material effect on the way in which we produce and market our products and could result in increased costs,

Changes in the cost and availability of raw materials and the ability to maintain our supply arrangements and relationships and procure timely and/or adequate production of all or any of our products,

Our ability to penetrate new markets and maintain or expand existing markets,

Maintaining existing relationships and expanding the distributor network of our products,

The marketing efforts of distributors of our products, most of whom also distribute products that are competitive with our products,

Decisions by distributors, grocery chains, specialty chain stores, club stores and other customers to discontinue carrying all or any of our products that they are carrying at any time,

The availability and cost of capital to finance our working capital needs and growth plans,

The effectiveness of our advertising, marketing and promotional programs,

Changes in product category consumption,

Economic and political changes,

Consumer acceptance of new products, including taste test comparisons,

Possible recalls of our products,

Our ability to make suitable arrangements for the co-packing of any of our products, and

Our ability to find alternative copacking and production facilities for our Kombucha and Private Label products if our Los Angeles production facility is damaged by a disaster.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements.

## **PART I**

### **Item 1. Business**

#### **Background**

We develop, manufacture, market and sell natural non-alcoholic carbonated soft drinks, Kombucha, candies and ice creams. We currently manufacture, market and sell seven unique product lines:

Reed's Ginger Brews,

Virgil's Root Beer, Cream Sodas, Dr. Better and Real Cola, including ZERO diet sodas,

Culture Club Kombucha,

China Colas,

Reed's Ginger Chews,

Reed's Ginger Ice Creams, and

Sonoma Sparkler Sparkling Juices.

We also have a private label business.

We sell our products throughout the US and in select international markets. We started in specialty gourmet and natural food stores and have moved more into mainstream over time. We estimate that our products are in approximately 40,000 accounts in the US with approximately 12,000 of those being mainstream, supermarkets. We sell our products through a network of natural, gourmet and beer distributors and direct to certain large national retailers.

We produce and co-pack our beverage products in part at our facility in Los Angeles, California, known as the Brewery, and with the majority produced at a contracted co-packing facility in Pennsylvania. The co-pack facility in Pennsylvania supplies us with soda products for the eastern half of the United States and nationally for soda products that we do not produce at The Brewery.

Key elements of our business strategy include:

increase our relationship with and sales to the approximately 15,000 supermarkets that carry our products in natural and mainstream and capture more of the 35,000 supermarkets nationwide

expand our distribution network by adding regional direct store delivery (DSD's) and additional direct accounts,

stimulate consumer demand and awareness for our existing brands and products through promotions and advertising,

develop additional product flavors under our brands (brand extensions) and other new products, including specialty packaging and alternative uses for our products,

develop and produce private-label products for select customers,

lower our cost of sales for our products by gaining economies of scale in our purchasing, and

optimize the size and focus of our sales force to manage our relationships with distributors and retail outlets.

We create consumer demand for our products by:

supporting in-store sampling programs of our products,

generating free press through public relations,

advertising in store publications,

maintaining a company website ([www.reedsinc.com](http://www.reedsinc.com)),

active social media campaigns on facebook.com, twitter.com and youtube.com, and

participating in large public events as sponsors, and

in 2014 we developed our first television commercial that aired nationally on cable television networks

Our principal executive offices are located at 13000 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90061. Our telephone number is (310) 217-9400. Our Internet address is ([www.reedsinc.com](http://www.reedsinc.com)). Information contained on our website or that is accessible through our website should not be considered to be part of this Annual Report.





## Historical Development

Reed's Original Ginger Brew was created in 1987 by Christopher J. Reed, our founder and Chief Executive Officer, and was introduced to the market in Southern California stores in 1989. By 1990, we began marketing our products through United Natural Foods Inc. (UNFI) and other natural food distributors and moved our production to a larger facility in Boulder, Colorado.

In 1991, we incorporated our business operations in the state of Florida under the name of Original Beverage Corporation and moved all of our production to a co-pack facility in Pennsylvania. Throughout the 1990's, we continued to develop and launch new Ginger Brew varieties. Reed's Ginger Brews reached broad placement in natural and gourmet foods stores nationwide through UNFI and other major specialty, natural/gourmet and mainstream food and beverage distributors.

In 1997, we began licensing the products of China Cola and eventually acquired the rights to that product in 2000. In 1999, we purchased the Virgil's Root Beer brand from the Crowley Beverage Company. In 2000, we moved into an 18,000 square foot warehouse property, the Brewery, in Los Angeles, California, to house our west coast production and warehouse facility. The Brewery also serves as our principal executive offices. In 2001, pursuant to a reincorporation merger, we changed our state of incorporation to Delaware and also changed our name to "Reed's, Inc."

On December 12, 2006, we completed the sale of 2,000,000 shares of our common stock at an offering price of \$4.00 per share in our initial public offering. The public offering resulted in gross proceeds of \$8,000,000. Following the public offering, we expanded sales and operations dramatically, initially using a direct store delivery strategy in Southern California, along with other regional independent direct store distributors (DSD). The relationships with DSD's were supported by our sales staff. In 2007 we raised a net of \$7,600,000 in a private placement. We re-focused our sales strategy to eliminate company direct store delivery sales and to expand sales to DSD's and natural food distributors on a national level. We also started selling directly to supermarket grocery stores, which has become a significant portion of our business today.

We continually introduce new products and line extensions, such as our Virgil's diet line of ZERO beverages introduced in 2010 and Dr. Better and Light 55 Calories Extra Ginger Brew in 2011. We commenced offering private label products in 2010 and have increased that business significantly in 2012 and 2013. In 2012, we launched four flavors of our Culture Club Kombucha line that in 2013 was increased to eight flavors. In 2014, we launched Culture Club Coffee Kombucha.

## Industry Overview

We offer natural premium carbonated soft drinks (CSD), which are a growing segment of the \$10 billion CSD market nationwide. Within natural food store markets, we are among the top-selling natural soft drinks. This market is steady and growing. We also sell in major grocery chains nationally. The trend in grocery stores is to expand offerings of natural products and we have the scale and capability to develop these direct customer relationships.

## **Our Products**

We currently manufacture and sell 31 beverages, four candies and three ice creams. We make all of our products using premium all-natural ingredients and our beverage line is GMO free. Our primary brands are our Reed's ginger brew line, our Virgil's line of root beer and our Culture Club Kombucha. Our candy products that include Reed's Crystallized Ginger Candy and Reed's Chews represent a lesser portion of revenues, however, the products are popular and sales are expanding. We also sell ginger ice cream.

### *Reed's Ginger Brews*

Ginger ale is the oldest known soft drink. Before modern soft drink technology existed, non-alcoholic beverages were brewed at home directly from herbs, roots, spices, and fruits. These handcrafted brews were highly prized for their taste and their tonic, health-giving properties. Reed's Ginger Brews are a revival of this lost art of home brewing sodas. We make them with care and attention to wholesomeness and quality, using the finest fresh herbs, roots, spices, and fruits.

We believe that Reed's Ginger Brews are unique in their kettle-brewed origin among all mass-marketed soft drinks. Reed's Ginger Brews contain between 8 and 26 grams of fresh ginger in every 12-ounce bottle. We use pure cane sugar as the sweetener. Our products differ from commercial soft drinks in three particular characteristics: sweetening, carbonation and coloring for greater adult appeal. Instead of using injected-based carbonation, we produce our carbonation naturally, through slower, beer-oriented techniques. This process produces smaller, longer lasting bubbles that do not dissipate rapidly when the bottle is opened. We do not add coloring. The color of our products comes naturally from herbs, fruits, spices, roots and juices and our beverages are GMO free.

In addition, since Reed's Ginger Brews are pasteurized, they do not require or contain any preservatives. In contrast, modern commercial soft drinks generally are produced using natural and artificial flavor concentrates prepared by flavor laboratories, tap water, and highly refined sweeteners. Typically, manufacturers make a centrally processed concentrate that will lend itself to a wide variety of situations, waters and filling systems. The final product is generally cold-filled and requires preservatives for stability. Colors are added that are either natural, although highly processed, or artificial.

Our Reed's line contains the following products:

*Reed's Original Ginger Brew* was our first creation and is a Jamaican recipe for homemade ginger ale using 17 grams of fresh ginger root, lemon, lime, honey, raw cane sugar, pineapple, herbs and spices. Reed's Original Ginger Brew is 20% fruit juice.

*Reed's Premium Ginger Brew* is sweetened only with honey and pineapple juice. Reed's Premium Ginger Brew is 20% fruit juice and contains 17 grams of fresh ginger root.

*Reed's Raspberry Ginger Brew* is brewed from 17 grams of fresh ginger root, raspberry juice and lime. Reed's Raspberry Ginger Brew is 20% raspberry juice.

*Reed's Spiced Apple Brew* uses 8 grams of fresh ginger root, the finest tart German apple juice and such apple pie spices as cinnamon, cloves and allspice. Reed's Spiced Apple Brew is 50% apple juice.

*Reed's Cherry Ginger Brew* is naturally brewed from 17 grams of fresh ginger root, cherry juice from concentrate and spices.

*Reed's Light 55 Calories Extra Ginger Brew* is a reduced calorie version of our top selling Reed's Extra Ginger Brew that was made possible by using Stevia. We use the same recipe of 26 grams of fresh ginger root, honey, pineapple, lemon and lime juices and exotic spices.

*Reed's Natural Energy Elixir* is an energy drink infused with all natural ingredients designed to provide consumers with a healthy and natural boost to energy levels

*Reed's Nausea Relief* is based on our Ginger Brews with added B vitamins. Both ginger and B vitamins have been studied for their effectiveness in combating nausea.

### *Virgil's Root Beer*

Virgil's is a premium craft root beer. We use all-natural ingredients, including filtered water, unbleached cane sugar, anise from Spain, licorice from France, bourbon vanilla from Madagascar, cinnamon from Sri Lanka, clove from Indonesia, wintergreen from China, sweet birch and molasses from the southern United States, nutmeg from Indonesia, pimento berry oil from Jamaica, balsam oil from Peru and cassia oil from China. We collect these

ingredients worldwide and gather them together at the brewing and bottling facilities. We combine these ingredients under strict specifications and finally heat-pasteurize Virgil's Root Beer, to ensure quality. We sell Virgil's Root Beer in three packaging styles: 12-ounce bottles in a four-pack, a special swing-lid style pint bottle and a 5-liter self-tapping party keg. The Virgil's soda line is GMO free.

In addition to our Virgil's Root Beer, we also offer the following products under our Virgil's brand:

Virgil's Cream Soda,

Virgil's Orange Cream Soda,

Virgil's Black Cherry Cream Soda,

Virgil's Real Cola,

Virgil's Dr. Better,

Virgil's ZERO line, including Root Beer, Cream Soda, Real Cola, Dr. Better and Black Cherry Cream Soda. (Our ZERO line is naturally sweetened with Stevia), and

#### *Reed's Culture Club Kombucha*

We introduced our Culture Club Kombucha in 2012. Kombucha is a fermented tea that dates its origin back thousands of years. Among consumers, Kombucha is believed to have healing and cleansing characteristics. Sweetened tea is introduced to a "starter" culture and lightly fermented to produce an acetic drink. We make the finest Kombucha possible, using a combination of Oolong and Yerba Mate teas, spring water and a combination of ginger, organic juices and flavors. Initially, we produced four flavors, Goji Ginger, Hibiscus Ginger Grapefruit, Lemon Ginger Raspberry and Cranberry Ginger. We introduced four additional flavors in 2013, Pomegranate Ginger, Coconut Water Lime, Cabernet Grape, and Passion Mango Ginger. In 2014, we added the first Coffee Kombucha.

### *Other Beverage Brands*

We have other popular brands that currently have limited distribution, including China Cola, Sonoma Sparkler and Flying Cauldron Butterscotch Beer. We are continually developing new brands and products.

### *Private Label Products*

We design and manufacture drinks for private label customers in our Los Angeles Brewery. We are experts in flavor development and in matching existing products in the market. We develop the recipe and may design the label and/or the bottle style. We do not private label any of our own branded product recipes.

Our private label products have been primarily sparkling juices, waters and teas. We develop the sources for glass and ingredients. We have a variety of packaging options, including swing-lid bottles, foil capsules and various label types. Our Los Angeles facility is certified as SQF level 2 compliant.

### **New Product Development**

We are always working on ideas and products to continue expanding our Reed's Ginger Brews, Virgil's product line, Reed's Ginger Candy and Reed's Ginger Ice Cream product lines and packaging styles. Among the advantages of our self-operated Brewery are the flexibility to try innovative packaging and the capability to experiment with new product flavors at less cost to our operations or capital.

Our private label products require continual product development. We are able to be nimble and innovative, producing new products in a short amount of time.

### **Manufacture of Our Products**

We produce our carbonated beverages at two facilities:

a facility in Los Angeles, California, known as The Brewery, at which we currently produce Kombucha, certain soda products and our private label products, and

a packing, or co-pack, facility in Pennsylvania which supplies us with product we do not produce at The Brewery. The co-packer assembles our products and charges us a fee, generally by the case, for the products they produce.

We follow a “fill as needed” manufacturing model to the best of our ability and we have no significant backlog of orders. Substantially all of the raw materials used in the preparation, bottling and packaging of our products are purchased by us or by our contract packers in accordance with our specifications. Reed’s Crystallized Ginger is made to our specifications in Fiji. Reed’s Ginger Candy Chews are made and packed to our specifications in Indonesia.

Generally, we obtain the ingredients used in our products from domestic suppliers and each ingredient has several reliable suppliers. We have no major supply contracts with any of our suppliers. As a general policy, we pick ingredients in the development of our products that have multiple suppliers and are common ingredients. This provides a level of protection against a major supply constriction or calamity.

We believe that as we continue to grow, we will be able to keep up with increased production demands. We believe that the Brewery has ample capacity to handle increased West Coast business. To the extent that any significant increase in business requires us to supplement or substitute our current co-packers, we believe that there are readily available alternatives, so that there would not be a significant delay or interruption in fulfilling orders and delivery of our products. In addition, we do not believe that growth will result in any significant difficulty or delay in obtaining raw materials, ingredients or finished product that is repackaged at the Brewery.

## **Our Primary Markets**

We target a niche in the estimated \$60 billion carbonated and non-carbonated soft drink markets in the US, Canada and International markets. Our brands are generally regarded as premium and natural, with upscale packaging and are loosely defined as the artisanal (craft), premium bottled carbonated soft drink category.

The soft drink industry is highly fragmented and the craft soft drink category consists of such competitors as, Henry Weinhardts, Thomas Kemper, Hansen’s, Izze, Boylan and Jones Soda, to name a few. These brands have the advantage of being seen widely in the national market and being commonly known for years through well-funded ad campaigns. Despite our products having a relatively high price for an artisanal premium beverage product, no mass media advertising and a relatively small but growing presence in the mainstream market compared to many of our competitors, we believe that results to date demonstrate that Reed’s Ginger Brews and Virgil’s sodas are making strong inroads and market share gains against some of the larger brands in the market.

