

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 2015 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>DEFINED CONTRIBUTION 401(K) PENSION PLAN FOR CERTAIN THYSSENKRUPP U.S. GROUP COMPANIES</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	005	
	1c Effective date of plan <u>12/30/1994</u>		
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>THYSSENKRUPP NORTH AMERICA, INC.</u> <u>111 WEST JACKSON BLVD.</u> <u>SUITE 2400</u> <u>CHICAGO, IL 60604</u>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-2393554</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>312-525-2735</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541330</u>

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.	10/13/2016	HEATH JOHNSON
	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 THYSSENKRUPP INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS (USA), INC. 180 INTERSTATE NORTH, SUITE 300 ATLANTA, GA 30127	3b Administrator's EIN 39-1858155
	3c Administrator's telephone number 770-980-5078
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 3192
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.....	6a(1) 2741
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2) 3003
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b 16
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....	6c 544
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c	6d 3563
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.....	6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f 3563
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....	6g 2408
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6h 53
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: 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3H 2E	
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 _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information 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.	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 DEFINED CONTRIBUTION 401(K) PENSION PLAN FOR CERTAIN THYSSENKRUPP U.S. GROUP COMPANIES	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	005
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THYSSENKRUPP NORTH AMERICA, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-2393554	

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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04-2647786

(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 65	RECORDKEEPER	60151	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

IRA GROUP

58-1989031

(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?
16 64	CONSULTANT	12560	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

PLANTE & MORAN, PLLC

38-1357951

(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?
10	ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR	12350	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

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

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

(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
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
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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:
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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information 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.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2015 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THYSSENKRUPP NORTH AMERICA, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-2393554	

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)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: THYSSENKRUPP NA, INC. MASTER TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): THYSSENKRUPP NORTH AMERICA, INC.

c EIN-PN 30-6171273-001	d Entity code M	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 123862147
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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)
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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2015 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THYSSENKRUPP NORTH AMERICA, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-2393554</u>	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
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	Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b	Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
	(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	314741	385170
	(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	582192	734665
	(3) Other.....	1b(3)	0	0
c	General investments:			
	(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
	(2) U.S. Government securities.....	1c(2)	0	0
	(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
	(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
	(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)	0	0
	(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
	(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
	(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
	(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
	(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
	(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
	(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	3482228	4142279
	(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	0	0
	(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10)	0	0
	(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	115697805	123862147
	(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
	(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	0	0
	(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
	(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	120076966	129124261

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
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	120076966	129124261
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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)	4349357	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	8935917	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1656674	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	14941948
(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)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	148032	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		148032
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	0	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(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)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(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)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		949121
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		0
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		16039101

Expenses**e** Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:

(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	12676422	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		12676422
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		26666
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		98708
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other	2i(4)	87412	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		87412
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		12889208

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		3149893
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		5897402
(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: PLANTE MORAN, PLLC

(2) EIN: 38-1357951

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.)	☒	☐	☐	83902
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.)	☐	☒	☐	

	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.		X		
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.

For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015

A Name of plan <u>DEFINED CONTRIBUTION 401(K) PENSION PLAN FOR CERTAIN THYSSENKRUPP U.S. GROUP COMPANIES</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>005</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THYSSENKRUPP NORTH AMERICA, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-2393554</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
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>04-6568107</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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice and OMB Control Numbers, see the instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2015
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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) _____

(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): _____

14	Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:		14a	
	a The current year		14b	
	b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year		14c	
	c The second preceding plan year			
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

Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies

**Financial Report
December 31, 2015**

Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for
Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies (the "Plan"), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 and the related statement 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.

Auditor's 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 Fidelity Management Trust Company (the "Trustee"), except for comparing such 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 participant notes receivable and executes related transactions. The plan administrator has obtained certifications 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.

To the Plan Administrator
Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for
Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies

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.

Other Matter

The supplemental schedules of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2015 and delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2015 are required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA and are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are 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 these supplemental schedules.

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 schedules, other than that derived from the information certified by the Trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

Clinton Township, Michigan
October 4, 2016

Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Assets		
Participant-directed investments - Interest in the ThyssenKrupp North America, Inc. Defined Contribution Master Trust (Note 4)	\$ 123,793,827	\$ 115,557,497
Contributions receivable:		
Employee	734,665	582,192
Employer	385,170	314,741
Total contributions receivable	1,119,835	896,933
Participant notes receivable	4,142,279	3,482,228
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 129,055,941	\$ 119,936,658

Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Year Ended	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Additions to Net Assets		
Contributions:		
Employee	\$ 8,935,917	\$ 7,456,355
Employer:		
Match	4,029,671	3,366,292
Discretionary	319,686	472,535
Rollovers	1,656,674	1,889,451
Total contributions	14,941,948	13,184,633
Plan's share of the ThyssenKrupp North America, Inc. Defined Contribution Master Trust investment income	1,021,109	7,880,679
Interest from participant notes receivable	148,032	139,126
Other income	-	15,920
Total additions	16,111,089	21,220,358
Deductions from Net Assets		
Benefits paid directly to participants or beneficiaries	12,801,796	10,521,658
Administrative expenses	87,412	28,420
Total deductions	12,889,208	10,550,078
Net Increase Before Other Changes	3,221,881	10,670,280
Transfers In (Note 8)	5,897,402	25,811
Net Increase	9,119,283	10,696,091
Net Assets Available for Benefits		
Beginning of year	119,936,658	109,240,567
End of year	<u>\$ 129,055,941</u>	<u>\$ 119,936,658</u>

Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2015 and 2014

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General - The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by U.S. affiliates of thyssenkrupp North America, Inc., formerly known as ThyssenKrupp North America, Inc. (the "Company" or "Participating Employers") covering all eligible employees of the Company. Certain part-time, temporary, and contract employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after completing one year of service and reaching 18 years of age. All other eligible employees can participate in the Plan after completing one hour of service and reaching 18 years of age. Employee participation in the Plan is voluntary. The Plan's investments are managed by the trustee, Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity or the "Trustee"), and disbursed to specific investment option offerings in proportions directed by each participant. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions - Employee contributions represent a percentage of each eligible participant's pretax earnings as defined in the plan agreement and are subject to the limits imposed by the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan also includes an after-tax Roth deferral option for participants. Participants may also make contributions to the Plan in the form of a rollover of funds from another qualified plan. Effective January 1, 2016, the Plan was amended to automatically enroll employees who become eligible to participate in the Plan at contribution rates ranging from 3.00 to 3.50 percent of eligible compensation unless the employee elects otherwise.

Participating Employers make matching contributions in various amounts ranging from 35 percent of the first 5 percent of compensation contributed by a participant to 100 percent of the first 3 percent and 50 percent of the following 3 percent of compensation contributed by a participant. The Plan also provides that Participating Employers may make annual discretionary contributions.

Certain participant contributions in 2015 and 2014 were paid after the time frame required by the Department of Labor. Contributions of lost earnings related to the 2014 contributions were made during 2015. Contributions of lost earnings related to the 2015 contributions were made subsequent to December 31, 2015.

Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2015 and 2014

Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)

Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of Participating Employers' contributions and plan earnings or losses and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participants' earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting - Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, rollover contributions, and certain employer contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Certain Participating Employers' contributions vest 40 percent after one year and 20 percent after each year of service thereafter, becoming fully vested after four years of service. All remaining Participating Employers' contributions vest 20 percent after one year and 20 percent after each year of service thereafter, becoming fully vested after five years of service.

Payment of Benefits - Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or annual installments in accordance with plan provisions. 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.

Participant Notes Receivable - Participants may borrow from their accounts subject to certain maximum and minimum amounts as prescribed in the Plan and in the Internal Revenue Code. Participant notes receivable are collateralized by the participant's account balance and bear interest at a market rate.

Hardship Withdrawals - Participants may request that all or a portion of their accounts be distributed in the case of severe financial hardship, as defined in the plan document.

Forfeitures - If a participant is not fully vested on his or her termination date, the nonvested amount of the account is forfeited. Forfeitures are used to reduce future company contributions or to pay administrative expenses of the Plan. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, forfeited account balances totaled \$150,850 and \$348,503, respectively.

Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies

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Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)

Termination - While it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, the Trustee shall distribute all assets remaining in the Plan, after payment of any expenses properly chargeable against the Plan, to the participants in accordance with the value of the units credited to such participants as of the date of such termination. Upon termination of the Plan, participants become 100 percent vested in their account balances.

Party-in-interest Transactions - Certain plan assets are in investment funds managed by Fidelity or its affiliates. Since Fidelity is the trustee of the Plan, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions as defined under ERISA guidelines.

Certain administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company, which qualify as party-in-interest transactions as well.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Investment Valuation - The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. The fair value of the Plan's interest in the ThyssenKrupp North America, Inc. Defined Contribution Master Trust (the "Master Trust") is based on the beginning value of the Plan's interest in the Master Trust, plus actual contributions and allocated investment income (loss), less actual distributions and allocated administrative expenses (see Note 4).

The common collective trust funds are valued at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) of the funds, which is based on the fair value of the funds' underlying net assets. All other investments are valued based on quoted market prices. See Note 5 for additional information.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of 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.

