# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM N-17f-2**

CERTIFICATE OF ACCOUNTING OF SECURITIES AND SIMILAR INVESTMENTS IN THE CUSTODY OF MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Pursuant to Rule 17f-2 [17 CRF 270.17f-2]

Date examination completed:

814-00235			December 31, 2024		
2. State Identificat	ion Number:				
AL	AK	AZ	AR	CA	CO
CT	DE	DC	$\operatorname{FL}$	GA	HI
ID	IL	IN	IA	KS	KY
LA	ME	MD	MA	MI	MN
MS	MO	MT	NE	NV	NH
NJ	NM	NY	NC	ND	OH
OK	OR	PA	RI	SC	SD
TN	TX	UT	VT	VA	WA
WV	WI	WY	PUERTO RICC	)	
Other (specify	):				

3. Exact name of investment company as specified in registration statement:

Rand Capital Corporation

1. Investment Company Act File Number:

4. Address of principal executive office (number, street, city, state, zip code):

1405 Rand Building, Buffalo, NY 14203

### INSTRUCTIONS

This Form must be completed by the investment companies that have custody of securities or similar investments.

## **Investment Company**

- 1. All items must be completed by the investment company.
- 2. Give this Form to the independent public accountant who, in compliance with Rule 17f-2 under the Act and applicable state law, examines securities and similar investments in the custody of the investment company.

#### Accountant

3. Submit this Form to the Securities and Exchange Commission and appropriate state securities administrators when filing the certificate of accounting required by Rule 17f-2 under the Act and applicable state law. File the original and one copy with the Securities and Exchange Commission's principal office in Washington, D.C., one copy with the regional office for the region in which the investment company's principal business operations are conducted, and one copy with the appropriate state administrator(s), if applicable.

# THIS FORM MUST BE GIVEN TO YOUR INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT



14 Lafayette Square, Suite 1405 Buffalo, New York 14203 Freed Maxick P.C. 424 Main Street, Suite 800 Buffalo, NY 14202

To Whom It May Concern:

We, as members of management of Rand Capital Corporation (the "Corporation"), are responsible for complying with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2, "Custody of Investments by Registered Management Investment Companies," of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act"). We are also responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls over compliance with those requirements. We have performed an evaluation of the Corporation's compliance with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 as of December 31, 2024 and from October 25, 2024 (the date immediately following our last examination), through December 31, 2024.

Based on this evaluation, we assert that the Corporation was in compliance with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as of December 31, 2024 and from October 25, 2024 through December 31, 2024 with respect to securities reflected in the investment account of the Corporation.

Rand Capital Corporation

By:

/s/ Daniel P. Penberthy

Daniel P. Penberthy

President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Margaret W. Brechtel

Margaret W. Brechtel Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary



#### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors of Rand Capital Corporation

We have examined management's assertion, included in the accompanying Management Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, that Rand Capital Corporation (the "Corporation") complied with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") as of December 31, 2024. Management is responsible for the Corporation's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about the Corporation's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion about compliance with the specified requirements is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether management's assertion is fairly stated in all material respects. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Included among our procedures were the following tests performed as of December 31, 2024, and with respect to agreement of security purchases and sales, for the period from October 25, 2024 (the date immediately following our last examination), through December 31, 2024:

- Count and inspection of all securities located in the vault of the Corporation in Buffalo, New York
- Reconciliation of all such securities to the books and records of the Corporation; and
- Agreement of any additional investments, or disposals, or loan repayments in or from portfolio companies from the books and records of the Corporation to the
  related supporting documentation and/or agreements.

We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Corporation's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the Corporation complied with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as of December 31, 2024 with respect to securities reflected in the investment account of the Corporation is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Directors of the Corporation and the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Buffalo, New York March 6, 2025

Freed Maxick P.C.