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.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2013 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2013 and ending 09/30/2014

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan;
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan; or
- [X] a single-employer plan;
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report;
- [ ] the final return/report;
- [ ] an amended return/report;
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [ ] Form 5558;
- [ ] automatic extension;
- [ ] the DFVC program;
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

1c Effective date of plan 10/01/1985

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

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC.

411 LAKE ZURICH ROAD
BARRINGTON, IL 60010

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3337997

2c Sponsor's telephone number
847-381-2760

2d Business code (see instructions)
236200

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.	02/26/2015	MICHELLE LIEB
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	02/26/2015	MICHELLE LIEB
	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**	688
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**	799
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	7
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	232
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	1038
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	3
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	1041
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	1019
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	14
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 2S 2T

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)	[X]	**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.**	**2013** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2013 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2013 and ending 09/30/2014

A Name of plan
THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3337997

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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23-1945930

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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?
15 25 26 37 38 52 59	NONE	24322	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	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?
			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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

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 ☐

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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?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
CRM FUNDS 04-3285551	5 BPS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.	99	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
DODGE & COX 94-1441976	10 BPS

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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d	Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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THE PEPPER COcompanies, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3337997

Part I **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD RETIREMENT SAVINGS TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
23-2186884-022	C	14500463

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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

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

a Plan name	
b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN
a Plan name	
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3337997

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)	51996	6452
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	18410	19522
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	920370	818361
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	15282772	14500463
(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)	68782705	75828707
(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	85056253	91173505
	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	85056253	91173505

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)	522031	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	3115066	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	167819	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		3804916
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	35862	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		35862
	(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)	1257928	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		1257928
	(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)		257903
(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)		8230737
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		13587346
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	7444660	
(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)		7444660
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		1112
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)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	24322	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		24322
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		7470094
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		6117252
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) [X] Unqualified (2) [ ] Qualified (3) [ ] Disclaimer (4) [ ] Adverse

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

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

(1) Name: FGMK, LLC (2) EIN: 36-2929601

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		1000000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n			

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

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

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

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

2013

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2013 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2013 and ending 09/30/2014

A Name of plan
THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
36-3337997

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**

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): 23-2186884

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 _____

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

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):

The Pepper Companies, Inc.
Retirement and Savings Plan

Financial Statements and
Independent Auditor's Report

September 30, 2014 and 2013

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Participants and Trustees of the
The Pepper Companies, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan

Report on the Financial Statements
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Pepper Companies, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended September 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Plan's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Pepper Companies, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended September 30, 2014, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report of Supplementary Information
Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of September 30, 2014, referred to as "supplemental information," is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information is the responsibility of the Plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

FGMK, LLC

Bannockburn, Illinois
January 27, 2015

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND 2013

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value:		
Collective trust fund	$ 14,500,463	$ 15,282,772
Registered investment companies	75,805,675	68,764,376
Money market funds	23,032	18,329
Total Investments	90,329,170	84,065,477
Receivables:		
Employer's matching contributions	3,807	3,496
Employee contributions	19,522	18,410
QNEC contributions	-	48,500
Corrective contributions	2,645	-
Notes receivable from participants	818,361	920,370
Total Receivables	844,335	990,776
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 91,173,505	$ 85,056,253

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

ADDITIONS	
Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	$ 1,551,693
Contributions:	
Employer contributions	522,031
Employee contributions	3,115,066
Rollovers	167,819
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	8,230,737
Total Additions	13,587,346
DEDUCTIONS	
Benefits paid to participants	7,444,660
Administrative expenses	24,322
Corrective distributions	1,112
Total Deductions	7,470,094
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	6,117,252
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	
Beginning of year	85,056,253
End of year	$ 91,173,505

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of The Pepper Companies, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more comprehensive description of its provisions.

General. The Plan is a defined contribution plan that provides the eligible employees of The Pepper Companies, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the "Employer") an opportunity to invest a portion of their compensation and the Employer's contribution in any of several investment funds. The Plan is subject to provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company ("VFTC") is the trustee and record keeper of the Plan.

Eligibility. For the purposes of making employee contributions and receiving matching contributions, an employee becomes eligible to participate in the Plan on the business day following the later of (1) the date an employee reaches age 21 (2) the 90th day following the date on which an employee first performs an hour of service. To be eligible for an Employer discretionary contribution, the participant must have completed at least 1,000 hours of service during the Plan Year and be employed by the Employer on the last day of the Plan Year. An employee is not eligible to participate in the Plan if they are classified as an intern or temporary employee, a leased employee, an independent contractor, or are covered under a collective bargaining agreement.

