

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2009 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information		
For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009			
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan;	☐ a multiple-employer plan; or	
	☒ a single-employer plan;	☐ a DFE (specify) ____	
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report;	☐ the final return/report;	
	☐ an amended return/report;	☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).	
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☒		
D Check box if filing under:	☐ Form 5558;	☐ automatic extension;	☐ the DFVC program;
	☐ special extension (enter description)		

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information		
1a Name of plan THE ESAB GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN 2a Plan sponsor's name and address (employer, if for a single-employer plan) (Address should include room or suite no.) THE ESAB GROUP, INC. 411 SOUTH EBENEZER ROAD FLORENCE, SC 29501-7916	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003	
	1c Effective date of plan	01/01/1986	
	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)	84-0966648	
	2c Sponsor's telephone number	843-679-6702	
	2d Business code (see instructions)	333900	

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/23/2010	RICHARD KERSHNER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/23/2010	RICHARD KERSHNER
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same") THE ESAB GROUP, INC. 411 SOUTH EBENEZER ROAD FLORENCE, SC 29501-7916	3b Administrator's EIN 84-0966648 3c Administrator's telephone number 843-679-6702
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4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name	4b EIN 4c PN
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5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	2046
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6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year (welfare plans complete only lines 6a , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a Active participants.....	6a	1308
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b	32
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....	6c	428
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a , 6b , and 6c	6d	1768
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.....	6e	0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	1768
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....	6g	1659
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6h	0

7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	
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8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 3F 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)
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SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2009
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009		
A Name of plan THE ESAB GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE ESAB GROUP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0966648	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64 37 65	RECORDKEEPER	30636	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3 If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BOSTON FINANCIAL DATA SVCS 04-2526037	ANNUALIZED FORMULA .10% - ALLNZ NFJ SMCAPVAL I	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
US BANCORP FUND SERVICES, LLC 39-0281260	ANNUALIZED FORMULA .40% - CALAMOS GROWTH A	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
US BANCORP FUND SERVICES, LLC 39-0281260	ANNUALIZED FORMULA .15% - CALAMOS GROWTH INST	

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
COLUMBIA MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC 04-2838628	ANNUALIZED FORMULA .35% - COL SMALL CAP GRTH Z	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JANUS SERVICES LLC 43-1804048	ANNUALIZED FORMULA .33% - JANUS ENTERPRISE J	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PNC GLOBAL INVESTMENT SERVICING 04-2871943	ANNUALIZED FORMULA .25% - MUNDER MDCPCORE GR Y	

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST CO. ONE LINCOLN STREET BOSTON, MA 02111	ANNUALIZED FORMULA - .35% NB GENESIS - TR CL	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BOSTON FINANCIAL DATA SERVICE, INC. 04-2526037	ANNUALIZED FORMULA - .35% OAKMARK EQ & INC I	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JANUS SERVICES LLC 43-1804048	ANNUALIZED FORMULA - .33% PERKINS MID CAP VAL J	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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<div>SCHEDULE D</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div>		<div>DFE/Participating Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>		<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2009</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div>	
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE ESAB GROUP, INC.				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0966648	
Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)					
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY MANAGED INCOME PORTFOLIO					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY					
c EIN-PN 04-3022712-024		d Entity code C		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11840380	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
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c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
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c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2009 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2009</u> and ending <u>12/31/2009</u>		
A Name of plan <u>THE ESAB GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>003</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE ESAB GROUP, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>84-0966648</u>	

	Part I Asset and Liability Statement		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1	Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
	Assets			
a	Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b	Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
	(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	8356	
	(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	11207	
	(3) Other	1b(3)		
c	General investments:			
	(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
	(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
	(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
	(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
	(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
	(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
	(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
	(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
	(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
	(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
	(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
	(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	3063827	3023666
	(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	13082547	11840380
	(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
	(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
	(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
	(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	48280079	61997135
	(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
	(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	64446016	76861181

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	64446016	76861181
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	2980647	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	3734708	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	73864	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		6789219
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	158307	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		158307
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	992172	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		992172
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
2b (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		711006
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		11899582
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		20550286

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	8055594	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		8055594
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		48847
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	30680	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		30680
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		8135121

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		12415165
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☒ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: BDO USA, LLP

(2) EIN: 13-5381590

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

- 4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete 4l.

