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

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2012 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2012 and ending 09/26/2012

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;
- [X] the final return/report;
- [ ] an amended return/report;
- [X] 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; include room or suite number (employer, if for a 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.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/16/2013	JACQUELINE J SCANLON
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/16/2013	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

Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address; include room or suite number. (optional)

Preparer's telephone number (optional)

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor Name [ ] Same as Plan Sponsor Address

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**	136
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**	0
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	0
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	0
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	**6e**	
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	0
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	
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 Characteristics 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 Characteristics 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.**	**2012** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2012 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2012 and ending 09/26/2012

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosure on eligible indirect compensation

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
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?
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(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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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?
			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)

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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 TWO WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER 225 LIBERTY STREET 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.
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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.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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U.S. SALT LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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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)	680966	0
(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)	187718	0
(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)	2801012	0
(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	3669696	0
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	3669696	0

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)	51	
(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)	7623	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		7674
(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)	12101	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		12101
(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
(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

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(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)		319395
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		339170
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3877598	
(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)		3877598
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)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	7900	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		7900
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3885498
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		-3546328
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		123368

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 lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 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	

			Yes	No	Amount
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	X		

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year..... [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)
INERGY COMPANIES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN	43-1924557	001

Part V Trust Information (optional)

6a Name of trust	**6b** Trust's EIN

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

2012

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2012 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2012 and ending 09/26/2012

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 lines 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 lines 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 _____

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(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

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(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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(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 lines 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 line 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 lines (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 line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

US SALT LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS & INVESTMENT PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 26, 2012 and December 31, 2011 and the Period Ended September 26, 2012

US Salt LLC
Retirement Savings & Investment Plan

Financial Statements

September 26, 2012 and December 31, 2011 and the Period
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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 September 26, 2012 and December 31, 2011, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period ended September 26, 2012. These financial statements 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. 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 September 26, 2012 and December 31, 2011 and for the period ended September 26, 2012, 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 taken as a whole. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, has been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, is 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
July 12, 2013

US Salt LLC
Retirement Savings & Investment Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	September 26, 2012	December 31, 2011
Assets	*(In Liquidation)*	*(In Liquidation)*
Investments at fair value:		
Interest-bearing cash	$ -	$ 680,966
Mutual funds	-	2,801,012
Total investments	-	3,481,978
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	-	187,718
Net assets available for benefits	$ -	$ 3,669,696

See accompanying notes.

US Salt LLC
Retirement Savings & Investment Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Period Ended September 26, 2012
(In Liquidation)

Additions	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 319,395
Dividends and interest	12,152
	331,547
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	7,623
Total additions	339,170
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants	3,877,598
Administrative expenses	7,900
Total deductions	3,885,498
Net decrease before plan transfer	(3,546,328)
Transfer out	(123,368)
Net decrease	(3,669,696)
Net assets available for benefits at:	
Beginning of year	3,669,696
End of year	$ -

See accompanying notes.

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 was 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 was 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.

1. Plan Description (continued)

Notes receivable from participants

The Plan allowed participants to 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 September 26, 2012 and December 31, 2011, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled $0 and $5,770, respectively. The Plan allocated forfeitures equally among plan participants in the amount of $5,770 during the period ended September 26, 2012.

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 were being withheld were being remitted back to the Plan. 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 Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for plan termination approval. The IRS approved the plan termination in a letter dated February 7, 2012. Net assets have been distributed to participants either as a lump-sum payment, IRA rollover, direct transfer into another qualified plan, or participants elected to rollover their account balances in the Plan to the Buyer's 401(k) plan. The Plan was closed on September 26, 2012.

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.