Contributions. The Plan allows each participant to make before and/or after-tax contributions between 1% and 40% of their compensation and any portion of their annual bonus, with the Employer matching 25% of employee contributions, not exceeding 6% of the compensation of each participant. The Board of Directors may, by resolution adopted at least 60 days prior to the end of each fiscal year, change the matching percentage. Individual participant contributions are subject to maximum elective deferral limits as defined by the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Unless a participant elects otherwise within 30 days of becoming eligible to participate in the plan, the participant will be automatically enrolled in the Plan with a default contribution percentage of 2%. This default percentage will increase by 1% each January 1 up to 6%.

The Plan also includes a provision permitting additional Employer discretionary contributions to be made to full-time, non-union personnel employed on the last day of the fiscal year and having met certain service requirements. There was no Employer discretionary contribution elected for the year ended September 30, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2014, the Plan was amended to allow participants to convert before tax contributions to after tax contributions. This conversion is subject to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Forfeited Accounts. Forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested account balances can be either used to reduce the employer's discretionary contribution or used to offset Plan expenses. At September 30, 2014 and 2013, there were $23,032 and $18,329, respectively, of forfeited nonvested amounts available to reduce future discretionary contributions or to offset Plan expenses.

Vesting. Participants are immediately and fully vested in their contributions, the Employer's matching contributions and earnings thereon. Vesting in the Employer discretionary contribution portion of the accounts of employees who became eligible to participant in the Plan is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service.

Participant Accounts. An individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Employer's matching contributions, the Employer discretionary contributions, and an allocation of the Plan's earnings (losses) and forfeitures and charged with withdrawals. Allocations are based on each participant's proportionate share of the Plan's net assets. Forfeitures can be distributed to the participants' individual accounts based on their eligible earnings.

Investment Options. Participants direct the investment of their account balances into any or all of various mutual funds and a collective trust offered by the Plan.

(Continued)

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Concluded)

Notes Receivable From Participants. A participant may borrow the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance with a minimum loan amount of $1,000. No loans are permitted from the portion of the participant's individual account balances attributable to Employer discretionary contributions. Loans have maximum terms of 60 to 120 months, have interest rates of 1% over prime, and are secured by the balance of the participant's account.

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 by other methods as defined by the Plan. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution. Participants may also receive in-service distributions upon reaching age 59 ½.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment contracts held by a defined-contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurements attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined-contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the plan. The Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits presents the fair value of the investment contracts which approximates contract value. The Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits is prepared on a contract value basis.

Estimates and Assumptions. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition. Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes Receivable From Participants. Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Benefit Payments. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses. Certain administrative expenses, including functions performed by officers or employees of the Employer, are provided by the Employer at no charge to the Plan, and the Employer has no plans to obtain reimbursement of these expenses from the Plan. Administrative expenses can also be paid by the Plan using forfeitures. Participants are responsible for all fees associated with initiating a loan.

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3 – SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS

Investments that represent 5% or more of the net assets available for benefits are as follows at September 30:

	2014	2013
Registered Investment Companies		
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	$ 16,846,104	$ 15,424,268
Dodge & Cox Stock Fund	$ 9,661,076	$ 7,980,914
Vanguard Growth Index Fund	$ 8,556,593	$ 8,258,506
Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	$ 7,030,809	$ 6,510,864
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	$ 4,977,211	$ 4,315,361
Vanguard International Value Fund	$ 4,882,837	$ 4,680,342
Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Investor		$ 4,437,356
Collective Trust Fund		
Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust	$ 14,500,463	$ 15,282,772

NOTE 4 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

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Although the Employer has not expressed any intent to discontinue its contributions or terminate the Plan, it is free to do so at any time, subject to the provisions of ERISA and the Plan document. In the event of Plan termination, all participants will automatically become fully vested in all their accounts and the Trustee will distribute participant assets.

NOTE 8 – INCOME TAX STATUS

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GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service or other tax authorities. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, 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 the Internal Revenue Service or other tax authorities, generally for three years after the tax returns are filed; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

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NOTE 9 – QNEC RECEIVABLE

As defined in the Plan agreement, all compensation is considered Plan eligible compensation. The Plan did not benefit a sufficient number of Non-highly Compensated Employees during the year ended September 30, 2013. As a result, the Employer made a Qualified Non-elective Contribution to the Plan totaling $48,500 in accordance with the self correcting procedures under the Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System.

