

ALPINE TOTAL DYNAMIC DIVIDEND FUND
Form N-Q
September 29, 2009

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM N-Q

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-21980

ALPINE TOTAL DYNAMIC DIVIDEND FUND
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end: October 31

Date of reporting period: May 1, 2009 July 31, 2009

Item 1 Schedule of Investments.

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SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS
July 31, 2009 (Unaudited)

| Description | Shares | Value (Note 1) |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| COMMON STOCKS (87.9%) | | |
| <i>Australia (3.5%)</i> | | |
| AXA Asia Pacific Holdings, Ltd. | 2,610,900 | \$ 9,280,424 |
| BHP Billiton, Ltd. | 314,400 | 19,794,624 |
| Westfield Group | 2,249,300 | 21,314,049 |
| | | 50,389,097 |
| <i>Brazil (2.5%)</i> | | |
| Companhia Brasileira de Meios de Pagamento* | 1,242,800 | 11,863,469 |
| Petroleo Brasileiro SA - ADR | 605,700 | 24,979,068 |
| | | 36,842,537 |
| <i>Canada (1.1%)</i> | | |
| Teck Resources, Ltd.* | 615,800 | 16,189,382 |
| <i>China (1.9%)</i> | | |
| Bank of China, Ltd. | 27,206,400 | 13,550,455 |
| China Construction Bank Corp. | 17,105,000 | 13,794,266 |
| | | 27,344,721 |
| <i>Germany (0.9%)</i> | | |
| Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. | 149,162 | 6,856,336 |
| K+S AG | 121,200 | 6,780,263 |
| | | 13,636,599 |
| <i>Hong Kong (0.9%)</i> | | |
| China Mobile, Ltd. | 261,696 | 13,731,189 |
| <i>Ireland (0.0%)</i> | | |
| Anglo Irish Bank Corp., Ltd.* (1) | 4,570,000 | 0 |
| <i>Israel (1.1%)</i> | | |
| Israel Chemicals, Ltd. | 1,403,693 | 15,989,086 |
| <i>Japan (2.0%)</i> | | |
| Mitsubishi Corp. | 1,457,800 | 29,117,485 |
| <i>Luxembourg (0.7%)</i> | | |
| ArcelorMittal | 301,200 | 10,855,248 |
| <i>Netherlands (0.9%)</i> | | |
| Heineken NV | 339,200 | 13,541,700 |
| <i>Norway (1.7%)</i> | | |
| Seadrill, Ltd. | 1,510,700 | 24,252,238 |
| <i>South Africa (0.8%)</i> | | |
| Impala Platinum Holdings, Ltd. | 453,117 | 10,976,993 |
| <i>Spain (4.6%)</i> | | |
| Enagas | 789,000 | 15,603,220 |
| Endesa SA | 1,508,700 | 40,082,336 |
| Gamesa Corp. Tecnologica SA | 506,892 | 10,967,091 |
| | | 66,652,647 |

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Sweden (1.5%)

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|
| Atlas Copco AB, A Shares | 664,100 | 7,914,717 |
| Hennes & Mauritz AB | 234,400 | 13,935,366 |
| | | 21,850,083 |

Switzerland (4.8%)

| | | |
|-------------|---------|------------|
| Alcon, Inc. | 191,700 | 24,460,920 |
| Nestle SA | 701,200 | 28,857,696 |
| Syngenta AG | 68,983 | 15,918,409 |
| | | 69,237,025 |

