

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). <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">2015</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2015</u> and ending <u>12/31/2015</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan; ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions); or ☒ a single-employer plan; ☐ a DFE (specify) ____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report; ☐ the final return/report; ☐ an amended return/report; ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558; ☐ automatic extension; ☐ the DFVC program; ☐ special extension (enter description)

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information				
1a Name of plan <u>SHIN-ETSU 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>002</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>08/01/1991</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>08/01/1991</u>	
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2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>SHIN-ETSU SILICONES OF AMERICA, INC</u> <u>1150 DAMAR DRIVE</u> <u>AKRON, OH 44305</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>95-4015700</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>330-630-9860</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>325900</u></td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>95-4015700</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>330-630-9860</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>325900</u>	
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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.	<u>10/03/2016</u>	<u>DONNA KUGLICS</u>
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE
Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)			Preparer's telephone number

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
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	5 209
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits..... d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits..... f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 186 6a(2) 173 6b 0 6c 28 6d 201 6e 0 6f 201 6g 166 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 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) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III	Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)
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11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2015 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2015 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

<div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2015
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015		
A Name of plan SHIN-ETSU 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SHIN-ETSU SILICONES OF AMERICA, INC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-4015700	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 64 55 99 15 60 50	NONE	18652	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	950	Yes ☐ 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?
27 50	NONE	18016	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ 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?
27 50	NONE	18016	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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:

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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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
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2015 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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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)		
(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)	511686	495640
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	461317	517466
(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)	13701766	14057552
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	14674769	15070658

Liabilities

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

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	14674769	15070658
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	418667	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	816056	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1074	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1235797
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)	19767	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		19767
(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)	355984	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		355984
(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)		11738
(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)		-336922
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1286364

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	836996	
(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)		836996
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)	18832	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	34647	
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		53479
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		890475

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		395889
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

(1) Name: BOBER, MARKEY, FEDOROVICH & CO.

(2) EIN: 34-1523030

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	N/A	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	N/A	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.)		X		
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X		
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X			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?		X		
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X		
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X		
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X			
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)		X		
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X		
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X		
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X		
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.				
o Did the plan trust incur unrelated business taxable income?				
p Were in-service distributions made during the plan year?				

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

6a Name of trust	6b Trust's EIN
6c Name of trustee or custodian	6d Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

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 2015 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015

A Name of plan <u>SHIN-ETSU 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SHIN-ETSU SILICONES OF AMERICA, INC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>95-4015700</u>

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	<u>0</u>
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): <u>45-0404698</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____	If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (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
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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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): _____

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
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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): _____

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
20b If "Yes," how does the 401(k) plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2)?	☐ Design-based safe harbor method	☐ ADP/ACP test
20c If the ADP/ACP test is used, did the 401(k) plan perform ADP/ACP testing for the plan year using the "current year testing method" for nonhighly compensated employees (Treas. Reg sections 1.401(k)-2(a)(2)(ii) and 1.401(m)-2(a)(2)(ii))?	☐ Yes	☐ No
21a Check the box to indicate the method used by the plan to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b):	☐ Ratio percentage test	☐ Average benefit test
21b Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules?	☐ Yes	☐ No
22a Has the plan been timely amended for all required tax law changes?	☐ Yes	☐ No ☐ N/A
22b Date the last plan amendment/restatement for the required tax law changes was adopted ____/____/____. Enter the applicable code _____. (See instructions for tax law changes and codes).		
22c If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved master and prototype (M&P) or volume submitter plan that is subject to a favorable IRS opinion or advisory letter, enter the date of that favorable letter ____/____/____ and the letter's serial number _____.		
22d If the plan is an individually-designed plan and received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the plan's last favorable determination letter ____/____/____.		
23 Is the Plan maintained in a U.S. territory (i.e., Puerto Rico (if no election under ERISA section 1022(i)(2) has been made), American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or the U.S. Virgin Islands)?	☐ Yes	☐ No

SHIN-ETSU 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

December 31, 2015 and 2014

SHIN-ETSU 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
ANNUAL REPORT INDEX
December 31, 2015 and 2014

The following financial statements and other information of the Shin-Etsu 401(K) Retirement Savings Plan is included herewith:

- Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2015 and 2014;
- Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014;
- Notes to Financial Statements

The following supplemental schedule of the Shin-Etsu 401(K) Retirement Savings Plan in the Annual Report of the Plan on Form 5500 filed with the Department of Labor for the year ended December 31, 2015 is included herewith:

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

All other supplemental schedules and notes for which provision is made in the applicable rules and regulations of the Department of Labor are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and, therefore, have been omitted.