Kombucha is the largest growth segment of the functional beverage category of drinks and foods, including coconut water, yogurt and fresh juices. Among this broader category, the refrigerated juices and functional beverages segment grew by approximately \$200 million in 2012 to an estimated market of approximately \$600 million (50% growth), according to SPINS data. Kombucha comprises the overwhelming majority share of this explosive growth and comprises most of the segment. It is generally believed that the segment will continue to expand at a strong rate over the next few years. Other functional drinks in this category are also expanding sales at healthy rates, primarily coconut water and fresh pressed juices. Consumer awareness and demand for functional drinks is increasing and we feel that Kombucha and other cultured drinks will be in the forefront of this expanding market category.

We sell the majority of our products in the natural food store, mainstream supermarket chains and foodservice locations, primarily in the United States and, to a lesser degree, in Canada and Europe.

#### *Natural Food Stores*

Our primary and historical marketing and distribution source of our products has been natural food and gourmet stores throughout the US. These stores include Whole Foods Market, Trader Joe's, Sprouts, Sunflowers, Earth Fare, and New Seasons, just to name a few. Our brands are also sold in gourmet restaurants and deli's nationwide. With the advent of large natural food store chains and specialty merchants, the natural foods segment continues to grow each year, helping fuel the continued growth of our brands.

#### *Mainstream Supermarkets and Retailers*

We also sell our products to direct store delivery distributors (DSD) who specialize in distributing and selling our products directly to mainstream retail channels, natural foods, and specialty retail stores. Our brands are further sold directly to some retailers who require that we sell directly to their distribution centers since they have developed their own logistics capabilities. Examples of chains that fall into the "direct" category are retailers such as, Costco, Trader Joe's, some Whole Foods Market Regions and Kroger.

Supermarkets, particularly supermarket chains and prominent local/regional chains, often impose slotting fees in order to gain shelf presence within their stores. These fees can be structured to be paid one-time only or in installments. We utilize selective slotting in supermarket chains throughout the US and to a lesser degree, in Canada. However, our local and national sales team has been able to place our products without having to pay significant slotting fees. Slotting fees for new item placements on average have cost anywhere between \$10 to \$150 per store, per new item.



### *Food Service Placement*

We also market our beverages to industrial cafeterias (corporate feeders), and to on premise bars and restaurants. As our business continues to mature, we intend to place our beverages in stadiums, sport arenas, concert halls, theatres, and other cultural centers as long-term marketing and pouring relationships are developed within this business segment.

### *International Sales*

We have developed a limited market for our products in Canada, Europe and Asia. Sales outside of North America currently represent less than 1% of our total sales. Sales in Canada represent about 1.3% of our total sales. We believe that there are good opportunities for expansion of sales in Canada and we are increasing our marketing focus on that market. Other international sales become cost prohibitive, except in specialty sales circumstances, since our premium sodas are packed in glass, which involves substantial freight to move overseas. We are open to opportunities to export and to copack internationally and expand our brands into foreign markets, and we are holding preliminary discussions with trading companies and import/export companies for the distribution of our products throughout Asia, Europe and South America. We believe that these areas are a natural fit for Reed's ginger products, because of the importance of ginger in international markets, especially the Asian market where ginger is a significant part of diet and nutrition.

### *Distribution, Sales and Marketing*

We currently have a national network of mainstream, natural and specialty food distributors in the United States and Canada. We sell directly to our distributors, who in turn sell to retail stores. We also use our own internal sales force and independent sales representatives to promote our products for our distributors and direct sales to our retail customers. One of the main goals of our sales and marketing efforts is to increase sales and grow our brands. Our sales force consists of senior sales representatives in five geographic regions across the country. Additionally, we employ a staff of internal telemarketing sales representatives. Generally, our sales managers are responsible for all activities related to the sales, distribution and marketing of our brands to our entire distributor and retail partner network in North America. We distribute our products primarily through several national natural foods distributors and an increasing number of regional mainstream DSD distributors. We have entered into agreements with some of our distributors that commit us to "termination fees" if we terminate our agreements early or without cause. These agreements call for our customer to have the right to distribute our products to a defined type of retailer within a defined geographic region. As is customary in the beverage industry, if we should terminate the agreement or not automatically renew the agreement, we would be obligated to make certain payments to our customers. We have no plans to terminate or not renew any agreement with any of our customers. We also offer our products and promotional merchandise directly to consumers via the Internet through our website, [www.reedsgingerbrew.com](http://www.reedsgingerbrew.com).

### *Marketing to Distributors*

We market to distributors using a number of marketing strategies, including direct solicitation, telemarketing, trade advertising and trade show exhibition. These distributors include natural food, gourmet food and mainstream distributors. Our distributors sell our products directly to natural food, gourmet food and mainstream supermarkets for sale to the public. We maintain direct contact with our distributor partners through our in-house sales managers. From time to time and in very limited markets, when use of our own sales force is not cost effective, we will utilize independent sales brokers and outside representatives.

### *Marketing to Retail Stores*

The primary focus of our sales efforts is supermarket sales. We have a small highly trained sales force that is directly contacting supermarket chains and setting up promotional calendars. In addition, we market to retail stores by utilizing trade shows, trade advertising, telemarketing, direct mail pieces and direct contact with the store. Our sales managers and representatives visit these retail stores to sell directly in many regions. Sales to retail stores are coordinated through our distribution network and our regional warehouses.

### *Competition*

The beverage industry is highly competitive. The principal areas of competition are pricing, packaging, development of new products and flavors and marketing campaigns. Our products compete with a wide range of drinks produced by a relatively large number of manufacturers. Most of these brands have enjoyed broad, well-established national recognition for years, through well-funded ad and other branding campaigns. In addition, the companies manufacturing these products generally have greater financial, marketing and distribution resources than we do. Important factors affecting our ability to compete successfully include taste and flavor of products, trade and consumer promotions, rapid and effective development of new, unique cutting edge products, attractive and different packaging, branded product advertising and pricing. We also compete for distributors who will concentrate on marketing our products over those of our competitors, provide stable and reliable distribution and secure adequate shelf space in retail outlets. Competitive pressures in the soft drink category could cause our products to be unable to gain or to lose market share or we could experience price erosion. We believe that our all natural innovative beverage recipes, packaging, use of premium ingredients and a trade secret brewing process provide us with a competitive advantage and that our commitments to the highest quality standards and brand innovation are keys to our success.

The Kombucha market is dominated by one producer who sells their products nationally. The remainder of the producers is comprised of mostly fragmented regional or local companies. There are companies that gain market share in certain regions; however, most do not have the scale and capability to effectively sell and distribute on a national

basis. We believe that Reed's is now the #2 national producer of Kombucha, an accomplishment achieved in a relatively short period of time, by leveraging our existing distribution channels and customer relationships to expand our sales volume quickly. We also have in-house production capabilities that can be scaled up as needed to make this a primary brand for Reed's. We believe that our existing infrastructure creates a competitive advantage, including product design, manufacturing & production and a network of sales & distribution.

### **Proprietary Rights**

We own trademarks that we consider material to our business. Three of our material trademarks are registered trademarks in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: Reed's Original Ginger Brew All-Natural Jamaican Style Ginger Ale ®, Virgil's ®, and China Cola ®. Registrations for trademarks in the United States will last indefinitely as long as we continue to use and police the trademarks and renew filings with the applicable governmental offices. We have not been challenged in our right to use any of our material trademarks in the United States. We intend to obtain international registration of certain trademarks in foreign jurisdictions.

In addition, we consider our finished product and concentrate formulae, which are not the subject of any patents, to be trade secrets. Our brewing process is a trade secret. This process can be used to brew flavors of beverages other than ginger ale and ginger beer, such as root beer, cream soda, cola and other spice and fruit beverages. We have not sought any patents on our brewing processes because we would be required to disclose our brewing process in patent applications.

We generally use non-disclosure agreements with employees and distributors to protect our proprietary rights.

## Government Regulation

The production, distribution and sale in the United States of many of our Company's products are subject to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Federal Trade Commission Act, the Lanham Act, state consumer protection laws, federal, state and local workplace health and safety laws, various federal, state and local environmental protection laws and various other federal, state and local statutes and regulations applicable to the production, transportation, sale, safety, advertising, labeling and ingredients of such products. Outside the United States, the distribution and sale of our many products and related operations are also subject to numerous similar and other statutes and regulations.

A California law requires that a specific warning appear on any product that contains a component listed by the state as having been found to cause cancer or birth defects. The law exposes all food and beverage producers to the possibility of having to provide warnings on their products. This is because the law recognizes no generally applicable quantitative thresholds below which a warning is not required. Consequently, even trace amounts of listed components can expose affected products to the prospect of warning labels. Products containing listed substances that occur naturally or that are contributed to such products solely by a municipal water supply are generally exempt from the warning requirement. No Company beverages produced for sale in California are currently required to display warnings under this law. We are unable to predict whether a component found in a Company product might be added to the California list in the future, although the state has initiated a regulatory process in which caffeine will be evaluated for listing. Furthermore, we are also unable to predict when or whether the increasing sensitivity of detection methodology that may become applicable under this law and related regulations as they currently exist, or as they may be amended, might result in the detection of an infinitesimal quantity of a listed substance in a beverage of ours produced for sale in California.

Bottlers of our beverage products presently offer and use nonrefillable, recyclable containers in the United States and various other markets around the world. Some of these bottlers also offer and use refillable containers, which are also recyclable. Legal requirements apply in various jurisdictions in the United States and overseas requiring that deposits or certain taxes or fees be charged for the sale, marketing and use of certain nonrefillable beverage containers. The precise requirements imposed by these measures vary. Other types of beverage container-related deposit, recycling, tax and/or product stewardship statutes and regulations also apply in various jurisdictions in the United States and overseas. We anticipate that additional, similar legal requirements may be proposed or enacted in the future at local, state and federal levels, both in the United States and elsewhere.

All of our facilities and other operations in the United States are subject to various environmental protection statutes and regulations, including those relating to the use of water resources and the discharge of wastewater. Our policy is to comply with all such legal requirements. Compliance with these provisions has not had, and we do not expect such compliance to have, any material adverse effect on our capital expenditures, net income or competitive position.

## **Environmental Matters**

Our primary cost environmental compliance activity is in recycling fees and redemption values. We are required to collect redemption values from our customers and remit those redemption values to the state, based upon the number of bottles of certain products sold in that state.

## **Employees**

We have 32 full-time employees on our corporate staff, as follows: 2 in general management, 20 in sales and marketing support, and 10 in accounting, administration and operations. We also have 50 production employees that work both full and part time. We employ additional people on a part-time basis as needed. We have never participated in a collective bargaining agreement. We believe that the relationship with our employees is good.

## **Item 2. Property**

We lease a facility of approximately 76,000 square feet, which serves as our principal executive offices, our West Coast Brewery and bottling plant and our Southern California warehouse facility. Approximately 30,000 square feet of the total space is leased under a long-term lease expiring in 2024. We also lease a warehouse of approximately 18,000 square feet under a lease expiring in 2017, a warehouse of approximately 13,000 square feet under a lease expiring in 2017, and a warehouse of 15,000 square feet on a month-to-month basis.

## **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

From time to time, we are a party to claims and legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. Our management evaluates our exposure to these claims and proceedings individually and in the aggregate and provides for potential losses on such litigation if the amount of the loss is estimable and the loss is probable.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

11

**PART II****Item 5. Market for Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters**

Our common stock is listed for trading on the NYSE MKT trading under the symbol "REED". Prior to December 31, 2012, our company traded on the NASDAQ exchange. The following is a summary of the high and low bid prices of our common stock on the NASDAQ and NYSE MKT Capital Markets for the periods presented:

	<b>Sales Price</b>	
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Year Ending December 31, 2013</b>		
First Quarter	\$6.50	3.85
Second Quarter	5.40	3.80
Third Quarter	6.65	4.65
Fourth Quarter	8.12	5.05

	<b>Sales Price</b>	
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Year Ending December 31, 2014</b>		
First Quarter	\$8.57	\$5.69
Second Quarter	5.71	4.29
Third Quarter	6.47	5.00
Fourth Quarter	7.53	5.63

As of December 31, 2014, there were approximately 157 stockholders of record of the common stock (not including the number of persons or entities holding stock in nominee or street name through various brokerage firms) and 13,068,058 outstanding shares of common stock.

**Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities**

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, we issued the following equity securities that were unregistered under the Securities Act:

We issued 2,808 shares of common stock in exchange for consulting services. The value of the stock was based on the closing price of the stock on the issuance or agreed upon date. The total value of shares issued for services was \$13,000 the shares were issued pursuant to exemption from registration under Section 4(2) of the Securities Act.

### **Dividend Policy**

We have never declared or paid dividends on our common stock. We currently intend to retain future earnings, if any, for use in our business, and, therefore, we do not anticipate declaring or paying any dividends in the foreseeable future. Payments of future dividends, if any, will be at the discretion of our board of directors after taking into account various factors, including the terms of our credit facility and our financial condition, operating results, current and anticipated cash needs and plans for expansion.

We are obligated to pay a non-cumulative 5% dividend from lawfully available assets to the holders of our Series A preferred stock and \$0.13 per share per quarter on our Series B preferred stock in either cash or additional shares of common stock at our discretion. In 2014 and 2013, we paid dividends on our Series A preferred stock in an aggregate of 1,057 and 1,064 shares of common stock in each such year, respectively and anticipate that we will be obligated to issue at least this many shares annually to the holders of the Series A preferred stock so long as such shares are issued and outstanding. In 2013, we no longer accrued dividends on our outstanding Series B shares and paid \$74,000 of dividends by issuing 3,394 shares of our common stock

### **Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans**

#### **2001 Stock Option Plan and 2007 Stock Option Plan**

We are authorized to issue options to purchase up to 500,000 shares of common stock under our 2001 Stock Option Plan, and we are authorized to issue options to purchase up to 1,500,000 shares of common stock under our 2007 Stock Option Plan. On August 28, 2001, our board of directors adopted the 2001 Stock Option Plan, and the plan was approved by our stockholders. On October 8, 2007, our board of directors adopted the 2007 Stock Option Plan, and the plan was approved by our stockholders on November 19, 2007.



The plans permit the grant of options to our employees, directors and consultants. The options may constitute either “incentive stock options” within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code or “non-qualified stock options”. The primary difference between “incentive stock options” and “non-qualified stock options” is that once an option is exercised, the stock received under an “incentive stock option” has the potential of being taxed at the more favorable long-term capital gains rate, while stock received by exercising a “non-qualified stock option” is taxed according to the ordinary income tax rate schedule.

The plans are currently administered by the board of directors. The plan administrator has full and final authority to select the individuals to receive options and to grant such options as well as a wide degree of flexibility in determining the terms and conditions of options, including vesting provisions.

The exercise price of an option granted under the plan cannot be less than 100% of the fair market value per share of common stock on the date of the grant of the option. The exercise price of an incentive stock option granted to a person owning more than 10% of the total combined voting power of the common stock must be at least 110% of the fair market value per share of common stock on the date of the grant. Options may not be granted under the plan on or after the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the plan. Incentive stock options granted to a person owning more than 10% of the combined voting power of the common stock cannot be exercisable for more than five years.