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		1500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?.....		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		X	

- 5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?
If yes, enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ Yes ☒ No Amount:

- 5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)

5b(2) EIN(s)

5b(3) PN(s)

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2009 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2009 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2009 and ending 12/31/2009

A Name of plan THE ESAB GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE ESAB GROUP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0966648

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 04-2507163		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____	If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box(es). If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	14b	
c The second preceding plan year	14c	

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If item 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete items (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate item 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Participants
The ESAB Group, Inc. Savings Plan
Florence, South Carolina

We were engaged to audit the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of The ESAB Group, Inc. Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the supplemental Schedule H, line 4i—Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2009 as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These financial statements and supplemental schedule are the responsibility of the Plan's management.

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 6, which was certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. The plan administrator has informed us that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and for the year ended December 31, 2009, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we are unable to, and do not, express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule taken as a whole. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, has been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

BDO USA, LLP

July 15, 2010
Charlotte, North Carolina

THE ESAB GROUP, INC. SAVINGS PLAN

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) - December 31, 2009 EIN\PN: 84-0966648\003

(a) similar party	(b) Identity of Issuer, borrower, lessor, or	(c) Description of Investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d)** (e) Cost Current Value
Mutual Funds:			
	Neuberger Berman	Genesis Fund Trust Class	\$ 4,070,320
	Allianz	NFJ Small Cap Value Fund	191,189
	Calamos	Growth Fund	2,520,470
	Columbia	Small Cap Growth Fund	267,280
	Oakmark	Equity and Income Fund	6,279,885
	Perkins	Midcap Value Fund	595,340
	Vanguard	Intermediate Term Bond Index Fund	1,010,522
	Munder	Midcap Core Growth Fund	160,451
*	Fidelity	Contrafund	15,312,632
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Participants
The ESAB Group, Inc. Savings Plan
Florence, South Carolina

We were engaged to audit the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of The ESAB Group, Inc. Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the supplemental Schedule H, line 4i—Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2009 as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These financial statements and supplemental schedule are the responsibility of the Plan's management.

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 6, which was certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. The plan administrator has informed us that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and for the year ended December 31, 2009, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we are unable to, and do not, express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule taken as a whole. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, has been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

BDO USA, LLP

July 15, 2010
Charlotte, North Carolina

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>December 31,</i>	2009	2008
Assets		
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 61,997,135	\$ 48,280,079
Common collective trust	11,840,380	13,082,547
Participant loans	3,023,666	3,063,827
Total investments, at fair value	76,861,181	64,426,453
Receivables:		
Participant Contributions	-	11,207
Employer Contributions	-	8,356
Total receivables	-	19,563
Net assets available for benefits, at fair value	76,861,181	64,446,016
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit responsive investment contracts	220,174	705,699
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 77,081,355	\$ 65,151,715

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>Year Ended December 31,</i>	2009
Changes to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of mutual funds	\$ 11,895,080
Participant loan interest	158,307
Interest and dividends	1,222,155
Total investment income	13,275,542
Contributions:	
Participant	3,734,708
Employer	2,980,647
Rollover	73,864
Total contributions	6,789,219
Distributions:	
Benefits paid to participants	(8,104,441)
Administrative expenses	(30,680)
Total distributions	(8,135,121)
Net increase	11,929,640
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	65,151,715
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ 77,081,355

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1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of The ESAB Group, Inc. Savings Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of The ESAB Group, Inc., AlcoTecWire Corporation, and Anderson Group, Inc. (collectively the “Employer”), except leased employees. Full-time employees are eligible to become participants of the Plan upon hire. A part-time employee becomes eligible to participate in the Plan upon completion of one year of service or 1,000 hours of service during the first twelve months of employment or any Plan year beginning after the date of hire. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Contributions are equal to the sum of the following:

