# 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), 6057(b), 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

**2011**

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## Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

**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. . . . . ▶ [X]

**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
U.S. SALT LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**1c** Effective date of plan 01/01/1998

**2a** Plan sponsor's name and address, including room or suite number (Employer, if for single-employer plan)

U.S. SALT LLC

2 BRUSH CREEK BLVD
SUITE 200
KANSAS CITY, MO 64112

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN) 59-3525498

**2c** Sponsor's telephone number 816-842-8181

**2d** Business code (see instructions) 325100

**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.

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| **SIGN HERE** | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/12/2012 | JACQUELINE J SCANLON |
| | **Signature of plan administrator** | Date | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator |
| **SIGN HERE** | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/12/2012 | LAURA L OZENBERGER |
| | **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")
U.S. SALT LLC

2 BRUSH CREEK BLVD
SUITE 200
KANSAS CITY, MO 64112

**3b** Administrator's EIN
59-3525498

**3c** Administrator's telephone number
816-842-8181

**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** | 141 |
| **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** | 112 |
| **b** | Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | **6b** | 0 |
| **c** | Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | **6c** | 24 |
| **d** | Subtotal. Add lines **6a**, **6b**, and **6c** | **6d** | 136 |
| **e** | Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits | **6e** | 0 |
| **f** | Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e** | **6f** | 136 |
| **g** | Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g** | 130 |
| **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 2T 3D 2A

**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 |
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| Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br>▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.** | **2011**<br>**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.** |

For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

**A** Name of plan
U.S. SALT LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
U.S. SALT LLC

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
59-3525498

## 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).. . . . . [X] 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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SUITE 316
CORTLAND, NY 13045

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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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CORTLAND, NY 13045

| (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? |
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| 33 63 | BROKERAGE | 0 | Yes [X] No [ ] | Yes [ ] No [X] | 0 | Yes [X] No [ ] |

**(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? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 99 37 15 60 50 64 | RECORD KEEPER | 2360 | Yes [X] No [ ] | Yes [ ] No [X] | 0 | Yes [X] 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? |
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| | | | Yes [ ] No [ ] | Yes [ ] No [ ] | | Yes [ ] No [ ] |

**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)

| (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? |
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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? |
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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? |
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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 |
|---|---|---|
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| **(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. |
|---|---|
| OPPENHEIMER<br>TWO WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER<br>225 LIBERTY STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10281 | SEE THE ATTACHED FORMULA DESCRIPTION REPORT LISTING THE FORMULAS FOR SUB-TA REVENUE BY FUND. |

| **(a)** Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | **(b)** Service Codes (see instructions) | **(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|---|---|
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| **(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. |
|---|---|
| OPPENHEIMER<br>TWO WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER<br>225 LIBERTY STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10281 | SEE THE ATTACHED FORMULA DESCRIPTION REPORT LISTING THE FORMULAS FOR 12B-1 REVENUE BY FUND. |

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

## 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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| **(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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|---|---|---|
| **a** | Name: | **b** EIN: |
| **c** | Position: | |
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Explanation:

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

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

Explanation:

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|---|---|---|
| **a** | Name: | **b** EIN: |
| **c** | Position: | |
| **d** | Address: | **e** Telephone: |

Explanation:

# SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

# 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).

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**A** Name of plan
U.S. SALT LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
U.S. SALT LLC

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
59-3525498

## 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) | 550072 | 680966 |
| **(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) | 182080 | 187718 |
| **(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) | 3469343 | 2801012 |
| **(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 | 4201495 | 3669696 |
| **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 | 4201495 | 3669696 |

## 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) | | |
| **(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) | | 0 |
| **b Earnings on investments:** | | | |
| **(1)** Interest: | | | |
| **(A)** Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) | 2b(1)(A) | 70 | |
| **(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) | 8365 | |
| **(F)** Other | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| **(G)** Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)** | 2b(1)(G) | | 8435 |
| **(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) | 43099 | |
| **(D)** Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)** | 2b(2)(D) | | 43099 |
| **(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) | | -138024 |
| c Other income | 2c | | |
| d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | -86490 |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 441658 | |
| (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) | | 441658 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees | 2i(1) | 1291 | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 2360 | |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) Other | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4) | 2i(5) | | 3651 |
| j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 445309 |
| **Net Income and Reconciliation** | | | |
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | -531799 |
| 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: MAYER HOFFMAN MCCANN PC (2) EIN: 43-1947695