When an option is exercised, the purchase price of the underlying stock will be paid in cash, except that the plan administrator may permit the exercise price to be paid in any combination of cash, shares of stock having a fair market value equal to the exercise price, or as otherwise determined by the plan administrator.

If an optionee ceases to be an employee, director, or consultant with us, other than by reason of death, disability or retirement, all vested options must be exercised within three months following such event. However, if an optionee's employment or consulting relationship with us terminates for cause, or if a director of ours is removed for cause, all unexercised options will terminate immediately. If an optionee ceases to be an employee or director of, or a consultant to us, by reason of death, disability, or retirement, all vested options may be exercised within one year following such event or such shorter period as is otherwise provided in the related agreement.

When a stock award expires or is terminated before it is exercised, the shares set aside for that award are returned to the pool of shares available for future awards.

No option can be granted under the plan after ten years following the earlier of the date the plan was adopted by the board of directors or the date the plan was approved by our stockholders.

**2010 Incentive Stock Plan and 2010-2 Incentive Stock Plan**

We are authorized to issue up to an aggregate of 75,000 shares of common stock to employees, officers, directors, consultants, independent contractors, advisors or other service providers to Reed's under our 2010 Incentive Stock Plan and 2010-2 Incentive Stock Plan (collectively, the "2010 Plans"). The 2010 Incentive Stock Plan was adopted by our board of directors on March 31, 2010; the 2010-2 Incentive Stock Option Plan was adopted on May 5, 2010. The 2010 Plans are administered by a committee of the board of directors. The plan committee may from time to time, and subject to the provisions of the plan and such other terms and conditions as the plan committee may prescribe, grant to any eligible person one or more shares of common stock of Reed's ("Award Shares"). The grant of Award Shares or grant of the right to receive Award Shares shall be evidenced by either a written consulting agreement or a separate written agreement confirming such grant, executed by Reed's and the recipient, stating the number of Award Shares granted and stating all terms and conditions of such grant. During 2013, no shares of common stock were issued under the 2010 Plans, and in 2012 there were 14,965 shares of common stock issued under the 2010 Plans.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table provides information, as of December 31, 2014, with respect to equity securities authorized for issuance under compensation plans:

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (b)	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (excluding securities reflected in Column (a))(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	705,333	\$ 3.96	189,834
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	301,963	\$ 4.49	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,007,296</b>	<b>\$ 4.16</b>	<b>189,834</b>

**Item 6. Selected Financial Data**

As a smaller reporting company, Reed's is not required to provide the information required by this Item 6.

**Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

*The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report. This discussion and analysis may contain forward-looking statements based on assumptions about our future business. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including but not limited to those set forth under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Annual Report.*

**Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth key statistics for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

	Year Ended		Pct.	
	December 31, 2014	2013	Change	
Gross sales, net of discounts & returns (a)	\$48,061,000	\$42,242,000	14	%
Less: Promotional and other allowances (b)	4,639,000	4,961,000	-7	%
Net sales	43,422,000	37,281,000	16	%
Cost of tangible goods sold (c)	28,141,000	23,691,000	18	%
<i>As a percentage of:</i>				
Gross sales	58	%	56	%
Net sales	65	%	64	%
Cost of goods sold – idle capacity (d)	2,275,000	2,796,000	-19	%
<i>As a percentage of net sales</i>	5	%	7	%
Gross profit	\$13,006,000	\$10,794,000	20	%
Gross profit margin as a percentage of net sales	30	%	29	%

(a) *Gross sales is used internally by management as an indicator of and to monitor operating performance, including sales performance of particular products, salesperson performance, product growth or declines and overall Company performance. The use of gross sales allows evaluation of sales performance before the effect of any promotional items, which can mask certain performance issues. We therefore believe that the presentation of gross sales provides a useful measure of our operating performance. Gross sales is not a measure that is recognized under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles “GAAP” and should not be considered as an alternative to net sales, which is determined in accordance with GAAP, and should not be used alone as an indicator of operating performance in place of net sales. Additionally, gross sales may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies, as gross sales has been defined by our internal reporting practices. In addition, gross sales may not be realized in the form of cash receipts as promotional payments and allowances may be deducted from payments received from certain customers.*

(b) *Although the expenditures described in this line item are determined in accordance with GAAP and meet GAAP requirements, the disclosure thereof does not conform with GAAP presentation requirements. Additionally, our definition of promotional and other allowances may not be comparable to similar items presented by other companies. Promotional and other allowances primarily include consideration given to the Company’s distributors or retail customers including, but not limited to the following: (i) reimbursements given to the Company’s distributors for agreed portions of their promotional spend with retailers, including slotting, shelf space allowances and other fees for both new and existing products; (ii) the Company’s agreed share of fees given to distributors and/or directly to retailers for in-store marketing and promotional activities; (iii) the Company’s agreed share of slotting, shelf space allowances and other fees given directly to retailers; (iv) incentives given to the Company’s distributors and/or retailers for achieving or exceeding certain predetermined sales goals; and (v) discounted or free products. The presentation of promotional and other allowances facilitates an evaluation of their impact on the determination of net sales and the spending levels incurred or correlated with such sales. Promotional and other allowances constitute a material portion of our marketing activities. The Company’s promotional allowance programs with its numerous*

*distributors and/or retailers are executed through separate agreements in the ordinary course of business. These agreements generally provide for one or more of the arrangements described above and are of varying durations, ranging from one week to one year.*

*(c) Cost of tangible goods sold consists of the costs of raw materials and packaging utilized in the manufacture of products, co-packing fees, repacking fees, in-bound freight charges, inventory adjustments, as well as certain internal transfer costs. Cost of tangible goods sold is used internally by management to measure the direct costs of goods sold, aside from unallocated plant costs. Cost of tangible goods sold is not a measure that is recognized under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to cost of goods sold, which is determined in accordance with GAAP, and should not be used alone as an indicator of operating performance in place of cost of goods sold.*

*(d) Cost of goods sold – idle capacity consists of direct production costs in excess of charges allocated to our finished goods in production. Plant costs include labor costs, production supplies, repairs and maintenance, and inventory write-off. Our charges for labor and overhead allocated to our finished goods are determined on a market cost basis, which is lower than our actual costs incurred. Plant costs in excess of production allocations are expensed in the period incurred rather than added to the cost of finished goods produced. Cost goods sold – idle capacity is not a measure that is recognized under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to cost of goods sold, which is determined in accordance with GAAP, and should not be used alone as an indicator of operating performance in place of cost of goods sold.*

### ***Year ended December 31, 2014 Compared to Year ended December 31, 2013***

#### **Gross Sales**

Gross sales of \$48,061,000 for the year ended December 31, 2014 represented an increase of 14% from \$42,242,000 in the prior year due to strong same store sales and new accounts. Sales growth was driven primarily by increased sales of our branded products of approximately \$5,161,000, or 18%. Kombucha sales began in the 2012 third quarter and have increased to become approximately 12% of our total net revenues.

#### **Promotional and other allowances**

Promotions and allowances decreased 6% to \$4,639,000 (9% of gross sales) for the year ended December 31, 2014 from \$4,961,000 (12% of gross sales) in the prior year. This decrease is primarily attributable to a decline in the promotional programs and discounts offered on our branded products.

#### **Net Sales**

Sales of \$43,422,000 for the year ended December 31, 2014 represented an increase \$6,141,000, or 16%, from \$37,281,000 in the prior year.

### **Cost of Goods Sold**

Cost of goods sold consists of the costs of raw materials and packaging utilized in the manufacture of products, co-packing fees, repacking fees, in-bound freight charges, inventory adjustments, as well as certain internal transfer costs. Cost of goods sold also consists of direct production costs in excess of charges allocated to our finished goods in production. Plant costs include labor costs, production supplies, and repairs and maintenance. Our charges for labor and overhead allocated to our finished goods are determined on a market cost basis, which is lower than our actual costs incurred. Plant costs in excess of production allocations are expensed in the period incurred rather than added to the cost of finished goods produced.

Our cost of goods sold increased to \$30,416,000 in the year ended December 31, 2014, an increase of approximately \$3,929,000 or 15% from 2013. The increase was primarily due to net revenue increases of 16%, an increase in copacking fees per case which was not passed on to our customers and temporary commodities price increases in the third and fourth quarters.

### **Gross Profit**

Our gross profit of \$13,006,000 in the year ended December 31, 2014 represents an increase of \$2,212,000, or 20% from 2013. As a percentage of sales, our gross profit increased to 30% in 2014 as compared to 29% in 2013. The gross profit percentage increase is also impacted by a decrease in promotional discount costs. Since such costs are a deduction from sales, the gross margin percentage is positively impacted by decreased promotional costs.

### **Delivery and Handling Expenses**

Delivery and handling expenses consist of delivery costs to customers and warehouse costs incurred for handling our finished goods after production. Delivery and handling costs increased to \$4,478,000 in the year ended December 31, 2014 compared to \$3,977,000 in 2013. The \$501,000 (13%) increase is less than the 14% gross sales increase primarily due to decreased warehouse costs as inventory levels declined for most of the year.

### **Selling and marketing expenses**

Selling and marketing expenses consist primarily of direct charges for staff compensation costs, advertising, sales promotion, marketing and trade shows. Selling and marketing costs increased overall to \$4,838,000 (or 11.1% of net sales) in the year ended December 31, 2014 from \$4,180,000 (or 11.2% of net sales) in 2013. The \$658,000 increase is primarily due to increased advertising costs of \$696,000 including \$431,000 for a national cable television advertising campaign in the summer and \$289,000 in additional magazine advertising. Our sales staff increased to 19 members at December 31, 2014, from 18 at December 31, 2013.

### **General and Administrative Expenses**

General and administrative expenses include executive, administrative, and finance personnel costs as well as professional fees. General and administrative expenses increased \$143,000 to \$3,649,000 (or 8.4% of net sales) during the year ended December 31, 2014 from \$3,506,000 (or 9.4% of net sales) in 2013. This decrease in the spending rate is attributable to increased efficiencies due to scale. Salaries and wages decreased by \$27,000, bank audit fees declined \$102,000 while professional, legal and public relations consulting costs increased by \$157,000.

### **Income (Loss) from Operations**

Income from operations was \$41,000 in the year ended December 31, 2014, as compared to a loss from operations of \$869,000 in 2013. The decrease in the operating loss is due to increased net sales, decreased promotional spending, improved production resulting in decreased Idle Capacity Costs and decreases in Freight Costs, Selling and Marketing Costs and General and Administrative costs as a percentage of net sales.

### **Interest Expense**



Interest expense increased to \$793,000 in the year ended December 31, 2014, compared to interest expense of \$651,000 in the same period of 2013. The company paid \$40,000 in loan fees while negotiating new loan options and incurred additional interest for new leases and loan balances. However the new PMC loans have substantially lower interest rates (9% vs. 13% effective rate). The new leases and loans were obtained in order to obtain new machinery and equipment to improve plant operations.

### Modified EBITDA

The Company defines modified EBITDA (a non-GAAP measurement) as net income (loss) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, and non-cash share-based compensation expense. Other companies may calculate modified EBITDA differently. Management believes that the presentation of modified EBITDA provides a measure of performance that approximates cash flow before interest expense, and is meaningful to investors.

### MODIFIED EBITDA SCHEDULE

	<b>Year ended December</b>	
	<b>31,</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>(unaudited) (unaudited)</b>	
Net loss	\$(754,000 ) \$(1,520,000 )	
Modified EBITDA adjustments:		
Depreciation and amortization	755,000	550,000
Interest expense	793,000	651,000
Stock option and warrant compensation	396,000	327,000
Stock compensation for services	13,000	5,000
Taxes	2,000	-
Total EBITDA adjustments	1,959,000	1,533,000
Modified EBITDA income from operations	\$1,205,000	\$13,000

### *Liquidity and Capital Resources*

As of December 31, 2014, we had stockholders equity of \$3,652,000 and working capital of \$2,207,000, compared to stockholders equity of \$3,387,000 and working capital of \$1,347,000 at December 31, 2013. The increase in our working capital of \$860,000 was primarily a result of cash flow from operations.

Our decrease in cash and cash equivalents to \$959,000 at December 31, 2014 compared to \$1,163,000 at December 31, 2013, a decrease of \$145,000, was primarily a result of cash generated by operating activities of \$1,016,000, costs of plant improvements of \$330,000, and net financing activities of \$831,000 primarily due to increased borrowing for plant expansion less pay downs on the revolving line of credit.

Effective December 5, 2014, the Company renewed and extended its Loan and Security Agreement with PMC Financial Services Group, LLC, (PMC) originally dated November 9, 2011 (as amended, the "Amended Agreement"). The Amended Agreement extends and amends the Revolving Loan and Term Loan and adds a new Capital Expansion Loan (the "Capex Loan").

The loans have been extended to December 5, 2016 and are subject to a 1% prepayment penalty for prepayment prior to the first anniversary of the effective date. As of the effective date of the Amended Agreement, all three loans have an effective interest rate of 9%.

The Revolving Loan's maximum revolver amount has been increased to \$6,000,000 and the borrowing is based on 85% of Accounts Receivable and 60% of eligible inventory and is secured by substantially all of the Company's assets. The interest rate on the Revolving Loan is the prime rate plus .35%. The previous interest rate was the prime rate plus 3.75%. The amended monthly management fee is .45% of the average monthly loan balance; the previous fee was .5% of the average monthly loan balance. Therefore, the effective interest rate was lowered from 13% to 9%. The over advance of \$500,000 on the revolving line of credit calculation was removed. As of December 31, 2014, the total Revolving Loan outstanding balance was \$3,009,000 and the borrowing availability was \$1,042,000.

The Term Loan's outstanding principal balance was increased to \$1,500,000 and the annual interest rate has been revised to prime plus 5.75% (currently 9%). The outstanding principal loan balance at the time of the amendment was \$496,572 and the previous interest rate was the prime rate plus 11.6% but not less than 14.85%. The monthly Term Loan payments will be interest only payments over the 2 year life of the loan.

The new Capex Loan will finance up to \$3,000,000 in new asset purchases for modernization and improvement of the beverage bottling equipment in Los Angeles plant. The Company will pay a 1.5% fee on new asset purchases and the annual interest rate is equal to the prime rate plus 5.75%. At December 31, 2014, the Capex loan balance was \$672,000.

The new loan and security agreement documents were signed December 10, 2014.

The revolving line of credit agreement included a financial covenant (debt service coverage ratio) that is effective only if the credit availability under the revolving line of credit falls below \$100,000 and another financial covenant (capital expenditures) that the Company will not make capital expenditures in excess of \$500,000 in any fiscal year. At December 31, 2013, the credit availability on the revolving line of credit fell below \$100,000 and, during 2014; the Company expended more than \$500,000 for capital expenditures. Accordingly, these two events caused the Company to be in default under the loan agreement on December 31, 2013. These defaults were waived on March 19, 2014. On December 5, 2014, the Company and PMC executed an amendment to the loan that removed substantially all loan covenants.