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| <i>Taiwan (1.1%)</i> | | |
| Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd. | 903,354 | 15,772,562 |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. | 6,479 | 67,830 |
| | | 15,840,392 |
| <i>United Kingdom (3.4%)</i> | | |
| De La Rue PLC | 524,738 | 7,297,280 |
| Man Group PLC | 5,166,483 | 23,884,541 |
| Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC | 326,800 | 15,700,200 |
| Standard Chartered PLC | 90,200 | 2,141,090 |
| United Utilities Group PLC | 1 | 8 |
| | | 49,023,119 |
| <i>United States (54.5%)</i> | | |
| Abbott Laboratories | 85,400 | 3,842,146 |
| AK Steel Holding Corp. | 985,500 | 19,384,785 |
| Altria Group, Inc. | 543,800 | 9,532,814 |
| Anadarko Petroleum Corp. | 151,900 | 7,321,580 |
| AT&T, Inc. | 597,500 | 15,672,425 |
| Avon Products, Inc. | 942,429 | 30,515,852 |
| Bank of America Corp. | 630,800 | 9,329,532 |
| Baxter International, Inc. | 251,100 | 14,154,507 |
| The Buckle, Inc. | 454,300 | 14,056,042 |
| Colgate-Palmolive Co. | 389,900 | 28,244,356 |
| Comcast Corp. | 754,900 | 11,217,814 |
| CSX Corp. | 96,600 | 3,875,592 |
| Darden Restaurants, Inc. | 83,800 | 2,714,282 |
| Deere & Co. | 334,300 | 14,622,282 |
| Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. | 158,337 | 14,229,746 |
| Foot Locker, Inc. | 1,573,800 | 17,437,704 |
| FPL Group, Inc. | 281,200 | 15,935,604 |
| Frontier Communications Corp. | 1,052,000 | 7,364,000 |
| Genuine Parts Co. | 228,600 | 8,097,012 |
| Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. | 60,700 | 9,912,310 |
| Halliburton Co. | 155,700 | 3,439,413 |
| Hess Corp. | 529,200 | 29,211,840 |
| Hewlett-Packard Co. | 341,100 | 14,769,630 |
| Intel Corp. | 1,350,000 | 25,987,500 |
| International Business Machines Corp. | 152,300 | 17,960,739 |
| ITC Holdings Corp. | 322,200 | 15,368,940 |
| Johnson & Johnson | 140,400 | 8,548,956 |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co. | 863,900 | 33,389,735 |
| Kraft Foods, Inc. | 515,100 | 14,597,934 |
| Linear Technology Corp. | 655,300 | 17,607,911 |
| Massey Energy Co. | 598,900 | 15,930,740 |
| McDonald's Corp. | 298,400 | 16,429,904 |
| Microchip Technology, Inc. | 1,016,100 | 27,363,573 |
| Microsoft Corp. | 1,179,400 | 27,739,488 |
| Molson Coors Brewing Co. | 511,900 | 23,142,999 |
| Monsanto Co. | 345,300 | 29,005,200 |
| Morgan Stanley | 662,200 | 18,872,700 |
| Norfolk Southern Corp. | 314,400 | 13,597,800 |
| Northeast Utilities | 194,550 | 4,476,596 |
| Nucor Corp. | 294,800 | 13,109,756 |
| Peabody Energy Corp. | 581,100 | 19,240,221 |
| PepsiCo, Inc. | 259,500 | 14,726,625 |
| QUALCOMM, Inc. | 273,200 | 12,624,572 |
| Regal Entertainment Group | 1,750,527 | 21,776,556 |
| Schlumberger, Ltd. | 386,900 | 20,699,150 |
| Snap-On, Inc. | 194,500 | 6,930,035 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Sonoco Products Co. | 339,100 | 8,979,368 |
| Time Warner Cable, Inc. | 1 | 33 |
| TJX Cos, Inc. | 142,000 | 5,144,660 |
| United States Steel Corp. | 351,400 | 13,968,150 |
| United Technologies Corp. | 322,200 | 17,550,234 |
| VF Corp. | 132,329 | 8,560,363 |
| Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. | 314,400 | 15,682,272 |
| | | 793,893,978 |
| TOTAL COMMON STOCKS | | |
| (Identified Cost \$1,276,161,126) | | 1,279,363,519 |