NOTE 10 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

NOTE 11 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan's management has evaluated all known subsequent events from September 30, 2014 through January 27, 2015, the date the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued, and is not aware of any material subsequent events occurring during this period that have not been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-3337997

PLAN NUMBER: 003

	(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	**(e)** Current value
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*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund	2,373,734
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	2,276,583
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	1,750,516
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	1,692,506
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	1,616,730
*		The Vanguard Group	Total Stock Market Index Fund	936,913
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	883,221
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2010 Fund	860,903
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	813,023
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	648,106
		MFS Funds	MFS Institutional International Equity Fund	630,087
		Pimco Funds	Pimco Low Duration Fund; Institutional Class	499,372
		Wasatch Funds	Wasatch Small Cap Growth Fund	350,424
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	210,305
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement Income	134,031
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund	23,032
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	108
*		Participant Loans	Interest rates ranging from 4.25% - 9.25%, maturing from 2014 to 2023	818,361
				$ 91,147,531

* Party-in-interest to the Plan

The Pepper Companies, Inc.
Retirement and Savings Plan

Financial Statements and
Independent Auditor's Report

September 30, 2014 and 2013

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Participants and Trustees of the
The Pepper Companies, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan

Report on the Financial Statements
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Pepper Companies, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended September 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Plan's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Pepper Companies, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended September 30, 2014, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report of Supplementary Information
Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of September 30, 2014, referred to as "supplemental information," is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information is the responsibility of the Plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

FGMK, LLC

Bannockburn, Illinois
January 27, 2015

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND 2013

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value:		
Collective trust fund	$ 14,500,463	$ 15,282,772
Registered investment companies	75,805,675	68,764,376
Money market funds	23,032	18,329
Total Investments	90,329,170	84,065,477
Receivables:		
Employer's matching contributions	3,807	3,496
Employee contributions	19,522	18,410
QNEC contributions	-	48,500
Corrective contributions	2,645	-
Notes receivable from participants	818,361	920,370
Total Receivables	844,335	990,776
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 91,173,505	$ 85,056,253

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

ADDITIONS	
Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	$ 1,551,693
Contributions:	
Employer contributions	522,031
Employee contributions	3,115,066
Rollovers	167,819
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	8,230,737
Total Additions	13,587,346
DEDUCTIONS	
Benefits paid to participants	7,444,660
Administrative expenses	24,322
Corrective distributions	1,112
Total Deductions	7,470,094
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	6,117,252
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	
Beginning of year	85,056,253
End of year	$ 91,173,505

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THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of The Pepper Companies, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more comprehensive description of its provisions.

General. The Plan is a defined contribution plan that provides the eligible employees of The Pepper Companies, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the "Employer") an opportunity to invest a portion of their compensation and the Employer's contribution in any of several investment funds. The Plan is subject to provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company ("VFTC") is the trustee and record keeper of the Plan.

Eligibility. For the purposes of making employee contributions and receiving matching contributions, an employee becomes eligible to participate in the Plan on the business day following the later of (1) the date an employee reaches age 21 (2) the 90th day following the date on which an employee first performs an hour of service. To be eligible for an Employer discretionary contribution, the participant must have completed at least 1,000 hours of service during the Plan Year and be employed by the Employer on the last day of the Plan Year. An employee is not eligible to participate in the Plan if they are classified as an intern or temporary employee, a leased employee, an independent contractor, or are covered under a collective bargaining agreement.

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The Plan also includes a provision permitting additional Employer discretionary contributions to be made to full-time, non-union personnel employed on the last day of the fiscal year and having met certain service requirements. There was no Employer discretionary contribution elected for the year ended September 30, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2014, the Plan was amended to allow participants to convert before tax contributions to after tax contributions. This conversion is subject to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Forfeited Accounts. Forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested account balances can be either used to reduce the employer's discretionary contribution or used to offset Plan expenses. At September 30, 2014 and 2013, there were $23,032 and $18,329, respectively, of forfeited nonvested amounts available to reduce future discretionary contributions or to offset Plan expenses.

Vesting. Participants are immediately and fully vested in their contributions, the Employer's matching contributions and earnings thereon. Vesting in the Employer discretionary contribution portion of the accounts of employees who became eligible to participant in the Plan is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service.

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Investment Options. Participants direct the investment of their account balances into any or all of various mutual funds and a collective trust offered by the Plan.