We believe that the Company currently has the necessary working capital to support existing operations for at least the next 12 months. Our primary capital source will be positive cash flow from operations. If our sales goals do not materialize as planned, we believe that the Company can reduce its operating costs and can be managed to maintain positive cash flow from operations. Historically, we have financed our operations primarily through private sales of common stock, preferred stock, convertible debt, a line of credit from a financial institution and cash generated from operations.

We may not generate sufficient revenues from product sales in the future to achieve profitable operations. If we are not able to achieve profitable operations at some point in the future, we eventually may have insufficient working capital to maintain our operations as we presently intend to conduct them or to fund our expansion and marketing and product development plans. In addition, our losses may increase in the future as we expand our manufacturing capabilities and fund our marketing plans and product development. These losses, among other things, have had and may continue to have an adverse effect on our working capital, total assets and stockholders' equity. If we are unable to achieve profitability, the market value of our common stock would decline and there would be a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

If we suffer losses from operations, our working capital may be insufficient to support our ability to expand our business operations as rapidly as we would deem necessary at any time, unless we are able to obtain additional financing. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain such financing on acceptable terms, or at all. If adequate funds are not available or are not available on acceptable terms, we may not be able to pursue our business objectives and would be required to reduce our level of operations, including reducing infrastructure, promotions, personnel and other operating expenses. These events could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. If adequate funds are not available or if they are not available on acceptable terms, our ability to fund the growth of our operations, take advantage of opportunities, develop products or services or otherwise respond to competitive pressures could be significantly limited.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or GAAP. GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in our financial statements including various allowances and reserves for accounts receivable and inventories, the estimated lives of long-lived assets and trademarks and trademark licenses, as well as claims and contingencies arising out of litigation or other transactions that occur in the normal course of business. The following summarize our most significant accounting and reporting policies and practices:

*Revenue Recognition.* Revenue is recognized on the sale of a product when the risk of loss transfers to our customers, and collection of the receivable is reasonably assured, which generally occurs when the product is shipped. A product is not shipped without an order from the customer and credit acceptance procedures performed. The allowance for returns is regularly reviewed and adjusted by management based on historical trends of returned items. Amounts paid by customers for shipping and handling costs are included in sales. The Company reimburses its wholesalers and retailers for promotional discounts, samples and certain advertising and promotional activities used in the promotion of the Company's products. The accounting treatment for the reimbursements for samples and discounts to wholesalers results in a reduction in the net revenue line item. Reimbursements to wholesalers and retailers for certain advertising activities are included in selling and marketing expenses.

*Long-Lived Assets.* Management assesses the carrying value of property and equipment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. If there is indication of impairment, management prepares an estimate of future cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If these cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized to write down the asset to its estimated fair value. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company did not recognize any impairments for its property and equipment.

Intangible assets are comprised of indefinite-lived brand names acquired and have been assigned an indefinite life as we currently anticipate that these brand names will contribute cash flows to the Company perpetually. These

indefinite-lived intangible assets are not amortized, but are assessed for impairment annually and evaluated annually to determine whether the indefinite useful life is appropriate. As part of our impairment test, we first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired. If further testing is necessary, we compare the estimated fair value of our indefinite-lived intangible asset with its book value. If the carrying amount of the indefinite-lived intangible asset exceeds its fair value, as determined by its discounted cash flows, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company did not recognize any impairment charges for its indefinite-lived intangible assets.

Management believes that the accounting estimate related to impairment of our long lived assets, including our trademark license and trademarks, is a “critical accounting estimate” because: (1) it is highly susceptible to change from period to period because it requires management to estimate fair value, which is based on assumptions about cash flows and discount rates; and (2) the impact that recognizing an impairment would have on the assets reported on our balance sheet, as well as net income, could be material. Management’s assumptions about cash flows and discount rates require significant judgment because actual revenues and expenses have fluctuated in the past and we expect they will continue to do so.

In estimating future revenues, we use internal budgets. Internal budgets are developed based on recent revenue data for existing product lines and planned timing of future introductions of new products and their impact on our future cash flows.

*Accounts Receivable.* We evaluate the collectability of our trade accounts receivable based on a number of factors. In circumstances where we become aware of a specific customer's inability to meet its financial obligations to us, a specific reserve for bad debts is estimated and recorded which reduces the recognized receivable to the estimated amount our management believes will ultimately be collected. In addition to specific customer identification of potential bad debts, bad debt charges are recorded based on our historical losses and an overall assessment of past due trade accounts receivable outstanding.

*Inventories.* Inventories are stated at the lower of cost to purchase and/or manufacture the inventory or the current estimated market value of the inventory. We regularly review our inventory quantities on hand and record a provision for excess and obsolete inventory based primarily on our estimated forecast of product demand and/or our ability to sell the product(s) concerned and production requirements. Demand for our products can fluctuate significantly. Factors that could affect demand for our products include unanticipated changes in consumer preferences, general market conditions or other factors, which may result in cancellations of advance orders or a reduction in the rate of reorders placed by customers. Additionally, our management's estimates of future product demand may be inaccurate, which could result in an understated or overstated provision required for excess and obsolete inventory.

*Stock-Based Compensation.* The Company periodically issues stock options and warrants to employees and non-employees in non-capital raising transactions for services and for financing costs. The Company accounts for stock option and warrant grants issued and vesting to employees based on the authoritative guidance provided by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) whereas the value of the award is measured on the date of grant and recognized over the vesting period. The Company accounts for stock option and warrant grants issued and vesting to non-employees in accordance with the authoritative guidance of the FASB whereas the value of the stock compensation is based upon the measurement date as determined at either a) the date at which a performance commitment is reached, or b) at the date at which the necessary performance to earn the equity instruments is complete. Non-employee stock-based compensation charges generally are amortized over the vesting period on a straight-line basis. In certain circumstances where there are no future performance requirements by the non-employee, option grants are immediately vested and the total stock-based compensation charge is recorded in the period of the measurement date.

The fair value of the Company's stock option and warrant grants are estimated using the Black-Scholes-Merton Option Pricing model, which uses certain assumptions related to risk-free interest rates, expected volatility, expected life of the stock options or warrants, and future dividends. Compensation expense is recorded based upon the value derived from the Black-Scholes Option Pricing model, and based on actual experience. The assumptions used in the Black-Scholes-Merton Option Pricing model could materially affect compensation expense recorded in future periods.

We believe there have been no significant changes, during the year ended December 31, 2013, to the items disclosed as critical accounting policies and estimates in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09 (ASU 2014-09), Revenue from Contracts with Customers. ASU 2014-09 will eliminate transaction- and industry-specific revenue recognition guidance under current U.S. GAAP and replace it with a principle based approach for determining revenue recognition. ASU 2014-09 will require that companies recognize revenue based on the value of transferred goods or services as they occur in the contract. The ASU also will require additional disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments and assets recognized from costs incurred to obtain or fulfill a contract. ASU 2014-09 is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and early adoption is not permitted. Entities can transition to the standard either retrospectively or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. Management is currently assessing the impact the adoption of ASU 2014-09 and has not determined the effect of the standard on our ongoing financial reporting.

In August 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-15 (ASU 2014-15), Presentation of Financial Statements - Going Concern (Subtopic 205-10). ASU 2014-15 provides guidance as to management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. In connection with preparing financial statements for each annual and interim reporting period, an entity's management should evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued (or within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued when applicable). Management's evaluation should be based on relevant conditions and events that are known and reasonably knowable at the date that the financial statements are issued (or at the date that the financial statements are available to be issued when applicable). Substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern exists when relevant conditions and events, considered in the aggregate, indicate that it is probable that the entity will be unable to meet its obligations as they become due within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued (or available to be issued). ASU 2014-15 is effective for the annual period ending after December 15, 2016, and for annual periods and interim periods thereafter. Early application is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2014-15 on the Company's financial statement presentation and disclosures.

In January 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-01 (Subtopic 225-20) - Income Statement - Extraordinary and Unusual Items. ASU 2015-01 eliminates the concept of an extraordinary item from GAAP. As a result, an entity will no longer be required to segregate extraordinary items from the results of ordinary operations, to separately present an extraordinary item on its income statement, net of tax, after income from continuing operations or to disclose income taxes and earnings-per-share data applicable to an extraordinary item. However, ASU 2015-01 will still retain the presentation and disclosure guidance for items that are unusual in nature and occur infrequently. ASU 2015-01 is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The adoption of ASU 2015-01 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Early

adoption is permitted.

In February, 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis. ASU 2015-02 provides guidance on the consolidation evaluation for reporting organizations that are required to evaluate whether they should consolidate certain legal entities such as limited partnerships, limited liability corporations, and securitization structures (collateralized debt obligations, collateralized loan obligations, and mortgage-backed security transactions). ASU 2015-02 is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The adoption of ASU 2015-02 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Early adoption is permitted.

Other recent accounting pronouncements were issued by the FASB (including its Emerging Issues Task Force), the AICPA, and the Securities Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), however such pronouncements are not believed by management to have a material impact on the Company's present or future financial statements.

#### **Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

As a smaller reporting company, Reed's is not required to provide the information required by this Item 7A.



**Item 8. Financial Statements**

<u>Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u>	F-1
Financial Statements:	
<u>Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013</u>	F-2
<u>Statements of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013</u>	F-3
<u>Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013</u>	F-4
<u>Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013</u>	F-5
<u>Notes to Financial Statements for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013</u>	F-6

**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders

Reed's, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Reed's, Inc. as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended. 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of Reed's, Inc. as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*/s/ Weinberg & Company, P.A.*

Los Angeles, California  
March 26, 2015

F-1

**REED'S, INC.****BALANCE SHEETS**

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$959,000	\$1,104,000
Inventory	6,306,000	6,293,000
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts and returns and discounts of \$253,000 and \$324,000, respectively	2,500,000	2,143,000
Prepaid inventory	1,287,000	256,000
Prepaid and other current assets	447,000	178,000
Total Current Assets	11,499,000	9,974,000
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$3,405,000 and \$2,796,000, respectively	4,572,000	3,686,000
Brand names	1,029,000	1,029,000
Deferred financing fees, net of amortization of \$107,000 and \$40,000, respectively	-	60,000
Total assets	\$17,100,000	\$14,749,000
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$5,894,000	\$3,612,000
Accrued expenses	130,000	136,000
Line of credit	3,009,000	4,524,000
Current portion of long term financing obligation	134,000	111,000
Current portion of capital leases payable	125,000	79,000
Current portion of term loan	-	165,000
Total current liabilities	9,292,000	8,627,000
Long term financing obligation, less current portion, net of discount of \$1,031,000 and \$526,000, respectively	1,508,000	2,147,000
Capital leases payable, less current portion	476,000	106,000
Capital Expansion Loan	672,000	-
Term loan, less current portion	1,500,000	482,000
Total Liabilities	13,448,000	11,362,000
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Series A Convertible Preferred stock, \$10 par value, 500,000 shares authorized, 9,411 and 9,411 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	94,000	94,000
Common stock, \$.0001 par value, 19,500,000 shares authorized, 13,068,058 and 12,922,832 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	1,000	1,000

Edgar Filing: REED'S, INC. - Form 10-K

Additional paid in capital	26,300,000	25,276,000
Accumulated deficit	(22,743,000)	(21,984,000)
Total stockholders' equity	3,652,000	3,387,000
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 17,100,000	\$ 14,749,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

F-2

**REED'S, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

**For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	2014	2013
Sales, net	\$43,422,000	\$37,281,000
Cost of goods sold	30,416,000	26,487,000
Gross profit	13,006,000	10,794,000
Operating expenses:		
Delivery and handling expenses	4,478,000	3,977,000
Selling and marketing expenses	4,838,000	4,180,000
General and administrative expenses	3,649,000	3,506,000
Total operating expenses	12,965,000	11,663,000
Income (Loss) from operations	41,000	(869,000 )
Interest expense	(793,000 )	(651,000 )
Loss before provision for income taxes	(752,000 )	(1,520,000 )
Income taxes	(2,000 )	0
Net loss	(754,000 )	(1,520,000 )
Preferred stock dividend	(5,000 )	(5,000 )
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$(759,000 )	\$(1,525,000 )
Loss per share attributable to common stockholders - basic and diluted	\$(0.06 )	\$(0.12 )
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - basic and diluted	13,043,927	12,541,074

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**REED'S, INC.****STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY****For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	Common Stock		Series A Preferred Stock		Series B Preferred Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount			
Balance, January 1, 2013	12,084,673	\$1,000	10,411	\$104,000	45,602	\$456,000	\$23,996,000	\$(20,459,000)	\$4,098,000
Fair Value of Common Stock issued for bonuses and services	1,250	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
Common stock issued upon conversion of Series A preferred stock	4,000	-	(1,000)	(10,000)	-	-	10,000	-	-
Common stock issued upon conversion of Series B preferred stock	319,214	-	-	-	(45,602)	(456,000)	456,000	-	-
Exercise of stock options	276,106	-	-	-	-	-	30,000	-	30,000
Exercise of warrants	188,635	-	-	-	-	-	373,000	-	373,000
Fair value vesting of options issued to	-	-	-	-	-	-	327,000	-	327,000

Edgar Filing: REED'S, INC. - Form 10-K

employees Series A preferred stock dividend	1,064	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000 )	-
Common stock paid for Series A and Series B dividend	47,890	-	-	-	-	-	74,000	-	74,000
Net Loss Balance, December 31, 2013	12,922,832	1,000	9,411	94,000	-	-	25,276,000	(1,520,000 )	(1,520,000)
Fair Value of common stock issued for services	2,807	-	-	-	-	-	13,000	-	13,000
Exercise of stock options	141,362	-	-	-	-	-	26,000	-	26,000
Fair value of warrants granted as valuation discount		-	-	-	-	-	584,000	-	584,000
Fair value vesting of options issued to employees	-	-	-	-	-	-	396,000	-	396,000
Series A preferred stock dividend	1,057	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000 )	-
Net Loss Balance, December 31, 2014	-	-	-	-	-	-		(754,000 )	(754,000 )
	13,068,058	\$1,000	9,411	\$94,000	-	\$-	\$26,300,000	\$(22,743,000)	\$3,652,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements





**REED'S, INC.****STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$(754,000 )	\$(1,520,000 )
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	755,000	550,000
Fair value vesting of stock options issued to employees	396,000	327,000
Fair value of common stock issued for services	13,000	5,000
(Decrease) increase in allowance for doubtful accounts	71,000	(75,000 )
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(428,000 )	(107,000 )
Inventory	(13,000 )	(499,000 )
Prepaid inventory	(1,031,000)	(55,000 )
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(269,000 )	34,000
Accounts payable	2,282,000	244,000
Accrued expenses	(6,000 )	(97,000 )
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,016,000	1,193,000
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(330,000 )	(602,000 )
Net cash used in investing activities	(330,000 )	(602,000 )
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from stock option and warrant exercises	26,000	403,000
Payments for deferred financing fees	(7,000 )	(61,000 )
Principal repayments on note term loan	(150,000 )	(145,000 )
Borrowing on term loan	1,003,000	217,000
Principal repayments on long term financing obligation	(111,000 )	(90,000 )
Principal repayments on capital lease obligation	(77,000 )	(89,000 )
Net borrowings (repayments) on existing line of credit	(1,515,000)	1,501,000
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(831,000 )	1,736,000
Net (decrease) in cash	(145,000 )	(59,000 )
Cash at beginning of year	1,104,000	1,163,000
Cash at end of year	\$959,000	\$1,104,000
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:		
Cash paid during the year for:		
Interest	\$693,000	\$712,000
Taxes	\$2,000	\$-
Non Cash Investing and Financing Activities		
Series A preferred stock converted to common stock	\$0	\$10,000
Series B preferred stock converted to common stock	\$0	\$456,000
Common Stock issued in settlement of Series A and Series B preferred stock dividend	\$0	\$5,000

Edgar Filing: REED'S, INC. - Form 10-K

Series B preferred stock dividend payable in common stock	\$5,000	\$74,000
Property and equipment acquired through capital lease obligation	\$493,000	\$107,000
Fair value of warrants granted as valuation discount	\$584,000	\$0
Property and Equipment acquired through Capital Expansion loan	\$672,000	\$0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

F-5

**REED'S, INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

**(1) Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*A) Nature of Operations*

Reed's, Inc. (the "Company") was organized under the laws of the state of Florida in January 1991. In 2001, the Company changed its name from Original Beverage Corporation to Reed's, Inc. and changed its state of incorporation from Florida to Delaware. The Company is engaged primarily in the business of developing, manufacturing and marketing natural non-alcoholic beverages, as well as candies and ice creams. We currently manufacture, market and sell seven unique product lines:

Reed's Ginger Brews,

Virgil's Root Beer, Cream Sodas, Dr. Better and Real Cola, including ZERO diet sodas,

Culture Club Kombucha,

China Colas,

Reed's Ginger Chews,

Reed's Ginger Ice Creams,

Sonoma Sparkler Sparkling Juices

The Company sells its products primarily in natural food stores, supermarket chains, and upscale gourmet stores in the United States and Canada.