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 pronouncement

The following new accounting pronouncement was adopted during the period ended September 26, 2012:

Fair value measurements - In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("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. Net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits of Plan were not affected by the adoption of the new guidance.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Payment of benefits

Benefits were 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:

	September 26, 2012	December 31, 2011
Oppenheimer Capital Appreciation Fund Class A	$ -	$ 722,509
Oppenheimer Cash Reserves A	-	680,966
Oppenheimer Global Fund Class A	-	609,304
Oppenheimer Main Street Fund Class A	-	560,965
Oppenheimer Small and Mid-Cap Value Fund Class A	-	314,732
Oppenheimer Global Strategic Income Fund Class A	-	234,328

The Plan's investments in mutual funds (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated in value by $319,395 for the period ended September 26, 2012.

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 is complete and accurate with respect to investments:

- Investments at fair value
- Notes receivable from participants
- Interest income on notes receivable from participants
- Net appreciation in fair value of investments
- Dividends and interest

4. Information Prepared and Certified by the Trustee (continued)

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.

5. Related Party Transactions

Certain plan investments were shares of mutual funds managed by the trustee of the Plan. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of the investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. The Plan made direct payments to the recordkeeper of $7,900 for the period ended September 26, 2012, which was not covered by revenue sharing. The Plan Sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the plan's operations.

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.

6. Fair Value Measurements (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

7. Income Tax Status

The IRS has determined that the volume submitter 401(k) profit sharing plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Service Code ("IRC") and informed the recordkeeper of such in a letter dated January 29, 2004. The plan administrator has adopted the volume submitter plan and believes that the Plan is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Additionally, the IRS approved the plan termination in a letter dated February 7, 2012.

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 September 26, 2012, 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 2009.

8. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invested 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. Subsequent Events

In accordance with ASC 855, *Subsequent Events*, the Company has evaluated events that have occurred subsequent to the period ended September 26, 2012 through July 12, 2013, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No items requiring disclosure were identified.

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

Form **5558**
(Rev. August 2012)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Application for Extension of Time To File Certain Employee Plan Returns

▶ For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.
▶ Information about Form 5558 and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form5558*

OMB No. 1545-0212

File With IRS Only

Part I Identification

A Name of filer, plan administrator, or plan sponsor (see instructions)
U.S. SALT LLC

Number, street, and room or suite no. (If a P.O. box, see instructions)
2 BRUSH CREEK BLVD SUITE 200

City or town, state, and ZIP code
KANSAS CITY MO 64112

B Filer's identifying number (see instructions)
Employer identification number (EIN) (9 digits XX-XXXXXXX)
59-3525498

Social security number (SSN) (9 digits XXX-XX-XXXX)

C Plan name	Plan number	Plan year ending— MM	DD	YYYY
U.S. SALT LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN	002	9	26	2012

Part II Extension of Time To File Form 5500 Series, and/or Form 8955-SSA

1 ☐ Check this box if you are requesting an extension of time on line 2 to file the first Form 5500 series return/report for the plan listed in Part 1, C above.

2 I request an extension of time until 7 / 15 / 2013 to file Form 5500 series (see instructions).
Note. A signature IS NOT required if you are requesting an extension to file Form 5500 series.

3 I request an extension of time until 7 / 15 / 2013 to file Form 8955-SSA (see instructions).
Note. A signature IS NOT required if you are requesting an extension to file Form 8955-SSA.

The application **is automatically approved** to the date shown on line 2 and/or line 3 (above) if: **(a)** the Form 5558 is filed on or before the normal due date of Form 5500 series, and/or Form 8955-SSA for which this extension is requested, and **(b)** the date on line 2 and/or line 3 (above) is not later than the 15th day of the third month after the normal due date.

Part III Extension of Time To File Form 5330 *(see instructions)*

4 I request an extension of time until / / to file Form 5330.
You may be approved for up to a 6 month extension to file Form 5330, after the normal due date of Form 5330.

a Enter the Code section(s) imposing the tax . . . . . ▶ a

b Enter the payment amount attached . . . . . ▶ b

c For excise taxes under section 4980 or 4980F of the Code, enter the reversion/amendment date . . . ▶ c

5 **State in detail why you need the extension:**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on this form are true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this application.

Signature ▶ **Date ▶**