SHIN-ETSU 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Participants and Plan Administrator
Shin-Etsu 401(K) Retirement Savings Plan
Akron, Ohio

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Shin-Etsu 401(K) Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), the Plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Ascensus 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 a certification from the Trustee as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, that the information provided to the Plan administrator by the Trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Emphasis of Matter

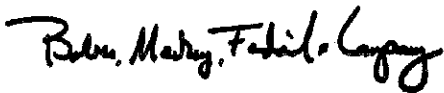
As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, the Plan has elected to apply the early adoption provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update 2015-12, Plan Accounting: (Part I) Fully Benefit Responsive Investment Contracts and (Part II) Plan Investment Disclosures. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Other Matter

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2015 is required by DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the ERISA and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule referred to above.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance With DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the Trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the ERISA.



BOBER, MARKEY, FEDOROVICH & COMPANY
Akron, Ohio

September 1, 2016

SHIN-ETSU 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE		
Mutual funds	\$ 14,057,552	\$ 13,701,765
Stable value fund	<u>517,466</u>	<u>461,317</u>
	14,575,018	14,163,082
RECEIVABLES		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>495,640</u>	<u>511,686</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 15,070,658</u>	<u>\$ 14,674,768</u>

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

SHIN-ETSU 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Interest and dividends	\$ 355,984	\$ 402,284
Interest on notes receivable from participants	<u>19,767</u>	<u>19,961</u>
	375,751	422,245
Contributions		
Employer	418,667	404,845
Employee	<u>817,130</u>	<u>753,657</u>
	1,235,797	1,158,502
Total additions	<u>1,611,548</u>	<u>1,580,747</u>
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Benefits paid	836,996	1,295,703
Administrative expenses	<u>53,479</u>	<u>51,583</u>
Total deductions	890,475	1,347,286
NET (DEPRECIATION) APPRECIATION OF INVESTMENTS	<u>(325,183)</u>	<u>423,267</u>
NET INCREASE	395,890	656,728
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of year	14,674,768	14,018,040
End of year	<u>\$ 15,070,658</u>	<u>\$ 14,674,768</u>

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

SHIN-ETSU 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2015 and 2014

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The Shin-Etsu 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") is a retirement savings plan designed to invest voluntary pre-tax and post-tax employee contributions, matching employer contributions and discretionary employer contributions for the benefit of the participating employees. The following description of the Plan is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan was established by Shin-Etsu Silicones of America, Inc. (the "Company") as a defined contribution 401(k) plan designed to provide employees of the Company and certain affiliates with tax advantaged long-term savings for retirement. The Plan is administered by the Company along with Ascensus Trust Company (the "Trustee"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Eligibility

All employees of the Company are eligible to participate in the Plan as of the first enrollment date after completing one month of service. The Plan offers enrollment dates monthly.

Contributions

The Plan provides for pre-tax contributions by participants and Roth elective deferrals, through payroll deductions, and for matching and discretionary contributions by the Company. Each participating employee elects to enter into a salary reduction agreement by directly contacting the Trustee, thereby contributing to his/her participant account a percentage of compensation, as defined, not less than 1%, nor more than 100% of eligible earnings subject to Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") limitations. At their discretion, the participants may allocate the contributions among the investment funds made available by the Plan. Participants may change their contribution percentages and their allocation of future contributions among the available investments at any time.