*B) Use of 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 disclosures 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. Those estimates and assumptions include estimates for reserves of uncollectible accounts, inventory obsolescence, depreciable lives of property and equipment, analysis of impairments of recorded intangibles, accruals for potential liabilities and assumptions made in valuing stock instruments issued for services.

***C)Accounts Receivable***

The Company evaluates the collectability of its trade accounts receivable based on a number of factors. In circumstances where the Company becomes aware of a specific customer's inability to meet its financial obligations to the Company, a specific reserve for bad debts is estimated and recorded, which reduces the recognized receivable to the estimated amount the Company believes will ultimately be collected. In addition to specific customer identification of potential bad debts, bad debt charges are recorded based on the Company's historical losses and an overall assessment of past due trade accounts receivable outstanding.

The allowance for doubtful accounts and returns and discounts is established through a provision reducing the carrying value of receivables. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the allowance for doubtful accounts and returns and discounts was approximately \$253,000 and \$324,000, respectively.

***D)Property and Equipment and Related Depreciation***

Property and equipment is stated at cost. Expenditures for major renewals and improvements that extend the useful lives of property and equipment or increase production capacity are capitalized, and expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred. Depreciation is calculated using accelerated and straight-line methods over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Property and Equipment Type	Years of Depreciation
Building	39 years
Machinery and equipment	5-12 years
Vehicles	5 years
Office equipment	5-7 years

Management assesses the carrying value of property and equipment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. If there is indication of impairment, management prepares an estimate of future cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If these cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized to write down the asset to its estimated fair value. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company did not recognize any impairment for its property and equipment.



***E) Intangible Assets and Impairment Policy***

Intangible assets are comprised of indefinite-lived brand names acquired and have been assigned an indefinite life as we currently anticipate that these brand names will contribute perpetual cash flows to the Company perpetually. These indefinite-lived intangible assets are not amortized, but are assessed for impairment annually and evaluated annually to determine whether the indefinite useful life is appropriate. As part of our impairment test, we first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired. If further testing is necessary, we compare the estimated fair value of our indefinite-lived intangible asset with its book value. If the carrying amount of the indefinite-lived intangible asset exceeds its fair value, as determined by its discounted cash flows, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company did not recognize any impairment charges for its indefinite-lived intangible assets.

***F) Concentrations***

The Company's cash balances on deposit with banks are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 at December 31, 2014. The Company may be exposed to risk for the amounts of funds held in bank accounts in excess of the insurance limit. In assessing the risk, the Company's policy is to maintain cash balances with high quality financial institutions. The Company had cash balances in excess of the guarantee during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company had two customers who accounted for approximately 33% and 14% of its sales, respectively; and during the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company had two customers who accounted for approximately 33% and 12% of its sales, respectively. No other customer accounted for more than 10% of sales in either year. As of December 31, 2014 the Company had accounts receivable due from two customers who comprised \$630,000 (25%) and \$255,000 (10%) of its total accounts receivable; and as of December 31, 2013 the Company had accounts receivable due from two customers who comprised \$584,000 (27%) and \$440,000 (21%), respectively, of its total accounts receivable.

The Company currently relies on a single contract packer for a majority of its production and bottling of beverage products. The Company has different packers available for their production of products. Although there are other packers and the Company has outfitted their own brewery and bottling plant, a change in packers may cause a delay in the production process, which could ultimately affect operating results.

During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company had one vendor which accounted for approximately 27% and 29%, respectively of purchases. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company had accounts payable due to a vendor who comprised 32% and 21% of its total accounts payable, respectively. No other account was in excess of 10% of the balance of accounts payable as of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

***G) Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

The Company uses various inputs in determining the fair value of its investments and measures these assets on a recurring basis. Financial assets recorded at fair value in the balance sheets are categorized by the level of objectivity associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value. Authoritative guidance provided by the FASB defines the following levels directly related to the amount of subjectivity associated with the inputs to fair valuation of these financial assets:

Level 1—Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2—Inputs, other than the quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly.

Level 3—Unobservable inputs based on the Company's assumptions.

The carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities, such as cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, short-term bank loans, accounts payable, notes payable and other payables, approximate their fair values because of the short maturity of these instruments. The carrying values of capital lease obligations and long-term financing obligations approximate their fair values due to the fact that the interest rates on these obligations are based on prevailing market interest rates.

***H) Cost of sales***

Cost of goods sold is comprised of the costs of raw materials and packaging utilized in the manufacture of products, co-packing fees, repacking fees, in-bound freight charges, as well as certain internal transfer costs. Additionally, cost of goods sold consists of direct production costs in excess of charges allocated to finished goods in production. Plant costs include labor costs, production supplies, repairs and maintenance, and inventory write-off. Charges for labor and overhead allocated to finished goods are determined on a market cost basis, which may be lower than the actual costs incurred. Plant costs in excess of production allocations are expensed in the period incurred rather than added to the cost of finished goods produced. Expenses not related to the production of our products are classified as operating expenses.

***I) Delivery and Handling Expenses***

Shipping and handling costs are comprised of purchasing and receiving costs, inspection costs, warehousing costs, transfer freight costs, and other costs associated with product distribution after manufacture and are included as part of operating expenses.

***J) Income Taxes***

The Company uses an asset and liability approach for financial accounting and reporting for income taxes that allows recognition and measurement of deferred tax assets based upon the likelihood of realization of tax benefits in future years. Under the asset and liability approach, deferred taxes are provided for the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. A valuation allowance is provided for deferred tax assets if it is more likely than not these items will either expire before the Company is able to realize their benefits, or that future deductibility is uncertain. The Company's policy is to recognize interest and/or penalties related to income tax matters in income tax expense.

***K) Revenue Recognition***

Revenue is recognized on the sale of a product when the risk of loss transfers to our customers, and collection of the receivable is reasonably assured, which generally occurs when the product is shipped. A product is not shipped without an order from the customer and credit acceptance procedures performed. The allowance for returns is regularly reviewed and adjusted by management based on historical trends of returned items. Amounts paid by customers for shipping and handling costs are included in sales.

The Company accounts for certain sales incentives for customers, including slotting fees, as a reduction of gross sales. These sales incentives for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 approximated \$4,199,000 and \$4,961,000, respectively.

***L) Net Loss Per Share***

Basic earnings (loss) per share is computed by dividing the net income (loss) applicable to Common Stockholders by the weighted average number of shares of Common Stock outstanding during the year. Diluted earnings (loss) per share is computed by dividing the net income (loss) applicable to Common Stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if all dilutive potential common shares had been issued, using the treasury stock method. Potential



common shares are excluded from the computation if their effect is antidilutive.

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the calculations of basic and diluted loss per share are the same because potential dilutive securities would have an anti-dilutive effect. The potentially dilutive securities consisted of the following as of:

	December 31,	
	2014	2013
Warrants	301,963	101,963
Series A Preferred Stock	37,644	37,644
Options	705,333	639,334
Total	1,044,940	778,941

***M) Advertising Costs***

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and are included in selling expense in the amount of \$649,000 and \$120,000, for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The company spent \$431,000 in 2014 for national cable television advertising.

***N) Stock Compensation Expense***

The Company periodically issues stock options and warrants to employees and non-employees in non-capital raising transactions for services and for financing costs. The Company accounts for stock option and warrant grants issued and vesting to employees based on the authoritative guidance provided by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) whereas the value of the award is measured on the date of grant and recognized over the vesting period. The Company accounts for stock option and warrant grants issued and vesting to non-employees in accordance with the authoritative guidance of the FASB whereas the value of the stock compensation is based upon the measurement date as determined at either a) the date at which a performance commitment is reached, or b) at the date at which the necessary performance to earn the equity instruments is complete. Non-employee stock-based compensation charges generally are amortized over the vesting period on a straight-line basis. In certain circumstances where there are no future performance requirements by the non-employee, option grants are immediately vested and the total stock-based compensation charge is recorded in the period of the measurement date.

The fair value of the Company's stock option and warrant grants are estimated using the Black-Scholes-Merton Option Pricing model, which uses certain assumptions related to risk-free interest rates, expected volatility, expected life of the stock options or warrants, and future dividends. Compensation expense is recorded based upon the value derived from the Black-Scholes-Merton Option Pricing model, and based on actual experience. The assumptions used in the Black-Scholes-Merton Option Pricing model could materially affect compensation expense recorded in future periods.

***O) Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09 (ASU 2014-09), Revenue from Contracts with Customers. ASU 2014-09 will eliminate transaction- and industry-specific revenue recognition guidance under current U.S. GAAP and replace it with a principle based approach for determining revenue recognition. ASU 2014-09 will require that companies recognize revenue based on the value of transferred goods or services as they occur in the contract. The ASU also will require additional disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments and assets recognized from costs incurred to obtain or fulfill a contract. ASU 2014-09 is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and early adoption is not permitted. Entities can transition to the standard either retrospectively or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. Management is currently assessing the impact the adoption of ASU 2014-09 and has not determined the effect of the standard on our ongoing financial reporting.

In August 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-15 (ASU 2014-15), Presentation of Financial Statements - Going Concern (Subtopic 205-10). ASU 2014-15 provides guidance as to management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. In connection with preparing financial statements for each annual and interim reporting period, an entity's management should evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the

date that the financial statements are issued (or within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued when applicable). Management's evaluation should be based on relevant conditions and events that are known and reasonably knowable at the date that the financial statements are issued (or at the date that the financial statements are available to be issued when applicable). Substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern exists when relevant conditions and events, considered in the aggregate, indicate that it is probable that the entity will be unable to meet its obligations as they become due within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued (or available to be issued). ASU 2014-15 is effective for the annual period ending after December 15, 2016, and for annual periods and interim periods thereafter. Early application is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2014-15 on the Company's financial statement presentation and disclosures.

In January 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-01 (Subtopic 225-20) - Income Statement - Extraordinary and Unusual Items. ASU 2015-01 eliminates the concept of an extraordinary item from GAAP. As a result, an entity will no longer be required to segregate extraordinary items from the results of ordinary operations, to separately present an extraordinary item on its income statement, net of tax, after income from continuing operations or to disclose income taxes and earnings-per-share data applicable to an extraordinary item. However, ASU 2015-01 will still retain the presentation and disclosure guidance for items that are unusual in nature and occur infrequently. ASU 2015-01 is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The adoption of ASU 2015-01 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Early adoption is permitted.

In February, 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis. ASU 2015-02 provides guidance on the consolidation evaluation for reporting organizations that are required to evaluate whether they should consolidate certain legal entities such as limited partnerships, limited liability corporations, and securitization structures (collateralized debt obligations, collateralized loan obligations, and mortgage-backed security transactions). ASU 2015-02 is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The adoption of ASU 2015-02 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Early adoption is permitted.

Other recent accounting pronouncements were issued by the FASB (including its Emerging Issues Task Force), the AICPA, and the Securities Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), however such pronouncements are not believed by management to have a material impact on the Company's present or future financial statements.

**(2) Inventory**

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market, and is comprised of the following as of:

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Raw Materials and Packaging	\$3,395,000	\$3,118,000
Finished Goods	2,911,000	3,175,000
	\$6,306,000	\$6,293,000

**(3) Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment is comprised of the following as of:

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Land	\$1,108,000	\$1,108,000
Building	1,868,000	1,829,000
Vehicles	338,000	338,000
Machinery and equipment	3,312,000	2,348,000
Equipment under capital leases	903,000	415,000
Office equipment	448,000	444,000
	7,977,000	6,482,000
Accumulated depreciation	(3,405,000)	(2,796,000)
	\$4,572,000	\$3,686,000

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$609,000 and \$445,000, respectively.

Accumulated depreciation on equipment held under capital leases was \$326,000 and \$231,000 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. (See note 8).

**(4) Intangible Assets*****Brand Names***

Brand names consist of the following three trademarks for natural beverage as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

Virgil's	\$576,000
China Cola	224,000
Sonoma Sparkler	229,000
	\$1,029,000

Virgil's, China Cola, and Sonoma Sparkler brand names are deemed to have indefinite lives and are not amortized, but are tested for impairment annually. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company did not recognize any impairment charges for its indefinite-lived intangible assets.

***Deferred Financing Fees***

Deferred financing fees are comprised of the following as of:

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Loan fees related to financing	\$107,000	\$100,000
Accumulated amortization	(107,000)	(40,000 )
	\$-	\$60,000

Amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was approximately \$67,000 and \$55,000 respectively.

**(5) Line of Credit**

On November 9, 2011, the Company entered into a Loan and Security Agreement with PMC Financial Services Group, LLC (PMC), which was amended and extended for 2 years on December 5, 2014, provides a \$6,000,000 revolving line of credit. The Amended Agreement extends and amends the Revolving Loan and Term Loan (see Note 7) and adds a new Capital Expansion Loan (the "Capex Loan") (see Note 9). At December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the aggregate amount outstanding under the line of credit was \$3,009,000 and \$4,524,000 respectively.

The loans mature on December 5, 2016 and are subject to a 1% prepayment penalty for prepayment prior to the first anniversary of the effective date. As of the effective date of the Amended Agreement, all three loans have an effective interest rate of 9%.