**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 | | 2288 |
| **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. [X] **Yes** [ ] **No** **Amount:** 0

**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) |
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# 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

**2011**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

**A** Name of plan
U.S. SALT LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
U.S. SALT LLC

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
59-3525498

## 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): 45-0404698

**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 (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) ..... **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 or other authority 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. 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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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):

# US SALT LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS & INVESTMENT PLAN

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the Year Ended December 31, 2011

US Salt LLC
Retirement Savings & Investment Plan

Financial Statements and
Supplemental Schedules

December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the
Year Ended December 31, 2011

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Plan Administrator and Board of Directors
US Salt LLC Retirement Savings & Investment Plan

We were engaged to audit the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the US Salt LLC Retirement Savings & Investment Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2011 and the supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) and delinquent participant contributions as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011. These financial statements and supplemental schedules 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 4, which was certified by OFI Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules. We have been informed by the plan administrator 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, 2011 and 2010 and for the year ended December 31, 2011, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, on August 24, 2008 the Plan was terminated. In accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the Plan has changed its basis of accounting from the ongoing plan basis to the liquidation basis for the period after August 24, 2008.

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 schedules taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, 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.

Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

Leawood, Kansas
October 10, 2012

US Salt LLC
Retirement Savings & Investment Plan

## Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

| | December 31 | |
|---|---|---|
| | **2011** | **2010** |
| **Assets** | ***(In Liquidation)*** | ***(In Liquidation)*** |
| Investments at fair value: | | |
| Interest-bearing cash | **$ 680,966** | $ 550,072 |
| Mutual funds | **2,801,012** | 3,469,343 |
| Total investments | **3,481,978** | 4,019,415 |
| Receivables: | | |
| Notes receivable from participants | **187,718** | 182,080 |
| Net assets available for benefits | **$ 3,669,696** | $4,201,495 |

*See accompanying notes.*

US Salt LLC
Retirement Savings & Investment Plan

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2011
(In Liquidation)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Additions** | |
| Investment income: | |
| Dividends and interest | $ 43,169 |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | 8,365 |
| Total additions | 51,534 |
| **Deductions** | |
| Benefits paid to participants | 441,658 |
| Net depreciation in fair value of investments | 138,024 |
| Administrative expenses | 3,651 |
| Total deductions | 583,333 |
| Net decrease | (531,799) |
| Net assets available for benefits at: | |
| Beginning of year | 4,201,495 |
| End of year | $3,669,696 |

*See accompanying notes.*

US Salt LLC
Retirement Savings & Investment Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

## 1. Plan Description

The following brief description of the US Salt LLC Retirement Savings & Investment Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Such description represents a summary of significant plan agreement provisions. The plan agreement contains more complete information and is available from the plan administrator.

### General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by US Salt LLC (the "Company") for the benefit of its full-time employees who have completed the eligibility requirements. Union employees are eligible after completing 0.25 years of service and are age eighteen or older. Non-union employees are immediately eligible. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

### Contributions

On August 24, 2008, the Company was sold to Inergy Midstream, LLC. Effective August 25, 2008, no contributions have been made to the Plan.

### Participant investment account options

Prior to termination, the Plan offered twelve mutual funds and a money market account as investment options for participants.

### Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. 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. Due to the termination, participants are 100% vested in the Company contributions.

**Notes receivable from participants**

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. Notes receivable from participants are valued at their unpaid principal balance plus accrued but unpaid interest.

**Payment of benefits**

On termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or annual installments over a specified period of time not to exceed the life expectancy of the participant or the joint life and last survivor expectancy of the participant and his or her beneficiary. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump sum distribution.

**Forfeited accounts**

At December 31, 2011 and 2010, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled $5,770 and $5,772, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future administrative expenses. No forfeitures were used during the year ended December 31, 2011.