The Plan provides for a matching contribution from the Company of 100% of the first 4% of eligible earnings contributed by each participant that does not work out of Freeport, Texas. Those employees working out of Freeport, Texas receive an employer matching contribution 100% of the first 6% of eligible earnings. The Company has the right to change the amount of its contributions, pursuant to the Plan, at any time. The Company did not make any discretionary contributions for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Vesting and Distributions

Each participant is immediately and fully vested in all participant contributions and earnings thereon. Participants vest in matching contributions by the Company and the earnings thereon immediately under the safe harbor plan. On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant receives a lump-sum payment.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is increased, or decreased as appropriate, with (a) the participant's contribution, (b) the Company's matching and discretionary contributions, (c) net investment earnings based on the participant's account balance and composition, (d) administrative expenses, (e) loan disbursements and repayments, and (f) distributions. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

SHIN-ETSU 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Administrative Expense

The Company pays costs of administering the Plan, except for some cash management fees, which are paid by the Plan. There are also indirect fees deducted directly from investment earnings of the Plan.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Subject to certain limitations, the Plan permits loans to participants. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000. The maximum amount a participant may borrow is the lesser of (1) one-half of a participant's vested balance or (2) \$50,000. Participants may borrow from the value of their balances invested in any of the various investment funds at their discretion. The interest rate on the loans is equal to 1% plus the Prime lending rate at loan origination date. The terms of the loans are 1-5 years or up to 15 years for the purchase of a primary residence. Principal and interest are paid bi-weekly through payroll deductions.

Rollovers

Participants may transfer eligible cash distributions from any other employer sponsored qualified plan under Section 401(a) or 403(a) of the IRC into the Plan by a direct transfer from such other plan. Additionally, the Plan will accept a direct rollover of an eligible rollover distribution from a qualified plan under Section 401(a) or 403(a) of the IRC or participant rollover contribution of the portion of a distribution from an Individual Retirement Account or Annuity under Section 408(a) or 408(b) that is eligible to be rolled over and would otherwise be includable in gross income.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. The Trustee would value the trust and the shares of all participants as of the termination date and would distribute, as soon as possible, the balance of the accounts.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis.

In July 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an accounting standards update which:

- a) Removes the measurement and presentation of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts at fair value on the statement of net assets available for benefits and eliminates certain related footnote disclosures related to the fair value calculations, which were previously required under the Fair Value Measurements and Defined Contribution Pension Plans topics of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC");
- b) Eliminates
 - i. the need to disaggregate the investments in accordance with the Fair Value Measurements topic of the FASB ASC, and requires disaggregation based only on general type,
 - ii. the requirement to disclose individual investments that represent 5% or more of the net assets available for benefits,
 - iii. the requirement to disclose net appreciation disaggregated by general investment type;

SHIN-ETSU 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
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- c) Provides a practical expedient for plans to measure investments and investment related accounts as of a month-end date that is closest to the Plan's fiscal year end, when the fiscal year period does not coincide with a month-end.

This standards update is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted. Plan management has elected to early adopt Part I and Part II of the update for the year ended December 31, 2015 and has applied the updates retrospectively to the year ended December 31, 2014. Part III is not applicable to the Plan. See Note 4.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time based on relevant market information about the financial instrument. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and, therefore, cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value at December 31, 2015 and 2014. Mutual funds are valued at fair value as determined by quoted market prices on active markets. The stable value fund is valued at the net asset value of the underlying investments held by the fund, less its liabilities.

Investment income consists of interest and dividend income and participant loan interest. The net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments consists of realized gains or losses and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported based on historical cost.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and related notes to the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Plan utilizes various investment instruments, including mutual funds and a stable value fund. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans and are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. Repayments of principal and interest are recognized in the period in which payroll deductions are processed.

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Uncertain Tax Positions

Under the Income Taxes Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC"), Plan management is required to identify potential uncertain tax positions taken, assess and quantify those positions and record reserves. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014 and for the years then ended, Plan management has identified no uncertain tax positions.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through August 31, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. See Note 7.

NOTE 3 - INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE (UNAUDITED)

The following is a summary, which has been prepared or derived from information prepared by the Trustee, and is included in the financial statements. This information has been certified by the Trustee to be complete and accurate as of and for the years ended December 31:

	2015	2014
Investments	\$ 14,575,018	\$ 14,163,082
Notes receivable from participants	\$ 495,640	\$ 511,686
Interest and dividends	\$ 355,984	\$ 402,284
Interest on notes receivable from participants	\$ 19,767	\$ 19,961
Net (depreciation) appreciation of investments	\$ (325,183)	\$ 423,267

NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS

The Plan's investments are participant-directed accounts that are held by the Trustee.