The revolving line of credit agreement included a financial covenant (debt service coverage ratio) that is effective only if the credit availability under the revolving line of credit falls below \$100,000 and another financial covenant (capital expenditures) that the Company will not make capital expenditures in excess of \$500,000 in any fiscal year. At December 31, 2013, the credit availability on the revolving line of credit fell below \$100,000 and, during 2014; the Company expended more than \$500,000 for capital expenditures. Accordingly, these two events caused the Company to be in default under the loan agreement on December 31, 2013. These defaults were waived on March 19, 2014. On December 5, 2014, the Company and PMC executed an amendment to the loan that removed substantially all loan covenants.

The revolving line of credit is based on 85% of accounts receivable and 60% of eligible inventory and is secured by substantially all of the Company's assets. The interest rate on the Revolving Loan is the prime rate plus .35% (9% at December 31, 2014). The amended monthly management fee is .45% of the average monthly loan balance. As of December 31, 2014, the Company had borrowing availability of \$1,042,000 under the line of credit agreement.

**(6) Long Term Financing Obligation**

Long term financing obligation is comprised of the following as of:

	December 31,	
	2014	2013
Financing obligation	\$2,673,000	\$2,784,000
Valuation discount	(1,031,000)	(526,000 )
	1,642,000	2,258,000
Less current portion	(134,000 )	(111,000 )
Long term financing obligation	\$1,508,000	\$2,147,000

On June 15, 2009, the Company closed escrow on the sale of its two buildings and its brewery equipment and concurrently entered into a long-term lease agreement for the same property and equipment. In connection with the lease the Company has the option to repurchase the buildings and brewery equipment from 12 months after the commencement date to the end of the lease term at the greater of the fair market value or an agreed upon amount. Since the lease contains a buyback provision and other related terms, the Company determined it had continuing involvement that did not warrant the recognition of a sale; therefore, the transaction has been accounted for as a long-term financing. The proceeds from the sale, net of transaction costs, have been recorded as a financing obligation in the amount of \$3,056,000. Monthly payments under the financing agreement are recorded as interest expense and a reduction in the financing obligation at an implicit rate of 9.9%. The financing obligation was personally guaranteed up to a limit of \$150,000 by the principal shareholder and Chief Executive Officer, Christopher J. Reed.

In connection with the financing obligation, the Company issued an aggregate of 400,000 warrants to purchase its common stock at \$1.20 per share for five years. The 400,000 warrants were valued at \$752,000 and reflected as a debt discount, using the Black Scholes Merton option pricing model. The following assumptions were utilized in valuing the 400,000 warrants: strike price of \$2.10 to \$2.25; term of 5 years; volatility of 91.36% to 110.9%; expected dividends 0%; and discount rate of 2.15% to 2.20%. The 400,000 warrants were recorded as valuation discount and are being amortized over 15 years, the term of the purchase option. Amortization of valuation discount was \$50,000 during both of the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Effective October 1, 2014, the Company executed Amendment #1 to the Long-term Financing Obligation. In exchange for a release from the \$150,000 personal guarantee by the principal shareholder and Chief Executive Office, and a release of the brewery equipment which was collateral for the lease agreement, the Company issued 200,000 warrants to purchase its common stock for \$5.60 per share for five years. The 200,000 warrants were valued at \$584,000 using the Black Scholes Merton option pricing model. The following assumptions were made in valuing the 200,000 warrants; term of 5 years, volatility of 59.53%, expected dividends 0% and discount rate of 1.25%. The warrants value of \$584,000 will be amortized over the remaining term of the purchase option.

The aggregate amount due under the financing obligation at December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$2,673,000 and \$2,784,000, respectively. Aggregate future obligations under the financing obligation are as follows:

Year	
2015	\$ 134,000
2016	160,000
2017	190,000
2018	222,000
2019	259,000
Thereafter	1,708,000
Total	\$2,673,000

**(7) Term Loan**

In connection with the Loan and Security Agreement with PMC Financial Services Group, LLC (see Note 5), the Company entered into a Term Loan. The loan was \$750,000 and the interest rate was prime plus 11.6%, not to be below 14.85% (14.85% at December 31, 2013), and was secured by all of the unencumbered assets of the Company.

Effective December 5, 2014 the Term Loan's outstanding principal balance was increased to \$1,500,000 and the annual interest rate was revised to prime plus 5.75% (currently 9%). The outstanding principal loan balance at the time of the amendment was \$496,572. Monthly term loan payments are interest only until the December 16, 2016 maturity date when the principal balance is due.

	December 31,	
	2014	2013
Term loan	\$1,500,000	\$647,000
Less current portion	-	(165,000)
Long term debt	\$1,500,000	\$482,000



Aggregate future obligations under the term loan are as follows:

Year	
2015	\$-
2016	1,500,000
Total	\$1,500,000

### **(8) Obligations Under Capital Leases**

The Company leases equipment for its brewery operations with an aggregate value of \$903,000 under 9 non-cancelable capital leases. Most of the leases are personally guaranteed by the Company's chief executive officer. Monthly payments range from \$189 to \$10,441 per month, including interest, at interest rates ranging from 6.51% to 17.31% per annum. At December 31, 2014, monthly payments under these leases aggregated \$16,000. The leases expire at various dates through 2019.

Future minimum lease payments under capital leases are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	
2015	179,000
2016	164,000
2017	149,000
2018	166,000
2019	104,000
Total payments	762,000
Less: Amount representing interest	(161,000)
Present value of net minimum lease payments	601,000
Less: Current portion	(125,000)
Non-current portion	\$476,000

### **(9) Capital Expansion ("CAPEX") Loan**

In connection with the loan and security agreement with PMC, the Company entered into a CAPEX loan in the aggregate outstanding amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. The CAPEX loan will finance new asset purchases for modernization and improvement of the beverage bottling equipment in the Los Angeles plant. Interest only on the CAPEX loan shall be paid from time to time until the end of each fiscal quarter, at which time the principal amounts of each outstanding CAPEX loan will be aggregated and repaid in 48 equal monthly installments of principal plus accrued but unpaid interest. The interest rate on the CAPEX loan is the prime rate plus 5.75% (9% at December 31, 2014). At December 31, 2014, balance on the CAPEX loan balance was \$672,000 and as of December 31, 2014, the

Company had future borrowing availability of \$2,328,000.

2014	2013
\$672,000	\$ -

**(10) Stockholders' Equity**

**Preferred Stock**

**Series A**

Series A Preferred stock consists of 500,000 shares \$10.00 par value, 5% non-cumulative, participating, preferred stock. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, there were 9,411 and 9,411 shares outstanding, respectively, with a liquidation preference of \$10.00 per share. Each share of Series A Preferred stock can be converted into four shares of Reed's common stock.

The Series A Preferred shares have a 5% pro-rata annual non-cumulative dividend. The dividend can be paid in cash or, in the sole and absolute discretion of our board of directors, in shares of common stock based on its then fair market value. We cannot declare or pay any dividend on shares of our securities ranking junior to the preferred stock until the holders of our preferred stock have received the full non-cumulative dividend to which they are entitled. In addition, the holders of our preferred stock are entitled to receive pro rata distributions of dividends on an "as converted" basis with the holders of our common stock. During the year ended December 31, 2014 the Company accrued and paid a \$5,000 dividend payable to the preferred shareholders, which the board of directors elected to pay through the issuance of 1,057 shares of its common stock. During the year ended December 31, 2013 the Company paid a \$5,000 dividend payable to the preferred shareholders through the issuance of 1,064 shares of its common stock.

In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, or if there is a change of control event, then, subject to the rights of the holders of our more senior securities, if any, the holders of our Series A preferred stock are entitled to receive, prior to the holders of any of our junior securities, \$10.00 per share plus all accrued and unpaid dividends. Thereafter, all remaining assets shall be distributed pro rata among all of our security holders. Since June 30, 2008, we have the right, but not the obligation, to redeem all or any portion of the Series A preferred stock by paying the holders thereof the sum of the original purchase price per share, which was \$10.00, plus all accrued and unpaid dividends.

The Series A preferred stock may be converted, at the option of the holder, at any time after issuance and prior to the date such stock is redeemed, into four shares of common stock, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, reverse stock splits, stock dividends, recapitalization, reclassification and similar transactions. We are obligated to reserve out of our authorized but unissued shares of common stock a sufficient number of such shares to effect the conversion of all outstanding shares of Series A preferred stock. During 2013, 1,000 shares of Series A preferred stock were converted into 4,000 shares of common stock.

Except as provided by law, the holders of our Series A preferred stock do not have the right to vote on any matters, including, without limitation, the election of directors. However, so long as any shares of Series A preferred stock are outstanding, we shall not, without first obtaining the approval of at least a majority of the holders of the Series A preferred stock, authorize or issue any equity security having a preference over the Series A preferred stock with respect to dividends, liquidation, redemption or voting, including any other security convertible into or exercisable for any equity security other than any senior preferred stock.

### **Common Stock**

Common stock consists of \$.0001 par value, 19,500,000 shares authorized, 13,268,058 shares issued and 13,068,058 outstanding as of December 31, 2014 and 12,922,832 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2013.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company issued 2,807 shares of common stock for consulting services valued at an aggregate value of \$13,000 for services rendered. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company issued 1,250 shares of common stock for services at \$4.00 per share with a value of \$5,000.

### **(11) Stock Options and Warrants**

#### ***A) Stock Options***

In 2001, the Company adopted the Original Beverage Corporation 2001 Stock Option Plan and, in 2007, the Company adopted the Reed's Inc. 2007 Stock Option Plan (the "Plans"). The options under both plans shall be granted from time to time by the Compensation Committee. Individuals eligible to receive options include employees of the Company, consultants to the Company and directors of the Company. The options shall have a fixed price, which will not be less than 100% of the fair market value per share on the grant date. The total number of options authorized is 500,000 and 1,500,000, respectively for the Original Beverage Corporation 2001 Stock Option Plan and the Reed's Inc. 2007 Stock Option Plan.

During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company granted 477,500 and 414,000 options, respectively, to purchase the Company's common stock at a weighted exercise price of \$4.73 and \$3.99, respectively, to employees under the Plans. The aggregate value of the options vesting, net of forfeitures, during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$396,000 and \$327,000, respectively, and has been reflected as compensation cost. As of December 31, 2014, the aggregate value of unvested options was \$798,000, which will be amortized as compensation cost as the options vest, over 2 to 4 years.

On June 5, 2014, the Company repriced 323,000 employee options to an exercise price of \$4.60 per share, which were previously \$4.74-\$6.70 per share. The total increase in stock compensation expense, as a result of the repricing was approximately \$4,000.

There were 216,134 stock options exercised in the year ended December 31, 2014 at exercise prices between \$1.14 and \$5.70 per share. The Company received \$25,700 for 10,000 of such exercises and allowed cash-less exercise of 206,134 of such options, issuing 131,362 shares of common stock for a total of 141,362 shares issued relative to stock options during the year ended December 31, 2014.

During the year ended December 31, 2013 there were 348,332 options exercised at an average price of \$1.14. Most of such exercises were cash-less, however, the Company did receive proceeds from certain exercises aggregating \$30,000.

The weighted-average grant date fair value of options granted during 2014 and 2013 was \$2.03 and \$1.97, respectively. The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model that uses the assumptions noted in the following table. For purposes of determining the expected life of the option, an average of the estimated holding period is used. The risk-free rate for periods within the contractual life of the options is based on the U. S. Treasury yield in effect at the time of the grant.

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2014	2013
Expected volatility	59 - 66 %	71 %
Expected dividends	—	—
Expected average term (in years)	3.5 - 4.5	3.0
Risk free rate - average	0.7 %	0.8 %
Forfeiture rate	0 %	0 %

A summary of option activity as of December 31, 2014 and changes during the two years then ended is presented below:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Terms (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2013	607,000	\$ 1.27		
Granted	414,000	\$ 3.99		
Exercised	(348,332)	\$ 1.14		
Forfeited or expired	(33,334)	\$ 3.71		
Outstanding at December 31, 2013	639,334	\$ 3.18		
Granted	477,500	\$ 4.73		
Exercised	(216,134)	\$ 2.26		
Forfeited or expired	(195,367)	\$ 4.33		

Edgar Filing: REED'S, INC. - Form 10-K

Outstanding at December 31, 2014	705,333	\$ 3.96	3.6	\$1,362,000
Exercisable at December 31, 2014	204,757	\$ 3.68	3.5	\$720,000

As of December 31, 2014, the aggregate intrinsic values of \$1,362,000 and \$720,000 were calculated as the difference between the market price and the exercise price of the Company's stock, which was \$5.91 as of December 31, 2014.

A summary of the status of the Company's nonvested shares granted under the Company's stock option plan as of December 31, 2014 and changes during the year then ended is presented below:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested at December 31, 2013	370,251	\$ 1.89
Granted	477,500	\$ 4.73
Vested	(166,751)	\$ 2.56
Forfeited	(180,424)	\$ 4.33
Nonvested at December 31, 2014	500,576	\$ 4.50

Additional information regarding options outstanding as of December 31, 2014 is as follows:

Range of Exercise Price	Options Outstanding at December 31, 2014			Options Exercisable at December 31, 2014	
	Number of Shares Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Shares Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$0.01 - \$1.99	107,333	1.9	\$ 1.27	102,334	\$ 1.47
\$2.00 - \$4.99	478,000	3.7	\$ 4.28	99,090	\$ 3.52
\$5.00 - \$6.99	120,000	4.6	\$ 5.13	3,333	5.70
	705,333			204,757	

### ***B) Warrants***

Effective October 1, 2014, the Company executed Amendment #1 to the Long-term Financing Obligation (see Note 6). In exchange for a release from the \$150,000 personal guarantee by the principal shareholder and Chief Executive Office, and a release of the brewery equipment which was collateral for the lease agreement, the Company issued 200,000 warrants to purchase its common stock for \$5.60 per share for five years. The 200,000 warrants were valued at \$584,000 using the Black Scholes Merton option pricing model. The following assumptions were made in valuing the 200,000 warrants; term of 5 years, volatility of 59.53%, expected dividends 0% and discount rate of 1.25%. The warrants will be amortized over 5 years.

During the year ended December 31, 2013 there were no warrants granted. During the year ended December 31, 2013 there were 215,290 warrants exercised at prices between \$2.10 per share and \$2.77 per share (an average price of \$2.45), resulting in proceeds to the Company of \$373,000 and 188,635 shares of common stock issued.

The following table summarizes warrant activity for the two years ended December 31, 2014:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Terms (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2012	317,253	\$ 2.30		
Granted	-	-		
Exercised	(215,290)	2.45		

Edgar Filing: REED'S, INC. - Form 10-K

Forfeited or expired	-	-		
Outstanding at December 31, 2013	101,963	\$ 2.30		
Granted	200,000	5.60		
Exercised	-	-		
Forfeited or expired	-	-		
Outstanding at December 31, 2014	301,963	\$ 4.49	3.3	\$ 430,000
Exercisable at December 31, 2014	301,963	\$ 4.49	3.3	\$ 430,000

As of December 31, 2014, the aggregate intrinsic value of \$430,000 was calculated as the difference between the market price and the exercise price of the Company's stock, which was \$5.91 as of December 31, 2014.