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|---|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| INVESTMENT COMPANIES (0.7%) | | | |
| <i>United States (0.7%)</i> | | | |
| PennantPark Investment Corp.(2) | | 1,253,300 | 10,377,324 |
| TOTAL INVESTMENT COMPANIES | | | 10,377,324 |
| <i>(Identified Cost \$18,585,600)</i> | | | |
| PARTICIPATION NOTES (4.9%) | | | |
| <i>Taiwan (4.9%)</i> | | | |
| BNP Paribus Arbitrage - Asustek Computer, Inc.* | | 1,806,100 | 2,862,669 |
| Citigroup Global Markets Holdings, Inc. | | | |
| President Chain Store* | | 539,600 | 1,411,162 |
| Quanta Computer, Inc.* | | 7,081,724 | 13,404,287 |
| Synnex Technology* | | 3,761,200 | 7,302,746 |
| JP Morgan International | | | |
| Compal Electronics* | | 7,379,100 | 7,242,587 |
| Gemtek Technology* | | 1,127,700 | 1,907,730 |
| TTY Biopharm Co.* | | 2,259,533 | 7,679,249 |
| Wistron Corporation* | | 1,695,700 | 3,380,208 |
| Macquarie Bank, Ltd. | | | |
| Cheng Shin Rubber* | | 1,798,735 | 3,470,479 |
| Lite-On Technology* | | 4,493,000 | 5,114,831 |
| MediaTek, Inc.* | | 1,920 | 27,593 |
| Novatek Microelec.* | | 2,469,100 | 6,908,789 |
| Powertech Technology, Inc.* | | 2,648,837 | 7,104,903 |
| Shin Zu Shing Co.* | | 745,100 | 3,997,089 |
| TOTAL PARTICIPATION NOTES | | | 71,814,322 |
| <i>(Identified Cost \$73,137,316)</i> | | | 71,814,322 |
| Description | 7 Day Yield | Shares | Value (Note 1) |
| SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (0.0%)(3) | | | |
| Federated Treasury Obligations Money Market Fund(2) | 0.057% | 64,607 | 64,607 |
| TOTAL SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS | | | 64,607 |
| <i>(Identified Cost \$64,607)</i> | | | |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS (93.5%) | | | 1,361,619,772 |
| <i>(Identified Cost \$1,367,948,649)</i> | | | |
| TOTAL OTHER ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES (6.5%) | | | 95,004,293 |
| NET ASSETS (100.0%) | | | \$ 1,456,624,065 |

* Non-income producing security.

(1) Fair valued security; valued in accordance with procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

(2) Investments in other funds are calculated at their respective net asset value as determined by those funds, in accordance with the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(3) Less than 0.05% of Net Assets.

Common Abbreviations

AB - Aktiebolag is the Swedish equivalent of the term corporation.

ADR - American Depositary Receipt.

AG - Aktiengesellschaft is a German term that refers to a corporation that is limited by shares, i.e., owned by shareholders.

Co. - Company

Corp. - Corporation

Inc. - Incorporated.

Ltd. - Limited.

NV - Naamloze Vennootschap is the Dutch term for a public limited liability corporation.

PLC - Public Limited Co.

SA - Generally designates corporations in various countries, mostly those employing the civil law.

See Notes to Quarterly Schedule of Portfolio Investments.

Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund

TOTAL RETURN SWAP AGREEMENTS

| Total Return Swap Counterparty | Shares | Notional Amount | Floating Rate Paid by the Fund | Floating Rate Index | Termination Date | Unrealized Appreciation |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Goldman Sachs Swap Tranches: | | | | | | |
| Pride International | 531,400 | \$ 12,782,408 | USD 1M LIBOR + .40 | USD 1M LIBOR | 06/15/10 | \$ 539,790 |
| Rio Tinto PLC ADR | 90,100 | 13,326,790 | USD 1M LIBOR + .40 | USD 1M LIBOR | 07/06/10 | 1,772,168 |
| | | | | | | \$ 2,311,958 |

See Notes to Quarterly Schedule of Investments

NOTES TO QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

July 31, 2009

1. Organization:

Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund (the Fund) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on October 27, 2006, and had no operating history prior to January 26, 2007. The Fund has an investment objective to invest in equity securities that provide high current dividend income. The Fund also focuses on long-term growth of capital as a secondary investment objective.