**Plan termination**

On August 24, 2008, the Company was sold to Inergy Midstream, LLC (the "Buyer"). The Board of Directors of the Company voted to terminate the Plan effective August 24, 2008, at which time all participants' account balances became 100% vested in their employer contributions. As of August 25, 2008, no further assets were put into the Plan for contributions withheld after this date. However, all existing loan payments that are being withheld are being remitted back to the Plan. The net assets of the Plan will be allocated as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations. No part of the Plan assets shall be paid to the Company, except that, after the satisfaction of all liabilities under the Plan, any assets remaining are to be paid to the Company. On August 24, 2008, the Buyer assumed sponsorship of the Plan.

The Plan filed Form 5310, Application for Determination for Terminating Plan, and related forms with the IRS for plan termination approval. The IRS has approved the plan termination in a letter dated February 7, 2012. Net assets will be distributed to participants either as a lump-sum payment, IRA rollover, direct transfer into another qualified plan, or participants can elect to rollover their account balances in the Plan to the Buyer's 401(k) plan. As of the date of filing of these financial statements and supplemental schedules, the Plan is scheduled to go into blackout with distributions to be completed and the Plan closed within the 2012 calendar year.

## 2. Significant Accounting Policies

### Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting. Effective August 24, 2008, the Plan changed its basis of accounting from the ongoing basis to the liquidation basis. The liquidation basis of accounting causes little or no change in the values of plan assets carried at current market values that could be received in an "orderly transaction." Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements prepared on the liquidation basis do not require any such adjustments.

### Investment valuation and income recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Quoted market prices, if available, are used to value investments. Shares of money market accounts and mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### New accounting pronouncements

The following new accounting pronouncement on fair value disclosures was adopted during the year ended December 31, 2011. The new accounting pronouncement on fair value measurements is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011.

Fair Value Disclosures - In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued guidance which expanded the required disclosures about fair value measurements. This guidance requires information about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements to be presented separately in the reconciliation for Level 3 fair value measurements and is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010. Net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits of the Plan were not affected by the adoption of the new guidance.

Fair Value Measurements - In May 2011, the FASB issued guidance which amends Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820. This guidance requires the categorization by level for items that are only required to be disclosed at fair value and information about transfers between Level 1 and Level 2. In addition, it provides guidance on measuring the fair value of financial instruments managed within a portfolio and the application of premiums and discounts on fair value measurements. The guidance requires additional disclosure for Level 3 measurements regarding the sensitivity of fair value to changes in unobservable inputs and any interrelationships between those inputs. The new guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that this guidance will have on the Plan's financial statement disclosures.

**Payment of benefits**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

**Administrative expenses**

Certain expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company and are not included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

**3. Investments**

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

| | December 31 | |
|---|---|---|
| | **2011** | **2010** |
| Oppenheimer Capital Appreciation Fund Class A | **$ 722,509** | $ 830,553 |
| Oppenheimer Cash Reserves A | **680,966** | 550,072 |
| Oppenheimer Global Fund Class A | **609,304** | 817,995 |
| Oppenheimer Main Street Fund Class A | **560,965** | 770,353 |
| Oppenheimer Small and Mid-Cap Value Fund Class A | **314,732** | 396,226 |
| Oppenheimer Global Strategic Income Fund Class A | **234,328** | 343,258 |

The Plan's investments in mutual funds (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) depreciated in value by $138,024 for the year ended December 31, 2011.

**4. Information Prepared and Certified by the Trustee**

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, OFI Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules are complete and accurate with respect to investments:

- Investments at fair value
- Notes receivable from participants
- Interest income on notes receivable from participants
- Net depreciation in fair value of investments
- Interest and dividends
- Schedule of assets (held at end of year)

The Plan's independent public accountants did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules.

**5. Related Party Transactions**

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by the trustee of the Plan. Fees paid by the Plan for recordkeeping services amounted to $1,291 for the year ended December 31, 2011.