Fair value is a market-based measurement that is determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. As a basis for considering such assumptions, the Plan uses a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

- Level 1 – Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets;
- Level 2 – Inputs, other than the quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 – Unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions

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

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

2015				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 14,057,552	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,057,552
Stable value fund	-	517,466	-	517,466
	<u>\$ 14,057,552</u>	<u>\$ 517,466</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 14,575,018</u>

2014				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 13,701,765	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,701,765
Stable value fund	-	461,317	-	461,317
	<u>\$ 13,701,765</u>	<u>\$ 461,317</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 14,163,082</u>

NOTE 5 - TAX STATUS

The Company adopted a prototype plan with the Trustee. The prototype plan obtained its determination letter as on March 31, 2008, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the prototype plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has not been amended since receiving the determination letter; however, see Note 7 for an amendment effective January 1, 2016.

NOTE 6 - TRANSACTIONS WITH PARTIES-IN-INTEREST

The Trustee serves as the fund manager for a portion of the Plan assets. Trustee administrative expenses paid by the Plan amounted to \$53,479 and \$51,583 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

NOTE 7 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Effective January 1, 2016, the plan was amended and restated in its entirety (the "2016 Restatement"). The Company does not believe the 2016 Restatement will have a material impact on the benefits provided under the plan. The Plan, as amended by the 2016 Restatement, is believed to satisfy the federal income tax requirements generally applicable to qualified retirement plans such as the Plan. A summary of the key changes is as follows:

- a. The exclusion of welfare benefits was eliminated from the definition of compensation. Bonuses were added as an exclusion to compensation for the purposes of determining profit sharing contributions.
- b. Deferral modifications were changed to allow at any payroll period, rather than only at such times as established by the Plan Administrator.
- c. The profit sharing formula was changed to be a cross-tested formula with each person in their own group, rather than a discretionary amount with pro rata formula.
- d. The Plan provides for a discretionary profit sharing contribution from the Company to employees working out of Freeport, Texas.

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- e. A six-year graded vesting schedule was established related to the profit sharing source. Profit sharing source contributions vest by 20% for each year of service completed after year one of service.
- f. 100% immediate vesting for death and/or disability was modified to remove inclusion for early retirement age.
- g. Forfeitures were previously used to reduce employer contributions. However, the new document leaves options (at the Company's discretion) open to use the forfeitures to pay Plan expenses, reduce contributions, add to contributions or reallocate to participants.
- h. The maximum residential loan duration was set to 10 years.

NOTE 8 - RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of employee contributions per the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31, 2014:

Employee contributions per the financial statements	\$ 753,657
Participant contribution receivable from 2013	(844)
Employee contributions per Form 5500	<u>\$ 752,813</u>

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions per the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31, 2014:

Employer contributions per the financial statements	\$ 404,845
Participant contribution receivable from 2013	(554)
Employer contributions per Form 5500	<u>\$ 404,291</u>

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
EMPLOYER NO. 34-1683621
PLAN NO. 002
December 31, 2015