The Fund had no operations prior to January 26, 2007 other than matters relating to its organization and the sale and issuance of 5,235,602 shares of beneficial interest in the Fund to Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC (Alpine Woods) at a net asset value of \$19.10 per share. Alpine Woods serves as the Fund's investment adviser. The Fund's Common Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol AOD.

The following summarizes the significant accounting policies of the Fund.

2. Security Valuation:

The net asset value (NAV) of shares of the Fund is calculated by dividing the value of the Fund's net assets by the number of outstanding shares. NAV is determined each day the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) is open as of the close of regular trading (normally, 4:00 p.m., Eastern time). In computing NAV, portfolio securities of the Fund are valued at their current market values determined on the basis of market quotations. In computing the Fund's net asset value, portfolio securities that are traded on a securities exchange in the United States, except for option securities, are valued at the last reported sale price as of the time of valuation, or lacking any current reported sale at the time of valuation, at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations. Each option security - traded on a securities exchange in the United States is valued at the last current reported sale price as of the time of valuation if the last current reported sale price falls within the consolidated bid/ask quote for the option security. If the last current reported sale price as of the time of valuation does not fall within the consolidated bid/ask quote for the option security, the security is valued at the mid-point of the consolidated bid/ask quote for the option security. Each security traded in the over-the-counter market and quoted on the NASDAQ National Market System, is valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price (NOCP), as determined by NASDAQ, or lacking an NOCP, the last current reported sale price as of the time of valuation by NASDAQ, or lacking any current reported sale on NASDAQ at the time of valuation, at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations. Each over-the-counter option that is not traded through the Options Clearing Corporation is valued by the counterparty, or if the counterparty's price is not readily available then by using the Black-Scholes method. Each other security traded over-the-counter is valued at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations. Short-term securities with maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

When market quotations are not readily available or when the valuation methods mentioned above are not reflective of a fair value of the security, the security is valued at fair value following procedures and/or guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees, which may include utilizing a systematic fair valuation model provided by an independent pricing system. The Fund may also use fair value pricing, if the value of a security it holds is, pursuant to Board of Trustees guidelines, materially affected by events occurring before the Fund's pricing time but after the

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close of the primary market or exchange on which the security is traded. These procedures may utilize valuations furnished by pricing services approved by the Board of Trustees, which may be based on market transactions for comparable securities and various relationships between securities that are generally recognized by institutional traders, a computerized matrix system, or appraisals derived from information concerning the securities or similar securities received from recognized dealers in those securities. When fair value pricing is employed, the value of the portfolio security used to calculate the Fund's net asset value may differ from quoted or official closing prices.

Securities that are principally traded in a foreign market are valued at the last current sale price at the time of valuation or lacking any current or reported sale, at the time of valuation, at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations as of the close of the appropriate exchange or other designated time. Trading in securities on European and Far Eastern securities exchanges and over-the-counter markets is normally completed at various times before the close of business on each day on which the NYSE is open. Trading of these securities may not take place on every NYSE business day. In addition, trading may take place in various foreign markets on Saturdays or on other days when the NYSE is not open and on which the Fund's net asset value is not calculated. As stated above, if

the market prices are not readily available or are not reflective of the fair value of the security, the security will be priced at a fair value following procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. In light of the judgment involved in fair value decisions, there can be no assurance that a fair value assigned to a particular security is accurate.

3. Foreign Securities:

The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in foreign securities. In the event that the Fund executes a foreign security transaction, the Fund will generally enter into a forward foreign currency contract to settle the foreign security transaction. Foreign securities may carry more risk than U.S. securities, such as political, market and currency risks.

The accounting records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Prices of securities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the closing rates of exchange at period end. Amounts related to the purchase and sale of foreign securities and investment income are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

The effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on investments is included with the fluctuations arising from changes in market values of securities held and reported with all other foreign currency gains and losses in the Fund's Statement of Operations.