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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 by other methods as defined by the Plan. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution. Participants may also receive in-service distributions upon reaching age 59 ½.

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Investment Valuation and Income Recognition. Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes Receivable From Participants. Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Benefit Payments. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses. Certain administrative expenses, including functions performed by officers or employees of the Employer, are provided by the Employer at no charge to the Plan, and the Employer has no plans to obtain reimbursement of these expenses from the Plan. Administrative expenses can also be paid by the Plan using forfeitures. Participants are responsible for all fees associated with initiating a loan.

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		Wasatch Funds	Wasatch Small Cap Growth Fund	350,424
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*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement Income	134,031
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund	23,032
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	108
*		Participant Loans	Interest rates ranging from 4.25% - 9.25%, maturing from 2014 to 2023	818,361
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* Party-in-interest to the Plan

The Pepper Companies, Inc.
Retirement and Savings Plan

Financial Statements and
Independent Auditor's Report

September 30, 2014 and 2013

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Participants and Trustees of the
The Pepper Companies, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan

Report on the Financial Statements
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Pepper Companies, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended September 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Plan's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Pepper Companies, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended September 30, 2014, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report of Supplementary Information
Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of September 30, 2014, referred to as "supplemental information," is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information is the responsibility of the Plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

FGMK, LLC

Bannockburn, Illinois
January 27, 2015

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND 2013

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value:		
Collective trust fund	$ 14,500,463	$ 15,282,772
Registered investment companies	75,805,675	68,764,376
Money market funds	23,032	18,329
Total Investments	90,329,170	84,065,477
Receivables:		
Employer's matching contributions	3,807	3,496
Employee contributions	19,522	18,410
QNEC contributions	-	48,500
Corrective contributions	2,645	-
Notes receivable from participants	818,361	920,370
Total Receivables	844,335	990,776
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 91,173,505	$ 85,056,253

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

ADDITIONS	
Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	$ 1,551,693
Contributions:	
Employer contributions	522,031
Employee contributions	3,115,066
Rollovers	167,819
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	8,230,737
Total Additions	13,587,346
DEDUCTIONS	
Benefits paid to participants	7,444,660
Administrative expenses	24,322
Corrective distributions	1,112
Total Deductions	7,470,094
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	6,117,252
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	
Beginning of year	85,056,253
End of year	$ 91,173,505

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THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of The Pepper Companies, Inc. Retirement and Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more comprehensive description of its provisions.

General. The Plan is a defined contribution plan that provides the eligible employees of The Pepper Companies, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the "Employer") an opportunity to invest a portion of their compensation and the Employer's contribution in any of several investment funds. The Plan is subject to provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company ("VFTC") is the trustee and record keeper of the Plan.

Eligibility. For the purposes of making employee contributions and receiving matching contributions, an employee becomes eligible to participate in the Plan on the business day following the later of (1) the date an employee reaches age 21 (2) the 90th day following the date on which an employee first performs an hour of service. To be eligible for an Employer discretionary contribution, the participant must have completed at least 1,000 hours of service during the Plan Year and be employed by the Employer on the last day of the Plan Year. An employee is not eligible to participate in the Plan if they are classified as an intern or temporary employee, a leased employee, an independent contractor, or are covered under a collective bargaining agreement.

Contributions. The Plan allows each participant to make before and/or after-tax contributions between 1% and 40% of their compensation and any portion of their annual bonus, with the Employer matching 25% of employee contributions, not exceeding 6% of the compensation of each participant. The Board of Directors may, by resolution adopted at least 60 days prior to the end of each fiscal year, change the matching percentage. Individual participant contributions are subject to maximum elective deferral limits as defined by the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Unless a participant elects otherwise within 30 days of becoming eligible to participate in the plan, the participant will be automatically enrolled in the Plan with a default contribution percentage of 2%. This default percentage will increase by 1% each January 1 up to 6%.

The Plan also includes a provision permitting additional Employer discretionary contributions to be made to full-time, non-union personnel employed on the last day of the fiscal year and having met certain service requirements. There was no Employer discretionary contribution elected for the year ended September 30, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2014, the Plan was amended to allow participants to convert before tax contributions to after tax contributions. This conversion is subject to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Forfeited Accounts. Forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested account balances can be either used to reduce the employer's discretionary contribution or used to offset Plan expenses. At September 30, 2014 and 2013, there were $23,032 and $18,329, respectively, of forfeited nonvested amounts available to reduce future discretionary contributions or to offset Plan expenses.