**6. Fair Value Measurements**

FASB 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 FASB ASC 820 are described below:

- Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.
- 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.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2011:

| | Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2011 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| **Interest-bearing Cash** | $ 680,966 | $ - | $ - | $ 680,966 |
| **Mutual Funds:** | | | | |
| Large U.S. Equity | 1,347,855 | - | - | 1,347,855 |
| Small/Mid U.S. Equity | 324,775 | - | - | 324,775 |
| International Equity | 609,304 | - | - | 609,304 |
| Balanced/Asset Allocation | 109,729 | - | - | 109,729 |
| Fixed Income | 409,349 | - | - | 409,349 |
| **Total investments at fair value** | $ 3,481,978 | $ - | $ - | $ 3,481,978 |

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2010:

| | Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2010 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| **Interest-bearing Cash** | $ 550,072 | $ - | $ - | $ 550,072 |
| **Mutual Funds:** | | | | |
| Large U.S. Equity | 1,600,906 | - | - | 1,600,906 |
| Small/Mid U.S. Equity | 422,053 | - | - | 422,053 |
| International Equity | 817,995 | - | - | 817,995 |
| Balanced/Asset Allocation | 175,343 | - | - | 175,343 |
| Fixed Income | 453,046 | - | - | 453,046 |
| **Total investments at fair value** | $ 4,019,415 | $ - | $ - | $ 4,019,415 |

**7. Income Tax Status**

The Internal Revenue Service has determined that a prototype 401(k) profit sharing plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Service Code ("IRC") and informed the trustee of such in a letter dated January 29, 2004. The plan administrator has adopted the prototype plan and believes that the Plan is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2011, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2008.

**8. Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risk. 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.

**9. Delinquent Loan Repayments**

Defined contribution plans are required to remit employee contributions to the Plan as soon as they can be reasonably segregated from the employer's general assets. The Company remitted all loan repayments to the Plan within the required time period for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company remitted all loan repayments to the Plan; however, repayments of $2,288 were not remitted within the required time period. The Company has remitted these delinquent loan repayments, including any lost earnings as a result.

**10. Subsequent Events**

The Company has evaluated and identified subsequent events requiring disclosure through October 10, 2012, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No items requiring disclosure were identified, except for correspondence with the IRS regarding the Plan termination as disclosed in Note 1.

# Supplemental Schedules

US Salt LLC
Retirement Savings & Investment Plan

EIN: 59-3525498 Plan #002

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets
(Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2011

| (a) | (b) Identity of Issue | (c) Description of Investment | Number of Shares | (e) Current Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| * | Oppenheimer Cash Reserves A | Interest-bearing cash | 680,966 | $680,966 |
| * | Oppenheimer Main Street Fund Class A | Mutual Fund | 17,443 | 560,965 |
| * | Oppenheimer Portfolio Series: Equity Investor | Mutual Fund | 293 | 2,954 |
| * | Oppenheimer Portfolio Series: Conservative Investor Fund Class A | Mutual Fund | 2,659 | 21,057 |
| * | Oppenheimer Portfolio Series: Moderate Investor Fund Class A | Mutual Fund | 9,714 | 81,307 |
| * | Oppenheimer Small and Mid-Cap Growth Fund Class A | Mutual Fund | 856 | 10,043 |
| * | Oppenheimer Equity Income Fund Class A | Mutual Fund | 2,887 | 64,381 |
| * | Oppenheimer Global Fund Class A | Mutual Fund | 11,275 | 609,304 |
| * | Oppenheimer Global Strategic Income Fund Class A | Mutual Fund | 57,648 | 234,628 |
| * | Oppenheimer Capital Appreciation Fund Class A | Mutual Fund | 16,873 | 722,509 |
| * | Oppenheimer US Government Trust Fund Class A | Mutual Fund | 18,143 | 174,721 |
| * | Oppenheimer Commodity Strategy Total Return | Mutual Fund | 1,321 | 4,411 |
| * | Oppenheimer Small and Mid-Cap Value Fund Class A | Mutual Fund | 10,622 | 314,732 |
| * | Notes receivable from participants (interest rates ranging from 5.25% to 10.25%; maturities through December 2016) | | | 187,718 |
| | | | | $ 3,669,696 |

*Party in interest as defined by ERISA.

Cost information is omitted as all plan assets are participant directed.