4. Securities Transactions and Investment Income:

Investment security transactions are accounted for as of trade date. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis, which includes amortization of premium and accretion of discounts. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of securities are determined using the highest cost basis for both financial reporting and income tax purposes.

5. Total Return Swap Contract:

The Fund may enter into total return swaps. A total return swap is an agreement between the Fund and a counterparty to exchange a market linked return for a floating rate payment, both based on a notional principal amount. Because the principal amount is not exchanged, it represents neither an asset nor a liability to either counterparty, and is referred to as notional. Total return swaps are marked to market daily based upon quotations from the market makers and the change in value, if any, is recorded as an unrealized gain or loss in the Statement of Operations. The unrealized gain (loss) related to the daily change in the valuation of the notional amount of the swap, as well as the amount due to (owed by) the Fund at termination or settlement, is combined and separately disclosed as an asset (liability). The Fund also records any periodic payments received from (paid to) the counterparty, including at termination, under such contracts as realized gain (loss). Total return swaps are subject to risks (if the counterparty fails to meet its obligations). The total return swap contract between the Fund and Goldman Sachs is collateralized by \$29,930,000.

6. Income Tax

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Income Tax - Net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments based on federal tax costs were as follows:

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Gross appreciation (excess of value over tax cost) | 107,439,715 |
| Gross depreciation (excess of tax cost over value) | (146,888,905) |
| Net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) | (39,449,190) |
| Cost of investments for income tax purposes | 1,401,068,962 |

7. Fair Value Measurements:

The Fund adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (FAS 157), effective November 1, 2008. In accordance with FAS 157, fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment in a timely transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market of the investment. FAS 157 established a three-tier hierarchy to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk, for example, the risk

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inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value including such a pricing model and/or the risk inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below.

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The valuation techniques used by the Fund to measure fair value during the nine months ended July 31, 2009 maximized the use of observable inputs and minimized the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of July 31, 2009 in valuing the Fund's investments carried at value:

Assets:

| Investments in Securities at Value | Level 1 - Quoted Prices | Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs | Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs | Total |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| Common Stocks | \$ 1,279,363,519 | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,279,363,519 |
| Investment Companies | 10,377,324 | | | 10,377,324 |
| Participation Notes | | 71,814,322 | | 71,814,322 |
| Short Term Investments | 64,607 | | | 64,607 |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,289,805,450 | \$ 71,814,322 | \$ | \$ 1,361,619,772 |

Liabilities:

| Other Financial Instruments at Value | Level 1 - Quoted Prices | Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs | Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs | Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---------------------|
| Derivative Instruments* | \$ | \$ 2,311,958 | \$ | \$ 2,311,958 |
| TOTAL | \$ | \$ 2,311,958 | \$ | \$ 2,311,958 |

*Derivative instruments are total return swap contracts held at July 31, 2009.

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The following is a reconciliation of assets in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value for the Alpine Total Dynamic Fund:

| Investments in Securities at Value | Balance as of October 31, 2008 | Realized gain(loss) | Change in unrealized appreciation(depreciation) | Net purchases(sales) | Transfers in and/or out of Level 3 | Balance as of July 31, 2009 |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Common Stocks | \$ | \$ | \$ (658,080) | \$ | \$ 658,080 | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ | \$ | \$ (658,080) | \$ | \$ 658,080 | \$ |

Item 2 - Controls and Procedures.

(a) The Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have evaluated the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) as of a date within 90 days of this filing and have concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures were effective, as of that date.

(b) There was no change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) that occurred during the Registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3 Exhibits.

Separate certifications for the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached as Ex99.CERT.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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By: /s/ Samuel A. Lieber
Samuel A. Lieber
President (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: September 29, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Samuel A. Lieber
Samuel A. Lieber
President (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: September 29, 2009

By: /s/ Meimei Li
Meimei Li
Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)

Date: September 29, 2009