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

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2010 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2010 and ending 12/31/2010

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan;
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan; or
- [X] 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:
- [X] Form 5558;
- [ ] automatic extension;
- [ ] the DFVC program;
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401K PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 04/01/1992

2a Plan sponsor's name and address (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
(Address should include room or suite no.)
SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

1777 BOTELHO DR, SUITE 300
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596-0000

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

2c Sponsor's telephone number
925-945-0900

2d Business code (see instructions)
531110

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.	09/27/2011	SOO JEU
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	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

3a Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same")

SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

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WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596-0000

3b Administrator's EIN
94-2223344

3c Administrator's telephone number
925-945-0900

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

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	284
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**	252
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	19
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	271
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	271
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	138
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**	

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 3D 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)	X	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)	X	Trust
(4)		General assets of the sponsor

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)	X	**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)	X	**H** (Financial Information)
(2)		**I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3)		**A** (Insurance Information)
(4)	X	**C** (Service Provider Information)
(5)		**D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6)		**G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2010** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2010 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2010 and ending 12/31/2010

A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	
SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401K PLAN		001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.	94-2223344

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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)

CAPITAL RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT CO.
333 SOUTH HOPE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90071

(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	RECORDKEEPER	924	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

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			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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			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 ☐

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
(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.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(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.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(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.	

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:

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c	Position:	
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:

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c	Position:	
d	Address:	**e** Telephone:

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c	Position:	
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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A Name of plan
SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401K PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(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)	104936	107329
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(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)	2095496	2383569
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(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	2200432	2490898
	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 through1j)	1k	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	2200432	2490898

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)		
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	364225	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		364225
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)	6364	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		6364
	(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)	33607	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		33607
	(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)		
(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)		168036
c Other income	2c		1259
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		573491
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	260693	
(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)		260693
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		12791
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		5317
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	4224	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		4224
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		283025
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		290466
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) [X] Disclaimer (4) [ ] Adverse

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

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

(1) Name: ARMANINO MCKENNA LLP (2) EIN: 94-6214841

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.)	4a		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.)	4b		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.)	4c		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.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		500000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		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?	4g		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?	4h		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.)	4i	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.)	4j		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?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		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.	4n			

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

2010

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2010 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2010 and ending 12/31/2010

A Name of plan
SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401K PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

Part I Distributions

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): 20-3691658

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 of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)

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

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**

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.

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):

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a Name of contributing employer

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(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):

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 AND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Plan Administrator
Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
Walnut Creek, California

We were engaged to audit the financial statements and supplemental schedule of Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and for the year ended December 31, 2010, 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 3, which was certified by Capital Bank and Trust, the custodian of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the custodian holds the Plan's investments and notes receivable from participants and executes investment and notes receivable from participant transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the custodian as December 31, 2010 and 2009 and for the year ended December 31, 2010, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the custodian 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 custodian, have 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.

Armanino McKenna LLP
ARMANINO McKENNA LLP

August 25, 2011



SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2010 and 2009

ASSETS

	2010	2009
Investments, at fair value		
Registered investment companies	$ 2,383,569	$ 2,095,496
Total investments, at fair value	2,383,569	2,095,496
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	107,329	104,936
Total receivables	107,329	104,936
Net assets available for benefits	$ 2,490,898	$ 2,200,432

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

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

Additions to net assets attributed to	
Contributions	
Participants	$ 364,225
Total contributions	364,225
Interest and dividends	39,971
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	168,036
Other income	1,259
Total additions to net assets	573,491
Deductions from net assets attributed to	
Benefits paid to participants	278,801
Administrative expenses	4,224
Total deductions from net assets	283,025
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	290,466
Net assets available for benefits, at beginning of the year	2,200,432
Net assets available for benefits, at end of the year	$2,490,898

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

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Sequoia Equities 401(k) 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, a defined contribution plan intended to qualify under Section 401(a) and related provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, was established effective April 1, 1992. The Plan is designed to provide participants with a means to defer a portion of their compensation for retirement and to provide benefits in the event of disability, death, termination or financial hardship. The Plan covers all employees of Sequoia Equities, Inc. (the "Company") who meet certain eligibility requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") and subsequent amendments.

Plan administration

The Company is the administrator of the Plan and, as such, carries out duties imposed by ERISA. The Company has delegated certain responsibilities for the operations and administration of the Plan. Custodial and recordkeeping services are provided by Capital Bank and Trust Company and California Retirement Plans, respectively. Significant administrative expenses of the Plan, including recordkeeping and audit fees, were paid directly by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2010. Investment fees, which may vary according to the individual investment funds selected, and certain other administrative expenses are paid out of the assets of the Plan. Participants should refer to the prospectus of the individual investment funds for further details on individual investment fees.

Eligibility

All employees, except employees classified by the Company as temporary or casual employees as defined by the Plan who are scheduled to work less than 1,000 hours in a year, become eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the quarter after reaching the age of 21 and completing 3 months of service, as defined by the Plan. Temporary or casual employees who complete a year of service, however, become eligible employees and may enter the Plan on the first day of the quarter after completing a year of service.