The fair value of each warrant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model. Expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company. For purposes of determining the expected life of the warrant, the full contract life of the warrant is used. The risk-free rate for periods within the contractual life of the warrants is based on the U. S. Treasury yield in effect at the time of the grant.

The following table summarizes the outstanding warrants to purchase Common Stock at December 31, 2014:

Number	Exercise Price	Expiration Dates
20,803	\$ 2.10	February 2015
64,899	\$ 2.25	April 2015
16,261	\$ 2.77	February 2016
200,000	\$ 5.60	September 2019
301,963		



**(12) Income Taxes**

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company had available Federal and state net operating loss carryforwards to reduce future taxable income. The amounts available were approximately \$17.8 million and \$16.5 million for Federal purposes, respectively, and \$13.3 million and \$12.5 million for state purposes respectively. The Federal carryforward expires in 2033 and the state carryforward expires in 2018. Given the Company's history of net operating losses, management has determined that it is more likely than not that the Company will not be able to realize the tax benefit of the carryforwards. Accordingly, the Company has not recognized a deferred tax asset for this benefit.

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted FASB guidelines that address the determination of whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. Under this guidance, we may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position should be measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. This guidance also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties on income taxes, accounting in interim periods and requires increased disclosures. At the date of adoption, and as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company did not have a liability for unrecognized tax benefits, and no adjustment was required at adoption.

The Company's policy is to record interest and penalties on uncertain tax provisions as income tax expense. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company has not accrued interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. Additionally, tax years 2007 through 2014 remain open to examination by the major taxing jurisdictions to which the Company is subject.

Upon the attainment of taxable income by the Company, management will assess the likelihood of realizing the tax benefit associated with the use of the carryforwards and will recognize the appropriate deferred tax asset at that time.

Significant components of the Company's deferred income tax assets are as follows as of:

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Deferred income tax asset:		
Net operating loss carryforward	\$7,600,000	\$6,400,000
Valuation allowance	(7,600,000)	(6,400,000)
Net deferred income tax asset	\$—	\$—

Reconciliation of the effective income tax rate to the U.S. statutory rate is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Federal Statutory tax rate	(34)%	(34)%
State tax, net of federal benefit	(5)%	(5)%
	(39)%	(39)%
Valuation allowance	39%	39%
Effective tax rate	-%	-%

### **(13) Commitments and Contingencies**

#### *Lease Commitments*

The Company leases warehouse space under non-cancelable operating leases. Rental expense under these and other operating leases for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$203,000 and \$196,000, respectively.

Future payments under these leases as of December 31, 2014 are as follows:

Year ending December 31,	Amount
2015	\$ 155,000
2016	155,000
2017	137,000
Total	\$447,000

### ***Other Commitments***

The Company has entered into contracts with customers with clauses that commit the Company to pay fees if the Company terminates the agreement early or without cause. The contracts call for the customer to have the right to distribute the Company's products to a defined type of retailer within a defined geographic region. If the Company should terminate the contract or not automatically renew the agreements without cause, amounts would be due to the customer. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company has no plans to terminate or not renew any agreement with any of their customers; therefore, no such fees have been accrued in the accompanying financial statements.

### **(14) Legal Proceedings**

From time to time, we are a party to claims and legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. Our management evaluates our exposure to these claims and proceedings individually and in the aggregate and provides for potential losses on such litigation if the amount of the loss is estimable and the loss is probable.

We believe that there are no material litigation matters at the current time. Although the results of such litigation matters and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe that the final outcome of such claims and proceedings will not have a material adverse impact on our financial position, liquidity, or results of operations.

### **(15) Related Party Activity**

During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company entered into an agreement for the distribution of its products internationally. The agreement is between the Company and a company controlled by two brothers of Christopher Reed, Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The agreement remains in effect until terminated by either party and requires the Company to pay 10% of the defined sales of the previous month. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company paid commissions of \$1,000, and during the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company paid commissions of \$15,000.

### **(16) Subsequent Events**

On January 16, 2015, the Company granted options to employees to purchase 238,000 shares of the Company's common stock with an exercise price of \$5.39 per share. The fair value of the options on the date granted was determined to be approximately \$658,000 using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model with the following assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 1.64%; dividend yield of 0%; volatility of 62.71%; with an expected life of 4.5 years and will be amortized ratably over the vesting period of 4 years.

On March 9, 2015, Mark Beaton was hired as Chief Operating Officer of Reed's Inc. He will be paid a base annual salary of \$175,000 and was granted 70,000 stock options priced at \$6.46. The fair value of the options on the date granted was determined to be approximately \$224,000 using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model with the following assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 1.64%; dividend yield of 0%; volatility of 60.12%; with an expected life of 4.5 years and will be amortized ratably over the vesting period of 4 years.

F-19

**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None.

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

**Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

*Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Interim Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined under Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 Rules 13a-15(f). Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Interim Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2014.

*Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the fourth quarter of 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

*Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of our financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Our internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are

recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014. In making this assessment, we used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework*. Based on our assessment we concluded that, as of December 31, 2014, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of our independent registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by our independent registered public accounting firm, pursuant to provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act that permit us to provide only management's report in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

This report shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and is not incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

#### **Item 9B. Other Information**

**None.**

**PART III****Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers, Promoters, Control Persons and Corporate Governance; Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act****General**

Our directors currently have terms which will end at our next annual meeting of the stockholders or until their successors are elected and qualify, subject to their death, resignation or removal. Officers serve at the discretion of the board of directors. Our board members are encouraged to attend meetings of the board of directors and the annual meeting of stockholders. The board of directors held nine meetings in 2014. The following table sets forth certain information with respect to our current directors and executive officers:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Age</b>
Christopher J. Reed	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board	56
Lawrence W. Tomsic	Interim Chief Financial Officer	62
Mark B. Beaton	Chief Operating Officer	51
Judy Holloway Reed	Secretary and Director	55
Mark Harris	Director	59
Daniel S.J. Muffoletto	Director	60
Michael Fischman	Director	59

**Business Experience of Directors and Executive Officers**

*Christopher J. Reed* founded our company in 1987. Mr. Reed has served as our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer since our incorporation in 1991. Mr. Reed also served as Chief Financial Officer during fiscal year 2007 until October 1, 2007 and again from April 17, 2008 to January 19, 2010. Mr. Reed has been responsible for our design and products, including the original product recipes, the proprietary brewing process and the packaging and marketing strategies. Mr. Reed received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 1980 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

**Lawrence W. Tomsic** is a Certified Public Accountant and has extensive experience as a chief financial officer, controller, and auditor, providing expertise to public, private and non-profit companies. Mr. Tomsic has worked most recently as a consulting CFO for small companies from May 2012 to May 2014. Mr. Tomsic served as Chief Financial Officer of LiveDeal, Inc. (LIVE) which is a NASDAQ Listed SEC company, a provider of internet based website development, web hosting and advertising services from November 2009 to May 2012. He worked as a consulting CFO partner with B2BCFO in 2009, as Controller with Alliance Residential in 2008, and as a consulting CFO from 2006 – 2008. From 1997 to 2006, he served as Chief Financial Officer for John R. Wood, Inc. a luxury real estate broker. Mr. Tomsic received a BS degree in Accounting from the University of Delaware in 1975 and an MBA from the University of Denver in 1976.

**Mark B. Beaton** was hired as Chief Operating Officer March 9, 2015 and brings over 17 years of experience directing high-volume, multi-site operations for major Fortune 500 CPG companies including Dr. Pepper/Snapple Group, Pepsi Bottling Group and United Parcel Service. Prior to joining Reed's, Mark worked as Vice President of Operations at the Dr. Pepper/Snapple Group from June 2007 through September 2014 where he drove operational efficiencies and was responsible for leading and directing functions that focused on warehouse and distribution operations, inventory management, environmental health and safety and a corporate real estate portfolio. While at Dr. Pepper, Mark was responsible for leadership across the packaged beverage network of 160 distribution facilities that delivered 290 million cases and more than \$5 billion of annual sales. He worked as a beverage manufacturing and distribution consultant from October 2014 – February 2015. Additional positions throughout Mark's career include the Director of Supply Chain Technology and Warehousing at Cadbury Schweppes Bottling Group where he was responsible for developing and managing strategies for delivering productivity and process improvement across 166 distribution centers in North America. Mark also served in Production, Maintenance and Product Availability Manager Roles with the Pepsi Bottling Group. Mark began his career as a Hub Operations Supervisor at UPS and is a Certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt who also served in the United States Army.

**Judy Holloway Reed** has been with us since 1992 and, as we have grown, has run the accounting, purchasing and shipping and receiving departments at various times since the 1990s. Ms. Reed has been one of our directors since June 2004, and our Secretary since October 1996. In the 1980s, Ms. Reed managed media tracking for a Los Angeles Infomercial Media Buying Group and was an account manager with a Beverly Hills, California stock portfolio management company. She earned a Business Degree from MIU in 1981. Ms. Reed is the wife of Christopher J. Reed, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

**Mark Harris** has been a member of our board of directors since April 2005. Mr. Harris is an independent venture capitalist and has been retired from the work force since 2002. In late 2003, Mr. Harris joined a group of Amgen colleagues in funding NeoStem, Inc., a company involved in stem-cell storage, archiving, and research to which he is a founding investor. From 1991 to 2002, Mr. Harris worked at Amgen, Inc. (Nasdaq: AMGN), a preeminent biotech company, managing much of Amgen's media production for internal use and public relations. Mr. Harris spent the decade prior working in the aerospace industry at Northrop with similar responsibilities.

**Daniel S.J. Muffoletto, N.D.** has been a member of our board of directors from April 2005 to December 2006 and from January 2007 to the present. Dr. Muffoletto has practiced as a Naturopathic Physician since 1986. He has served



as chief executive officer of Its Your Earth, a natural products marketing company since June 2004. From 2003 to 2005, Dr. Muffoletto worked as Sales and Marketing Director for Worthington, Moore & Jacobs, a Commercial Law League member firm serving FedEx, UPS, DHL and Kodak, among others. From 2001 to 2003, he was the owner-operator of the David St. Michel Art Gallery in Montreal, Québec. From 1991 to 2001, Dr. Muffoletto was the owner/operator of a Naturopathic Apothecary, Herbal Alter\*Natives of Seattle, Washington and Ellicott City, Maryland. The apothecary housed Dr. Muffoletto's Naturopathic practice. Dr. Muffoletto received a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Government and Communications from the University of Baltimore in 1977, and conducted postgraduate work in the schools of Public Administration and Publication Design at the University of Baltimore from 1978 to 1979. In 1986, he received his Doctorate of Naturopathic Medicine from the Santa Fe Academy of Healing, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Michael Fischman** has been a member of our board of directors since April 2005. Since 1998, Mr. Fischman has been President and chief executive officer of the APEX course, the corporate training division of the International Association of Human Values. In addition, Mr. Fischman is a founding member and the director of training for USA at the Art of Living Foundation, a global non-profit educational and humanitarian organization at which he has coordinated over 200 personal development instructors since 1997.

## **Family Relationships**

Other than the relationship of Christopher J. Reed, and Judy Holloway Reed, Christopher Reed's wife and a board member, none of our directors or executive officers are related to one another.

## **Legal Proceedings**

To the best of our knowledge, none of our executive officers or directors are parties to any material proceedings adverse to Reed's, have any material interest adverse to Reed's or have, during the past ten years:

been convicted in a criminal proceeding or been subject to a pending criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses);

had any bankruptcy petition filed by or against him/her or any business of which he/she was a general partner or executive officer, either at the time of the bankruptcy or within two years prior to that time;

been subject to any order, judgment, or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any court of competent jurisdiction, permanently or temporarily enjoining, barring, suspending or otherwise limiting his/her involvement in any type of business, securities, futures, commodities or banking activities;

been found by a court of competent jurisdiction (in a civil action), the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to have violated a federal or state securities or commodities law, and the judgment has not been reversed, suspended, or vacated;

been subject to, or party to, any judicial or administrative order, judgment, decree, or finding, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, relating to an alleged violation of (i) any Federal or State securities or commodities law or regulation, (ii) any law or regulation respecting financial institutions or insurance companies including, but not limited to, a temporary or permanent injunction, order of disgorgement or restitution, civil money penalty or temporary or permanent cease-and-desist order, or removal or prohibition order or (iii) any law or regulation prohibiting mail or wire fraud or fraud in connection with any business entity; or been the subject of, or a party to, any sanction or order, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any self-regulatory organization (as defined in Section 3(a)(26) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(26))), any registered entity (as defined in Section

1(a)(29) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1(a)(29))), or any equivalent exchange, association, entity or organization that has disciplinary authority over its members or persons associated with a member.

## **Corporate Governance**

We are committed to having sound corporate governance principles. We believe that such principles are essential to running our business efficiently and to maintaining our integrity in the marketplace. There have been no changes to the procedures by which stockholders may recommend nominees to our board of directors.

## **Director Qualifications**

We believe that our directors should have the highest professional and personal ethics and values, consistent with our longstanding values and standards. They should have broad experience at the policy-making level in business or banking. They should be committed to enhancing stockholder value and should have sufficient time to carry out their duties and to provide insight and practical wisdom based on experience. Their service on other boards of public companies should be limited to a number that permits them, given their individual circumstances, to perform responsibly all director duties for us. Each director must represent the interests of all stockholders. When considering potential director candidates, the board of directors also considers the candidate's character, judgment, diversity, age and skills, including financial literacy and experience in the context of our needs and the needs of the board of directors.

## **Director Independence**

The board of directors has determined that three members of our board of directors, Mr. Harris, Dr. Muffoletto and Mr. Fischman, are independent under the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual. We intend to maintain at least three independent directors on our board of directors in the future.

## Code of Ethics

Our Chief Executive Officer and all senior financial officers, including the Chief Financial Officer, are bound by a Code of Ethics that complies with Item 406 of Regulation S-B of the Exchange Act. Our Code of Ethics is posted on our website at [www.reedsinc.com](http://www.reedsinc.com).

## Board Structure and Committee Composition

As of the date of this Annual Report, our board of directors has five directors and the following three standing committees: an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominations and Governance Committee. These committees were formed in January 2007.

*Audit Committee.* Our Audit Committee oversees our accounting and financial reporting processes, internal systems of accounting and financial controls, relationships with independent auditors and audits of financial statements. Specific responsibilities include the following:

selecting, hiring and terminating our independent auditors;

evaluating the qualifications, independence and performance of our independent auditors;

approving the audit and non-audit services to be performed by our independent auditors;

reviewing the design, implementation, adequacy and effectiveness of our internal controls and critical accounting policies;

overseeing and monitoring the integrity of our financial statements and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as they relate to financial statements or accounting matters;

reviewing with management and our independent auditors, any earnings announcements and other public announcements regarding our results of operations; and

preparing the audit committee report that the SEC requires in our annual proxy statement.

Our Audit Committee is comprised of Dr. Muffoletto, Mr. Harris and Mr. Fischman. Dr. Muffoletto serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee. The board of directors has determined that the three members of the Audit Committee are independent under the rules of the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual and that Dr. Muffoletto qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert,” as defined by the rules of the SEC. Our board

of directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee meeting applicable standards of the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange.