- a) A participant may elect to contribute from 1 to 75 percent of his or her pretax compensation, as defined by the Plan, not to exceed certain limitations.
- b) Participants who have attained age 50 before year-end, may elect to make catch-up contributions.
- c) Participants, excluding members of a collective bargaining agreement for whom participation has not been negotiated, are permitted to make Roth after-tax contributions.
- d) The Employer contributes a matching contribution to the Plan on behalf of all participants not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. The matching contribution is equal to 100 percent of the participant’s salary deferral contribution up to 4 percent of compensation as defined by the Plan. No matching contributions are made on catch-up contributions.
- e) A discretionary contribution may be contributed at the option of the Employer for collective bargaining employees, AlcoTecWire Corporation employees and all other employees, separately. During 2009, the Employer contributed 2% of compensation for all eligible AlcoTecWire Corporation participants, 4% of compensation for all collective bargaining participants and 4% of compensation to all other eligible participants. Effective May 1, 2009, the Employer suspended the discretionary contributions for non-collective bargaining employees.
- f) Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

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Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Employer matching contribution and discretionary contribution, and an allocation of Plan earnings and expenses thereon. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the participant's vested account balance. The Plan offers mutual funds and a common collective trust as investment options for participants.

Benefit Payments

Upon termination of service, death, disability or retirement (age 65), a participant or the beneficiary may elect to receive the balance of his or her vested account balance in a lump-sum installment or an annuity payment, as provided by the Plan. Upon approval by the plan administrator, participants may withdraw a portion of their vested account in the event of undue financial hardship in accordance with safe harbor guidelines. For vested balances less than \$1,000, an automatic lump-sum distribution may be made upon the distributable event date.

Vesting

Each participant is immediately 100 percent vested in all of his or her participant contributions, and employer contributions, plus actual earnings thereon.

Forfeitures

Forfeited non-vested accounts are used to reduce future matching contributions. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, there were no forfeited non-vested amounts.

Administrative Expenses

Certain administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Employer. The Plan pays administrative expenses including investment processing fees, as well as member requested services. Administrative expenses totaled \$30,680 for year ended December 31, 2009.

Participant Loans

Participants may borrow from their fund account up to an amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance. The minimum loan issuance amount is \$1,000. Only two loans may be outstanding at any given time. Loan terms range from one to five years, with the exception of the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participants' accounts and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates at the time the funds are borrowed. Interest rates ranged from 4.25 to 10.5 percent during 2009. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Accounting Standard Codification

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statements of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 168, *The FASB Accounting Standard Codification™ ("Codification") and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*, effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after September 15, 2009. This statement replaces SFAS No. 162, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* and establishes the Codification ("ASC") as the source of authoritative U.S. accounting principles used in the preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP. All guidance contained in the Codification carries an equal level of authority. The Codification does not replace or affect guidance issued by the SEC or its staff. The FASB will not issue new standards in the form of Statements, FASB Staff Positions or Emerging Issues Task Force Abstracts. Instead, it will issue Accounting Standards Updates ("ASUs"). The FASB will not consider ASUs as authoritative in their own right; rather, ASUs will serve only to update the Codification, provide background information about the guidance and provide the basis for conclusions on the change(s) in the Codification. This statement became effective for the year ended December 31, 2009, and references made to FASB guidance throughout this document have been updated for the Codification.

ASC 820 (Formerly SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements")

In September 2006, the FASB issued ASC 820 (formerly SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*). ASC 820 introduces a framework for measuring fair value and expands required disclosure about fair value measurements of assets and liabilities. ASC 820 for financial assets and liabilities is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Plan adopted ASC 820 as of January 1, 2008. There was no material impact to the Plan financial statements upon adoption.

In April 2009, the FASB issued ASC 820 (formerly FASB Staff Position FAS 157-4, *Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly*). ASC 820 provides additional guidance for estimating fair value when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly decreased. ASC 820 also provides guidance on identifying circumstances that indicate a transaction is not orderly. ASC 820 is effective for financial statements issued after June 15, 2009. The adoption of ASC 820 did not have a significant effect on the Plan's financial statements.