1. Description of Plan (continued)

Participant contributions

Participants may elect to contribute through payroll deductions amounts up to 100% of their annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, on a tax-deferred basis, up to a maximum amount allowed by the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Maximum allowed deferral amounts were $16,500 for 2010. Participants over the age of 50 may also contribute an additional $5,500 to the Plan for 2010. Participants may also make rollover contributions of amounts representing distributions from other qualified retirement plans. All contributions are paid to the custodian for investment in the appropriate investment fund or portfolio in accordance with the participant's directives and the terms of the Plan.

Employer contributions

The Plan sponsor has the option to contribute a matching or profit sharing contribution. No such contributions were made for 2010.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution or rollovers and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution and (b) Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations of investment earnings are based strictly on the participant's selection of investments and timing of purchase. Other allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contributions plus earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service, as defined by the Plan. Participants are 100% vested after 5 years of credited service. In the event of death, disability or attaining normal retirement age, participants are immediately vested in all Company contributions.

Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of $500 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance. All loans must be repaid within 5 years unless the loan is for the purchase of a principal residence for which the loan term may exceed 5 years. The loans are secured by the remaining vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates that range from 5.25% to 10.25%, which is commensurate with prevailing rates. Principal and interest are paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

1. Description of Plan (continued)

Forfeited accounts

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled $2,937 and $1,965, respectively. Forfeited accounts will be used to pay plan expenses or reduce future employer contributions in accordance with the provisions of the Plan. Forfeitures of $456 and $0 were used to pay expenses and reduce Company contributions to the Plan during the year ended December 31, 2010, respectively.

Payment of benefits

Distributions and withdrawals are payable upon retirement, termination, financial hardship, disability or death. If a participant's account balance is equal to or less than $1,000, the balance is distributed immediately in a lump-sum cash payment unless a direct rollover into another qualified benefit plan is requested. Balances between $1,000 and $5,000 must be rolled over to an individual retirement plan designated by the administrator if the participant has not requested a distribution. If the account balance is over $5,000, the participant can consent to a distribution paid in the form of a lump-sum cash payment or a direct rollover into another qualified plan or postpone payment to a later date and remain in the Plan as described in the Plan documents.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and in accordance with ERISA.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price 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. See Note 6 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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 includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants represents loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants are recorded when it is earned. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2010 and 2009. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Risks and uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Recent accounting pronouncements

In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update 2010-06, Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements (ASU 2010-096). ASU 2010-06 requires new disclosures about transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements and the activity in Level 3 fair value measurements and, in addition, clarifies existing disclosures required for levels of disaggregation and inputs and valuation techniques. With the exception of the disclosure requirements about activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, the Plan adopted ASU 2010-06 for the year ended December 31, 2010, and has provided the disclosures required for the period ended December 31, 2010.

In September 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2010-25, Reporting Loans to Participants by Defined Contribution Pension Plans (ASU 2010-25). ASU 2010-25 required participant loans be classified as notes receivable from participants and measured at their unpaid principal balance plus accrued but unpaid interest. Previously, participant loans were classified as investments and measured at fair value. The Plan adopted ASU 2010-25 for the year ended December 31, 2010. For consistency with the 2010 presentation, participant loans have been reclassified from investments to notes receivable from participants as of December 31, 2009.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through August 25, 2011, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events have occurred that would have a material impact on the presentation of the Plan's financial statements.

3. Information Prepared and Certified by Custodian

In accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, Capital Bank and Trust certified information regarding the cost and fair value of all investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2010 and 2009, and investment and notes receivable from participants transactions entered into during the year ended December 31, 2010, which were used in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements and supplementary schedule.

4. Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are managed by Capital Bank and Trust Company, an affiliate of American Funds. As the Plan custodian, these investments qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions specifically exempted from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

5. Investments

The following presents investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets as of December 31:

	2010	2009
American Funds:		
Investment Company of America	$244,256	$220,514
Washington Mutual Investors Fund	$224,006	$183,493
AMCAP Fund	$157,948	$151,290
American Balanced Fund	$480,017	$346,492
Capital Income Builder Fund	$309,040	$270,006
Capital World Growth and Income Fund	$349,364	$336,711
Growth Fund of America	N/A	$124,995
Small Cap World Fund	$124,928	N/A

During 2010, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated in value by $168,036.

6. Fair Value Measurements

The Plan defines fair value as the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles 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 measurements involving significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1: inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan has the ability to access at the measurement date;
- Level 2: inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities; or
- Level 3: inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The asset's fair value measurement 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.

There have been no changes to the methodologies used at December 31, 2010 and 2009.