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	AB High Income I	Mutual fund	N/A	\$ 1,963,280
	American Centry Ginnie Mae Inv	Mutual fund	N/A	247,798
	ClearBridge Small Cap Growth Fund I	Mutual fund	N/A	561,767
	Columbia Contrarian Core Z	Mutual fund	N/A	1,345,068
	Dodge & Cox Income Fund	Mutual fund	N/A	311,066
	Hartford Equity Income Y	Mutual fund	N/A	1,333,607
	Ivy High Income Fund I	Mutual fund	N/A	3,914
	MFS International Value R4	Mutual fund	N/A	658,091
	Nuveen Mid Cap Index	Mutual fund	N/A	981,230
	Oppenheimer Developing Markets Fund	Mutual fund	N/A	1,199,326
	Oppenheimer International Growth Y	Mutual fund	N/A	722,009
	PIMCO Real Estate Real Ret Strat Instl	Mutual fund	N/A	519,334
	PrimeCap Odyssey Aggressive Growth Fund	Mutual fund	N/A	999,728
	Principal MidCap Value Fund II	Mutual fund	N/A	34,106
	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Inv.	Mutual fund	N/A	1,199,416
	Undiscovered Mgrs Behavioral Value Inst	Mutual fund	N/A	475,457
	Vanguard 500 Index Signal	Mutual fund	N/A	1,279,121
	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Signal	Mutual fund	N/A	68,716
	Vanguard Wellington Admiral	Mutual fund	N/A	154,518
	Reliance Trust Company Stable Value Fund	Stable value fund	N/A	517,466
				<u>14,575,018</u>
		Loans with repayment terms of 1 to 5 years with rates ranging from 4.25% to 4.50%		
*	Notes receivable from participants		\$ -	<u>495,640</u>
				<u>\$ 15,070,658</u>

* Represents a party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA.

N/A Information is not required for participant-directed investments pursuant to Form 5500 instructions.

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2015 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning _____ and ending _____		
A Name of plan	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	D Employer Identification Number (EIN)	

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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> (a) Beginning of Year (b) End of Year </div>
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):	
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)
(3) Other.....	1b(3)
c General investments:	
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)
(2) U.S. Government securities.....	1c(2)
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):	
(A) Preferred.....	1c(3)(A)
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):	
(A) Preferred.....	1c(4)(A)
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7)
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)
(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)
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)
(15) Other	1c(15)

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

Liabilities

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

Net Assets

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

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

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)		
(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)		
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)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		
(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)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		
(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)		
(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)		

		(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)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)		
(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)		
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)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		

Net Income and Reconciliation

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

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name:

(2) EIN:

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	N/A	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				
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				

	Yes	No	N/A	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				
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				
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?				
4e				
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				
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				
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				
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				
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				
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				
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?				
4l				
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)				
4m				
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				
o Did the plan trust incur unrelated business taxable income?				
4o				
p Were in-service distributions made during the plan year?				
4p				

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

6a Name of trust	6b Trust's EIN
6c Name of trustee or custodian	6d Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

Attachment to 2015 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

Plan Name Shin-Etsu 401(K) Retirement Savings Plan

EIN: 95-4015700

Plan Sponsor's Name SHIN-ETSU SILICONES OF AMERICA, INC

PN: 002

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	MetLife	MetLife GAC-25053 Class 15	0	517,466
	American Century	American Century Ginnie Mae Inv	0	247,798
	Ivy	Ivy High Income Y	0	3,914
	Vanguard	Vanguard Wellington Admiral	0	154,518
	Columbia	Columbia Contrarian Core Z	0	1,345,068
	Hartford	Hartford Equity Income Y	0	1,333,607
	Nuveen	Nuveen Mid Cap Index I	0	981,230

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Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

Plan Name Shin-Etsu 401(K) Retirement Savings Plan

EIN: 95-4015700

Plan Sponsor's Name SHIN-ETSU SILICONES OF AMERICA, INC

PN: 002

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	PrimeCap	PrimeCap Odyssey Aggressive Growth Fund	0	999,728
	Principal	Principal MidCap Value Fd I Instl	0	34,106
	ClearBridge	(CL) ClearBridge Small Cap Growth Fund I	0	561,767
	Oppenheimer	Oppenheimer International Growth Y	0	722,009
	MFS	MFS International Value R4	0	658,091
	Oppenheimer	Oppenheimer Developing Markets Y	0	1,199,326
	PIMCO	PIMCO Real Estate Real Ret Strat Instl	0	519,334

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Plan Name Shin-Etsu 401(K) Retirement Savings Plan

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PN: 002

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Inv	0	1,199,416
	AllianceBernstein	AB High Income I	0	1,963,280
	Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox Income Fund	0	311,066
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm	0	68,716
	Vanguard	Vanguard 500 Index Adm	0	1,279,121
	Undiscovered	Undiscovered Mgrs Behavioral Value Inst	0	475,457
	Participant's Loan Account	Various Rates and Maturities	0	495,640