US Salt LLC
Retirement Savings & Investment Plan

EIN: 59-3525498 Plan #002

Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

Year ended December 31, 2011

| | Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan | Total That Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions | | | Total Fully Corrected Under Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) and Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2002-51 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Check Here If Late Participant Loan Repayments Are Included: | Contributions Not Corrected | Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP | Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP | |
| 2009 | [x] | | $ 2,288 | | |

Schedule C, Part I, line 2(h) Formula Description and Schedule C, Part I, line 3(e) Formula Description

Plan Name: U.S. SALT LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS & INVESTMENT

Plan Number: 191468

Broker Dealer: LPL Financial

| Ticker Symbol | Investment Name | Formula used to determine Sub-TA Compensation paid to Ascensus | Formula used to determine 12b-1 Compensation to Broker Dealer |
|---|---|---|---|
| QVSCX | Oppenheimer Small- & Mid- Cap Value Fd A | 25 basis points | 25 basis points |
| QRAAX | Oppenheimer Commodity Stratgy Total Ret | 25 basis points | 25 basis points |
| OPTFX | Oppenheimer Capital Appreciation A | 25 basis points | 25 basis points |
| OPSIX | Oppenheimer Global Strategic Income A | 25 basis points | 25 basis points |
| OPPAX | Oppenheimer Global Fund A | 25 basis points | 25 basis points |
| OPASX | Oppenheimer Balanced Fund A | 25 basis points | 25 basis points |
| OAMIX | Oppenheimer Port Series: Moderate Inv A | 25 basis points | 25 basis points |
| OAEIX | Oppenheimer Equity Income Fund A | 25 basis points | 25 basis points |
| OACIX | Oppenheimer Port Series: Conserv Inv A | 25 basis points | 25 basis points |
| OAAIX | Oppenheimer Portfolio Series: Equity Inv | 25 basis points | 25 basis points |
| MSIGX | Oppenheimer Main Street Fund A | 25 basis points | 25 basis points |
| OUSGX | Oppenheimer US Govt Trust Fund A | 25 basis points | 24 basis points |
| OEGAX | Oppenheimer Small & Mid-Cap Growth A | 25 basis points | 24 basis points |
| CRSXX | Oppenheimer Cash Reserves A | 25 basis points | 19 basis points |

Schedule C, Part I, line 2(h) Formula Description and Schedule C, Part I, line 3(e)
Formula Description - Additional Fee Notes

Plan Name: U.S. SALT LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS & INVESTMENT

Plan Number: 191468

Broker Dealer: LPL Financial

Linsco Private Ledger (LPL)

LPL Financial Corporation receives compensation from the mutual fund families, variable and group annuity issuers, and retirement plan product sponsors that are available to their brokerage customers.

Full disclosure of these compensation amounts are detailed online at:
http://lplfinancial.lpl.com/Disclosure.htm

**Attachment to 2011 Form 5500**
**Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**

**Plan Name** U.S. SALT LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN **EIN:** 59-3525498
**Plan Sponsor's Name** U.S. SALT LLC **PN:** 002

| (a) | (b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party | (c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value. | (d) Cost | (e) Current value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer Global Fund A | 0 | 609,304 |
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer Capital Appreciation Fund A | 0 | 722,510 |
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer Small & Mid Cap Growth A | 0 | 10,043 |
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer Global Strategic Income A | 0 | 234,628 |
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer Main Street Fund A | 0 | 560,965 |
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer Small & Mid Cap Value Fund A | 0 | 314,732 |
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer Commodity Strat Total RtrnA | 0 | 4,411 |

## Attachment to 2011 Form 5500
## Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

**Plan Name** U.S. SALT LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN **EIN:** 59-3525498

**Plan Sponsor's Name** U.S. SALT LLC **PN:** 002

| (a) | (b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party | (c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value. | (d) Cost | (e) Current value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer U.S. Government Trust Fund A | 0 | 174,721 |
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer Cash Reserves A | 0 | 680,966 |
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer Portfolio Series Conserv A | 0 | 21,057 |
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer Port Series Mod Investor A | 0 | 81,307 |
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer Port Series Equity InvA | 0 | 2,954 |
| | Oppenheimer | Oppenheimer Equity Income Fund A | 0 | 64,380 |
| | Participant's Loan Account | Various Rates and Maturities | 0 | 187,718 |