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis consisted of the following types of instruments as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 (Level 1, 2 and 3 inputs are defined above):

Fair Value Measurements Using Input Type	December 31, 2010			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies				
Growth funds	$ 485,498	$ -	$ -	$ 485,498
Value funds	1,362,427	-	-	1,362,427
Blend funds	320,456	-	-	320,456
Fixed income funds	160,507	-	-	160,507
Target date funds	54,681	-	-	54,681
Total registered investment companies	2,383,569	-	-	2,383,569
Total investments measured at fair value	$2,383,569	$ -	$ -	$2,383,569

6. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis (continued)

Fair Value Measurements Using Input Type	December 31, 2009			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies				
Growth funds	$ 472,157	$ -	$ -	$ 472,157
Value funds	1,136,702	-	-	1,136,702
Blend funds	322,638	-	-	322,638
Fixed income funds	163,743	-	-	163,743
Target date funds	256	-	-	256
Total registered investment companies	2,095,496	-	-	2,095,496
Total investments measured at fair value	$2,095,496	$ -	$ -	$2,095,496

The Plan's valuation methodology used to measure the fair values of registered investment companies were derived from quoted market prices as all of these instruments have active markets.

7. Income Tax Status

Effective April 1, 2006, the Plan adopted the SunGard Corbel Inc. volume submitter plan. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") informed SunGard Corbel Inc. by a letter dated March 31, 2008, that its volume submitter plan was designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC, and that any employer adopting this form of volume submitter plan will be considered to have a plan qualified under applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has not requested a separate determination letter from the IRS. However, the Company believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in accordance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the Plan's management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon an examination by the Internal Revenue Service. No uncertain positions have been identified that would require the recognition of a tax liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements as of December 31, 2010 and 2009. The Plan is subject to routine audits by applicable taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for 2006 and prior years.

8. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN
EIN: 94-2223344; Plan No. 001
Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2010

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(e) Current Value
*	American Funds Washington Mutual Investors Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 224,006
*	American Funds AMCAP Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 157,948
*	American Funds Investment Company of America	Registered Investment Company	$ 244,256
*	American Funds Growth Fund of America	Registered Investment Company	$ 107,064
*	American Funds New Perspective Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 95,558
*	American Funds Bond Fund of America	Registered Investment Company	$ 55,970
*	American Funds Money Market Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 104,537
*	American Funds American Balanced Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 480,017
*	American Funds Capital Income Builder Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 309,040
*	American Funds Europacific Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 76,200
*	American Funds Small Cap World Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 124,928
*	American Funds Capital World Growth and Income Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 349,364
*	American Funds 2030 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 1,799
*	American Funds 2040 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 47,518
*	American Funds 2015 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 320
*	American Funds 2025 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 224
*	American Funds 2035 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 198
*	American Funds 2045 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 503
*	American Funds 2050 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 4,119
*	Participant Loans	Interest range 5.25% to 10.25%	$ 107,329

* Represents a party-in-interest

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN
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*	American Funds Money Market Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 104,537
*	American Funds American Balanced Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 480,017
*	American Funds Capital Income Builder Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 309,040
*	American Funds Europacific Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 76,200
*	American Funds Small Cap World Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 124,928
*	American Funds Capital World Growth and Income Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 349,364
*	American Funds 2030 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 1,799
*	American Funds 2040 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 47,518
*	American Funds 2015 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 320
*	American Funds 2025 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 224
*	American Funds 2035 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 198
*	American Funds 2045 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 503
*	American Funds 2050 Target Date Fund	Registered Investment Company	$ 4,119
*	Participant Loans	Interest range 5.25% to 10.25%	$ 107,329

* Represents a party-in-interest

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.**

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1210-0089

2010

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2010 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2010 and ending 12/31/2010

A This return/report is for: [ ] a multiemployer plan; [ ] a multiple-employer plan; or [X] 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: [X] Form 5558; [ ] automatic extension; [ ] the DFVC program; [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan Sequoia Equities 401k Plan

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 04/01/1992

2a Plan sponsor's name and address (employer, if for a single-employer plan) (Address should include room or suite no.)
Sequoia Equities Inc.

1777 Botelho Dr, Suite 300

Walnut Creek CA 94596-0000

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2223344

2c Sponsor's telephone number (925)945-0900

2d Business code (see instructions) 531110

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	[signature]	9/26/11	Melinda Pedersen
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	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

3a Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same") SAME	**3b** Administrator's EIN **3c** Administrator's telephone number
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

5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	284
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**	252
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	19
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a, 6b,** and **6c**	**6d**	271
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	271
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	138
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**	

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 3D 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)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	☐ Insurance	(1)	☐ Insurance
(2)	☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2)	☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	☒ Trust	(3)	☒ Trust
(4)	☐ General assets of the sponsor	(4)	☐ General assets of the sponsor

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		**b** General Schedules	
(1)	☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)	(1)	☒ **H** (Financial Information)
(2)	☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2)	☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
		(3)	☐ **A** (Insurance Information)
		(4)	☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
(3)	☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(5)	☐ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
		(6)	☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)