Vesting. Participants are immediately and fully vested in their contributions, the Employer's matching contributions and earnings thereon. Vesting in the Employer discretionary contribution portion of the accounts of employees who became eligible to participant in the Plan is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service.

Participant Accounts. An individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Employer's matching contributions, the Employer discretionary contributions, and an allocation of the Plan's earnings (losses) and forfeitures and charged with withdrawals. Allocations are based on each participant's proportionate share of the Plan's net assets. Forfeitures can be distributed to the participants' individual accounts based on their eligible earnings.

Investment Options. Participants direct the investment of their account balances into any or all of various mutual funds and a collective trust offered by the Plan.

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THE PEPPER COMPANIES, INC. RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Concluded)

Notes Receivable From Participants. A participant may borrow the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance with a minimum loan amount of $1,000. No loans are permitted from the portion of the participant's individual account balances attributable to Employer discretionary contributions. Loans have maximum terms of 60 to 120 months, have interest rates of 1% over prime, and are secured by the balance of the participant's account.

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 by other methods as defined by the Plan. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution. Participants may also receive in-service distributions upon reaching age 59 ½.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment contracts held by a defined-contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurements attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined-contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the plan. The Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits presents the fair value of the investment contracts which approximates contract value. The Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits is prepared on a contract value basis.

Estimates and Assumptions. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition. Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes Receivable From Participants. Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Benefit Payments. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses. Certain administrative expenses, including functions performed by officers or employees of the Employer, are provided by the Employer at no charge to the Plan, and the Employer has no plans to obtain reimbursement of these expenses from the Plan. Administrative expenses can also be paid by the Plan using forfeitures. Participants are responsible for all fees associated with initiating a loan.

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NOTE 3 – SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS

Investments that represent 5% or more of the net assets available for benefits are as follows at September 30:

	2014	2013
Registered Investment Companies		
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Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Investor		$ 4,437,356
Collective Trust Fund		
Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust	$ 14,500,463	$ 15,282,772

NOTE 4 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Parties-in-interest are defined under Department of Labor regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, the employer, and certain others. Party-in-interest transactions consisted of loans made to participants and certain plan investments that are share of registered investment companies and units of a collective trust managed by the VFTC, or an affiliate, the Vanguard Group. Fees paid by the Plan to the Vanguard Group for the administration of the Plan amounted to $24,322 for the year ended September 30, 2014. Certain other professional fees were paid by the Employer.

NOTE 5 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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Level 2. Inputs to the valuation methodology include the following:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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NOTE 5 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Concluded)

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of September 30, 2014 and 2013.

Mutual Funds and Money Market Funds. Valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end.

Collective Trust Funds. The fair values of interests in stable value funds are based upon the net asset values of such funds reflecting all investments at fair value, including direct and indirect interests in fully benefit-responsive contracts, as reported by the fund managers.

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of September 30, 2014 and 2013. Assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

	Assets at Fair Value as of September 30, 2014			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered Investment Companies				
Balanced funds	$ 20,290,575	$ -	$ -	$ 20,290,575
Domestic equity	40,555,957	-	-	40,555,957
Fixed income	5,476,583	-	-	5,476,583
International equity	5,512,924	-	-	5,512,924
Small-Cap	3,969,636	-	-	3,969,636
Stable Value Fund	-	14,500,463	-	14,500,463
Money Market Deposit Account	23,032	-	-	23,032
Total investment assets at fair value	$ 75,828,707	$ 14,500,463	$ -	$ 90,329,170

	Assets at Fair Value as of September 30, 2013			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered Investment Companies				
Balanced funds	$ 18,073,630	$ -	$ -	$ 18,073,630
Domestic equity	36,317,226	-	-	36,317,226
Fixed income	4,697,346	-	-	4,697,346
International equity	5,238,818	-	-	5,238,818
Small-Cap	4,437,356	-	-	4,437,356
Stable Value Fund	-	15,282,772	-	15,282,772
Money Market Deposit Account	18,329	-	-	18,329
Total investment assets at fair value	$ 68,782,705	$ 15,282,772	$ -	$ 84,065,477

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		Pimco Funds	Pimco Low Duration Fund; Institutional Class	499,372
		Wasatch Funds	Wasatch Small Cap Growth Fund	350,424
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	210,305
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement Income	134,031
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund	23,032
*		The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	108
*		Participant Loans	Interest rates ranging from 4.25% - 9.25%, maturing from 2014 to 2023	818,361
				$ 91,147,531

* Party-in-interest to the Plan