*Compensation Committee.* Our Compensation Committee assists our board of directors in determining and developing plans for the compensation of our officers, directors and employees. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- approving the compensation and benefits of our executive officers;
- reviewing the performance objectives and actual performance of our officers; and
- administering our stock option and other equity compensation plans.

Our Compensation Committee is comprised of Dr. Muffoletto, Mr. Harris and Mr. Fischman. The board of directors has determined that all of the members of the Compensation Committee are independent under New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual Section 303A.02. In affirmatively determining the independence of a director who will serve on the compensation committee, the Company's board considered all factors specifically relevant to whether the director has a relationship to the Company which is material to the director's ability to be independent from management in connection with the duties of a committee member, including, without limitation: (1) the source of compensation of the director, including any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee paid by the Company; and (2) whether the director is affiliated with the Company, or an affiliate of the Company.

Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the Compensation Committee.

*Nominations and Governance Committee.* Our Nominations and Governance Committee assists the board of directors by identifying and recommending individuals qualified to become members of our board of directors, reviewing correspondence from our stockholders, and establishing, evaluating and overseeing our corporate governance guidelines. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- evaluating the composition, size and governance of our board of directors and its committees and making recommendations regarding future planning and the appointment of directors to our committees;
- establishing a policy for considering stockholder nominees for election to our board of directors; and
- evaluating and recommending candidates for election to our board of directors.

Our Nominations and Governance Committee is comprised of Dr. Muffoletto and Mr. Fischman. The board of directors has determined that all of the members of the Nominations and Governance Committee are independent under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual. Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the Nominations and Corporate Governance Committee.

### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”) requires our directors and executive officers and beneficial holders of more than 10% of our common stock to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of our equity securities.

To our knowledge, based solely upon a review of Forms 3 and 4 and amendments thereto furnished to Reed’s under 17 CFR 240.16a-3(e) during our most recent fiscal year and Forms 5 and amendments thereto furnished to Reed’s with respect to our most recent fiscal year or written representations from the reporting persons, we believe that during the year ended December 31, 2013 our directors, executive officers and persons who own more than 10% of our common stock complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements.

### Item 11. Executive Compensation

The following table summarizes all compensation for fiscal years 2014 and 2013 received by our principal executive officer, former principal financial officers and former chief operating officer, who were our “Named Executive Officers”.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards	Option Awards (\$)(1)	Non-Equity Incentive Compensation	Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation	All Other Compensation	Total
<b>Christopher J. Reed,</b> Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	2014	\$217,000	\$30,000	56,400	\$ -	-	-	\$ 5,000	(2) \$308,400
	2013	\$217,000	\$29,000	46,750	\$ -	-	-	\$ 5,000	(2) \$297,750
Lawrence W. Tomsic	2014	\$105,000	\$4,000						\$109,000

Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial  
Officer)

David J Williams former Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) (3)	2014	\$78,367		\$10,000					\$88,367
<b>James Linesch,</b> former Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) (4)	2014	\$19,432	\$-	-	\$ -	-	-	-	\$19,432
	2013	\$175,000	\$14,000	-	\$ -	-	-	-	\$189,000
<b>Thierry Foucaut,</b> former Chief Operating Officer (5)	2014	\$21,837	\$	\$	\$ -				\$21,837
	2013	\$180,000	\$14,000	\$	\$ -				\$194,000

(1) The amounts represent the fair value for all share-based payment awards, calculated on the date of grant in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards, excluding any impact of assumed forfeiture rates.

(2) Represents value of automobile provided to Christopher J. Reed.

(3) Reed's and David J. Williams agreed to a mutual separation on May 22, 2014.

(4) James Linesch resigned from his position as Chief Financial Officer effective January 30, 2014.

(5) Thierry Foucaut resigned from his position as Chief Operating Officer effective February 4, 2014.

## Employment Agreements

There are no employment agreements with our executive officers. Mr. Reed is currently paid an annual salary of \$227,000. Mr. Tomsic is currently paid an annual salary of \$180,000. Mr. Williams, as Interim Chief Financial Officer, was paid consulting fees equivalent to an annual salary of \$180,000. Mr. Linesch was paid an annual salary of \$175,000 through the date of his resignation; and Mr. Foucaut was paid an annual salary of \$180,000 through the date of his resignation. Any bonuses are discretionary.

## Outstanding Equity Awards At Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth information regarding unexercised options and equity incentive plan awards for each Named Executive Officer outstanding as of December 31, 2014

Name and Position	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards:			
			Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date	
Christopher J. Reed, Chief Executive Officer	50,000	50,000	-	\$ 1.14	12/22/16	
	25,000	12,500	(1)	\$ 4.00	03/03/18	
	30,000	7,500	(2) -	\$ 4.60	4/9/19	
Lawrence W. Tomsic, Chief Financial Officer		100,000	(3) -	\$ 4.60	5/26/18	

### Vesting of Options:

(1) Options vest 25% immediately and 25% per year.

(2) These options vest 33% per year.

(3) These options vest 25% per year.

## Director Compensation



The following table summarizes the compensation paid to our directors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

Name	Fees		Non-Equity			Total
	Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Incentive Plan Compensation	All Other Compensation	
Judy Holloway Reed	\$1,350					\$1,350
Mark Harris	\$-	\$2,700				\$2,700
Daniel S.J. Muffoletto	\$13,529	(1)				\$13,529
Michael Fischman	\$1,500					\$1,500

(1) Since November 2007, Dr. Muffoletto receives \$833 per month to serve as the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

## Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners, Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The following table reflects, as of March 20, 2015, the beneficial common stock ownership of: (a) each of our directors, (b) each of our current named executive officers, (c) each person known by us to be a beneficial holder of 5% or more of our common stock, and (d) all of our executive officers and directors as a group.

Except as otherwise indicated below, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock held by them. Unless otherwise indicated, the principal address of each listed executive officer and director is 13000 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90061.

Named Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Shares Beneficially Owned (1)
Directors and Named Executive Officers		
Christopher J. Reed <sup>(2)</sup>	2,371,890	18.2
Judy Holloway Reed <sup>(2)</sup>	2,371,890	18.2
Mark Harris <sup>(3)</sup>	509	*
Daniel S.J. Muffoletto, N.D.	0	*
Michael Fischman	0	*
Lawrence W. Tomsic	0	*
Directors and executive officers as a group (6 persons)	2,372,399	18.2
5% or greater stockholders		
Robert Reed <sup>(4)</sup>	800,000	6.1
* Less than 1%.		

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC. Shares of common stock subject to options or warrants currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 20, 2015 are deemed outstanding for computing the percentage ownership of the stockholder holding the options or warrants but are not deemed (1) outstanding for computing the percentage ownership of any other stockholder. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to this table, we believe stockholders named in the table have sole voting and sole investment power with respect to the shares set forth opposite such stockholder's name. Percentage of ownership is based on 13,068,058 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 20, 2015.

Christopher J. Reed and Judy Holloway Reed are husband and wife. The same number of shares of common stock is shown for each of them, as they may each be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all of such shares. Consists of (2) 2,371,890 shares of common stock and options to purchase 62,500 shares of common stock. Does not include options to purchase up to 42,500 shares of common stock, which vest over three years.

(3) The address for Mr. Harris is 160 Barranca Road, Newbury Park, California 91320.

Robert Reed is the trustee of the Reed Family Irrevocable Trust One and the Reed Family Irrevocable Trust Two.

(4) Each trust owns 400,000 shares of common stock. As sole Trustee, Robert Reed holds voting and dispositive power over all of these shares.

### Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Our board of directors has adopted written policies and procedures for the review of any transaction, arrangement or relationship between Reed's and one of our executive officers, directors, director nominees or 5% or greater stockholders (or their immediate family members), each of whom we refer to as a "related person," in which such related person has a direct or indirect material interest.

If a related person proposes to enter into such a transaction, arrangement or relationship, defined as a “related party transaction,” the related party must report the proposed related party transaction to our Chief Financial Officer. The policy calls for the proposed related party transaction to be reviewed and, if deemed appropriate, approved by the Nominations and Governance Committee. Our Nominations and Governance Committee is comprised of Dr. Muffoletto and Mr. Fischman. The board of directors has determined that all of the members of the Nominations and Governance Committee are independent under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual. If practicable, the reporting, review and approval will occur prior to entry into the transaction. If advance review and approval is not practicable, the Nominations and Governance Committee will review, and, in its discretion, may ratify the related party transaction. Any related party transactions that are ongoing in nature will be reviewed annually at a minimum. The related party transactions listed below were reviewed by the full board of directors. Prior to August 2005, we did not have independent directors on our board to review and approve related party transactions. The Nominations and Governance Committee shall review future related party transactions.

During the years December 31, 2014 and 2013, we have participated in the following transactions in which a related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest:

Judy Holloway Reed, our Secretary and director, is Christopher J. Reed’s spouse.

During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company entered into an agreement for the distribution of its products internationally. The agreement is between the Company and a company controlled by two brothers of Christopher Reed, Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The agreement remains in effect until terminated by either party and requires the Company to pay 10% of the defined sales of the previous month. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company paid commissions on sales of \$15,000, and during the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company paid commissions on sales of \$66,000.

#### **Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services**

Weinberg & Company, P.A. (“Weinberg”) was our independent registered public accounting firm for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

The following table shows the fees paid or accrued by us for the audit and other services provided by Weinberg for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

	2014	2013
Audit Fees	\$134,000	\$87,000
Audit-Related Fees	0	0
Tax Fees	18,000	9,000
All Other Fees	0	0
Total	\$156,000	\$96,000

As defined by the SEC, (i) “audit fees” are fees for professional services rendered by our principal accountant for the audit of our annual financial statements and review of financial statements included in our Form 10-K, or for services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years; (ii) “audit-related fees” are fees for assurance and related services by our principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements and are not reported under “audit fees;” (iii) “tax fees” are fees for professional services rendered by our principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning; and (iv) “all other fees” are fees for products and services provided by our principal accountant, other than the services reported under “audit fees,” “audit-related fees,” and “tax fees.”

### **Audit Fees**

Services provided to us by Weinberg with respect to such periods consisted of the audits of our financial statements and limited reviews of the financial statements included in Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Weinberg also provided services with respect to the filing of our registration statements in 2014 and 2013.

### **Audit Related Fees**

Weinberg did not provide any professional services to us with which would relate to “audit related fees.”

### **Tax Fees**

Weinberg prepared our 2014 and 2013 Federal and state income taxes.

### **All Other Fees**

Weinberg did not provide any professional services to us with which would relate to “other fees.”

### **Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

Under the SEC’s rules, the Audit Committee is required to pre-approve the audit and non-audit services performed by the independent registered public accounting firm in order to ensure that they do not impair the auditors’ independence. The Commission’s rules specify the types of non-audit services that an independent auditor may not provide to its audit client and establish the Audit Committee’s responsibility for administration of the engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm.

Consistent with the SEC’s rules, the Audit Committee Charter requires that the Audit Committee review and pre-approve all audit services and permitted non-audit services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm to us or any of our subsidiaries. The Audit Committee may delegate pre-approval authority to a member of the Audit Committee and if it does, the decisions of that member must be presented to the full Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. Accordingly, 100% of audit services and non-audit services described in this Item 14 were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

There were no hours expended on the principal accountant’s engagement to audit the registrant’s financial statements for the most recent fiscal year that were attributed to work performed by persons other than the principal accountant’s full-time, permanent employees.

## **PART IV**

### **Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statements**

#### *(a) 1. Financial Statements*

See Index to Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

#### *2. Financial Statement Schedules*

All other financial statement schedules have been omitted because they are either not applicable or the required information is shown in the financial statements or notes thereto.

#### *3. Exhibits*

See the Exhibit Index, which follows the signature page of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

#### *(b) Exhibits*

See Item 15(a) (3) above.

#### *(c) Financial Statement Schedules*

See Item 15(a) (2) above.



**SIGNATURES**

In accordance with Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the registrant caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 26, 2015 **REED'S, INC.**  
a Delaware corporation

By: */s/ Christopher J. Reed*  
Christopher J. Reed  
Chief Executive Officer

In accordance with the Exchange Act, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>/s/ CHRISTOPHER J. REED</i> Christopher J. Reed	Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)	March 26, 2015
<i>/s/ LAWRENCE W. TOMSIC</i> Lawrence W. Tomsic	Interim Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	March 26, 2015
<i>/s/ JUDY HOLLOWAY REED</i> Judy Holloway Reed	Director	March 26, 2015
<i>/s/ MARK HARRIS</i> Mark Harris	Director	March 26, 2015
<i>/s/ DANIEL S.J. MUFFOLETTO</i> Daniel S.J. Muffoletto	Director	March 26, 2015
<i>/s/ MICHAEL FISCHMAN</i> Michael Fischman	Director	March 26, 2015





EXHIBIT INDEX

- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation of Reed's, Inc. as filed September 7, 2001 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (File No. 333-120451))
- 3.2 Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation of Reed's, Inc. as filed September 27, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (File No. 333-120451))
- 3.3 Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation of Reed's, Inc. as filed December 18, 2007 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-156908))
- 3.4 Certificate of Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series A Preferred Stock of Reed's, Inc. as filed October 12, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (File No. 333-120451))
- 3.5 Certificate of Correction to Certificate of Designations as filed November 10, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (File No. 333-120451))
- 3.6 Amended Certificate of Designation of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, filed December 4, 2009 (filed herewith)
- 3.7 Bylaws of Reed's Inc., as amended (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Reed's, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 19, 2012)
- 4.1 Form of common stock certificate (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (File No. 333-120451))
- 4.2 Form of Series A preferred stock certificate (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (File No. 333-120451))
- 10.1 Waiver to Loan and Security Agreement dated January 5, 2009 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-156908))
- 10.2\* 2001 Stock Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (File No. 333-120451))
- 10.3 Reed's Inc. Master Brokerage Agreement between Reed's, Inc. and Reed's Brokerage, Inc. dated May 1, 2008 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-156908))
- 10.4\* 2007 Stock Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to Reed's, Inc.'s Form 10-K filed March 27, 2009)
- 10.5\* 2009 Consultant Stock Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-157359))
- 10.6\* 2010 Incentive Stock Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-165906))
- 10.7\* 2010-2 Incentive Stock Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-165906))
- 10.8 Loan and Security Agreement between PMC Financial Services Group, LLC and Reed's, Inc. dated November 8, 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to Reed's, Inc.'s Form 10-Q as filed November 14, 2011)
- 14.1 Code of Ethics (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 14.1 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (File No. 333-157359))
- 21. Subsidiaries of Reed's, Inc., filed herewith.
- 23.1 Consent of Weinberg & Co., P.A., filed herewith.
- 31.1

Edgar Filing: REED'S, INC. - Form 10-K

- Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
- 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
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document
- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
- 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
- 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
- 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
- 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

\* Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

In accordance with SEC Release 33-8238, Exhibit 32.1 and 32.2 are being furnished and not filed.

XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) information is furnished and not filed or a part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, is deemed not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and otherwise is not subject to liability under these sections.