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In September 2009, the FASB issued ASU 2009-12, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820)—Investment in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset value per Share (or Its Equivalent). The ASU 2009-12 permits the use of net asset value per share, without further adjustment, to estimate the fair value of investments in investment companies that do not have readily determinable fair values. This guidance also required additional disclosure of the investments within the scope of the ASU. This guidance is effective for periods ended after December 15, 2009. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Plan's financial statements.

ASC 855 (formerly SFAS No. 165, "Subsequent Events")

In May 2009, the FASB issued ASC 855 (formerly SFAS 165, *Subsequent Events*), which establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the statement of net assets available for benefits date but before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. It requires the disclosure of the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events and the basis for that date. ASC 855 sets forth the period after the statement of net assets available for benefits date during which management of a reporting entity should evaluate events or transactions that may occur for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements, the circumstances under which an entity should recognize events or transactions occurring after the statement of net assets available for benefits date in its financial statements and the disclosures that an entity should make about events or transactions that occurred after the statement of net assets available for benefits date. ASC 855 became effective for the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2009 and is to be applied prospectively. The impact of adoption was not significant.

ASC 962 (Formerly FSP AAG INV-1 and SOP 94-4-1)

As described in FASB Staff Position, ASC 962 (formerly FSP AAG INV-1, *Reporting of Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts Held by Certain Investment Companies subject to the AICPA Investment Company Audit Guide and Defined Contribution Health and Welfare and Pension Plans*), investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value. This applies even when the contracts are not held directly by the Plan but are underlying assets in Common Collective Trust ("CCT") investments held by the Plan. However, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Plan invests in investment contracts through a CCT. As required by ASC 962, the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits presents the fair value of the investment in the CCT as well as the adjustment of the investment in the CCT from fair value to contract value relating to the fully benefit responsive investment contracts. The Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits is prepared on a contract value basis.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The investments of the Plan are reported at fair value. The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (the exit price). See Note 7 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation/depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

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 changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

3. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Employer by a letter dated July 12, 2009, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been recorded.

4. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would remain fully vested in their accounts.

5. INVESTMENTS

Investments that represent 5 percent or more of the Plan's net assets are separately identified in the following table:

<i>December 31,</i>	2009	2008
Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund	\$ 5,250,189	\$ 4,612,866
Fidelity Contrafund	15,312,632	13,259,951
Fidelity Equity Income Fund	4,400,065	3,408,941
Neuberger Berman Genesis Fund Trust Class	4,070,320	3,342,470
Oakmark Equity and Income Fund	6,279,885	6,169,740
Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio	11,840,380	13,082,547
Other*	29,707,710	20,549,938
Total investments at fair value	\$ 76,861,181	\$ 64,426,453

*Investments that individually represent less than 5 percent of net assets in the respective year.

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6. INVESTMENT INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S TRUSTEE

The plan administrator has elected the alternative method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, information certified by the Plan's trustee, Fidelity Management Trust Company, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and for the year ended December 31, 2009, was not audited, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule.

A summary of the Plan's financial information which has been certified by the Plan's trustee, is presented as follows:

<i>December 31,</i>	2009	2008
Mutual funds	\$ 61,997,135	\$ 48,280,079
Common collective trust, fair value	\$ 11,840,380	\$ 13,082,547
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit responsive investment contracts	\$ 220,174	\$ 705,699
Participant loans	\$ 3,023,666	\$ 3,063,827
<i>Year Ended December 31,</i>	2009	
Net appreciation in fair value of mutual funds	\$ 11,895,080	
Participant loan interest	\$ 158,307	
Interest and dividends	\$ 1,222,155	

7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

As of the beginning of the year ended December 31, 2008 the Plan adopted ASC 820 (formerly SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*). ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described as follows:

- Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

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- Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
 - quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

- Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

Mutual Funds: Mutual funds represent investments with various investment managers. The fair value of these investments are determined by reference to the fund's underlying assets, which are principally marketable equities and fixed income securities. Shares held in mutual funds traded on national securities exchanges are valued at the net asset value as of December 31, 2009 and 2008.

Common Collective Trusts: CCTs represent investments with various investment managers. Units held in CCTs are valued at the unit value as reported by the investment managers, with the exception of CCTs holding fully benefit responsive investment contracts. The Plan holds shares of CCTs that have investments in fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. For purposes of the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits, these CCTs are stated at fair value with an adjustment to contract value. As provided in ASC 962, an investment contract is generally required to be reported at fair value, rather than contract value, to the extent it is fully benefit-responsive. The fair value of such investment contracts held by the CCTs are determined using the market price of the underlying securities and the value of the investment contract as determined by the trustee.

Participant Loans: Participant loans are valued at their outstanding balance, which approximates fair value.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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The following tables sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy the Plan's assets at fair value, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008.

Investment Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2009

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds				
Large Cap	\$ 23,397,317	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,397,317
Medium Cap	755,791	-	-	755,791
Small Cap	4,704,426	-	-	4,704,426
Intermediate Bond	6,260,711	-	-	6,260,711
Balanced	6,279,885	-	-	6,279,885
International	4,023,404	-	-	4,023,404
Target Retirement	16,575,601	-	-	16,575,601
Common Collective Trusts:				
Stable Value Fixed	-	11,840,380	-	11,840,380
Participant Loans	-	-	3,023,666	3,023,666
Total investments at fair value ⁽¹⁾	\$ 61,997,135	\$ 11,840,380	\$ 3,023,666	\$ 76,861,181

⁽¹⁾ Level 3 assets were 4% of total assets at fair value.

Investment Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2008

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds				
Large Cap	\$ 19,183,826	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,183,826
Small Cap	3,342,470	-	-	3,342,470
Intermediate Bond	4,612,866	-	-	4,612,866
Balanced	6,169,740	-	-	6,169,740
International	2,621,570	-	-	2,621,570
Target Retirement	12,349,607	-	-	12,349,607
Common Collective Trusts:				
Stable Value Fixed	-	13,082,547	-	13,082,547
Participant Loans	-	-	3,063,827	3,063,827
Total investments at fair value ⁽¹⁾	\$ 48,280,079	\$ 13,082,547	\$ 3,063,827	\$ 64,426,453

⁽¹⁾ Level 3 assets were 5% of total assets at fair value.

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Level 3 Gains and Losses

The only investment classified as a level 3 investment in the fair value hierarchy is participant loans at December 31, 2009 and 2008. There are no realized or unrealized gains or losses on participant loans. The change from the December 31, 2008 balance consists solely of net issuances and settlements.

8. RECONCILIATION TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of the financial statements to the Form 5500:

<i>December 31,</i>	2009	2008
Net assets available for benefits, per financial statements	\$ 77,081,355	\$ 65,151,715
Adjustment from contract value to fair value	(220,174)	(705,699)
Net assets available for benefits, per Form 5500	\$ 76,861,181	\$ 64,446,016
<i>Year Ended December 31,</i>	2009	
Increase in net assets available for benefits, per financial statements	\$ 11,929,640	
Current year adjustment from contract value to fair value	(220,174)	
Prior year adjustment from contract value to fair value	705,699	
Increase in net assets available for benefits, per Form 5500	\$ 12,415,165	

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain plan investments consist of shares of mutual funds and units of a CCT managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Administrative fees paid to Fidelity Management Trust Company during 2009 totaled \$30,680. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee of the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

10. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities, including mutual funds and a common collective trust. Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

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11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events from the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits through the date of the audit report. During this period, no material recognizable subsequent events were identified, except:

Effective May 1, 2010, the Employer reinstated the discretionary contributions on behalf of the employees who are not covered under a collective bargaining agreement.

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(a) similar party	(b) Identity of Issuer, borrower, lessor, or	(c) Description of Investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d)** (e) Cost Current Value
Mutual Funds:			
	Neuberger Berman	Genesis Fund Trust Class	\$ 4,070,320
	Allianz	NFJ Small Cap Value Fund	191,189
	Calamos	Growth Fund	2,520,470
	Columbia	Small Cap Growth Fund	267,280
	Oakmark	Equity and Income Fund	6,279,885
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