Participant Notes Receivable - Participant notes receivable are recorded at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued interest. Participant notes receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible.

Benefit Payments - Benefits are recorded when paid.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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

Change in Presentation - The presentation of the stable value common collective trust for 2014 has been changed to be consistent with the 2015 presentation. The fund is presented using net asset value (NAV) per unit as a practical expedient for the fair value of the investment without presentation of contract value or the difference between fair value and contract value. This change in presentation resulted from a recent clarification from the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and had no effect on total net assets available for benefits or the change in net assets available for benefits.

Subsequent Events - The financial statements and related disclosures include evaluation of events up through and including October 4, 2016, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Unaudited Information

Fidelity Management Trust Company (the "Trustee") holds the Plan's investments and participant notes receivable and executes all related transactions. The investment and participant notes receivable balances and related income and losses included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year, including Master Trust information included in Note 4, are based solely on information provided by the Trustee.

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Note 4 - Interest in Master Trust

The Plan's investments are in the Master Trust which was established for the investment of assets of the Plan and several other thyssenkrupp North America, Inc. (formerly known as ThyssenKrupp North America, Inc.) sponsored benefit plans. Each participating plan's interest in the Master Trust is based on account balances of the participants and their elected investment options. The assets of the Master Trust are held by Fidelity Management Trust Company. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Plan's interest in the net assets of the Master Trust was approximately 23 percent and 22 percent, respectively. Investment income (loss) and administrative expenses relating to the Master Trust are allocated to the individual plans based upon their pro-rata share in the investments of the Master Trust. The participants may elect to have a percentage of their contributions allocated to one or more funds.

The fair values of investments for the Master Trust at December 31, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

	2015	2014
Money market funds	\$ 22,938,246	\$ 19,625,084
Mutual funds	333,765,452	334,606,766
Corporate stock	8,505,476	10,984,832
Common collective trust funds	164,670,129	149,872,665
Total Master Trust investments	<u>\$ 529,879,303</u>	<u>\$ 515,089,347</u>

The investment income for the Master Trust for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

	2015	2014
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains:		
Mutual funds	\$ (12,918,652)	\$ 10,443,925
Common collective trust funds	(1,852,913)	6,400,909
Corporate stock	(1,784,931)	(1,499,915)
Interest and dividends	18,156,692	17,936,660
Net investment income	<u>\$ 1,600,196</u>	<u>\$ 33,281,579</u>

During 2014, one of the plans transferred out of the Master Trust due to its plan sponsor no longer being a part of thyssenkrupp North America, Inc.'s controlled group. The transfer out of the Master Trust totaled approximately \$45.3 million.

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Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements

Accounting standards require certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value in the financial statements and provide a framework for establishing that fair value. The framework for determining fair value is based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

The following tables present information about the Master Trust's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2015 and 2014 and the valuation techniques used by the Master Trust to determine those fair values.

Level 1 - Fair values determined by Level 1 inputs use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the Master Trust has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, and other inputs such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 - Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset. These Level 3 fair value measurements are based primarily on management's own estimates using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques taking into account the characteristics of the asset.

In instances whereby inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Master Trust's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset.

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Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at December 31, 2015

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Balance at December 31, 2015
Master Trust Assets				
Mutual funds:				
Equity investments	\$ 273,068,185	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 273,068,185
Fixed-income investments	36,367,746	-	-	36,367,746
Balanced investments	24,329,521	-	-	24,329,521
Common collective trust funds:				
Retirement year-based investments (1)	-	127,786,827	-	127,786,827
Stable value investment (2)	-	36,883,302	-	36,883,302
Corporate stock	8,505,476	-	-	8,505,476
Short-term investments - Money market funds	22,938,246	-	-	22,938,246
Total	<u>\$ 365,209,174</u>	<u>\$ 164,670,129</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 529,879,303</u>

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at December 31, 2014

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Balance at December 31, 2014
Master Trust Assets				
Mutual funds:				
Equity investments	\$ 270,274,930	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 270,274,930
Fixed-income investments	37,758,794	-	-	37,758,794
Balanced investments	26,573,042	-	-	26,573,042
Common collective trust funds:				
Retirement year-based investments (1)	-	114,284,807	-	114,284,807
Stable value investment (2)	-	35,587,858	-	35,587,858
Corporate stock	10,984,832	-	-	10,984,832
Short-term investments - Money market funds	19,625,084	-	-	19,625,084
Total	<u>\$ 365,216,682</u>	<u>\$ 149,872,665</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 515,089,347</u>

- (1) This class represents investments in actively managed common collective trust funds with investments in both equity and debt securities. The investments may include common stock, corporate bonds, U.S. and non-U.S. municipal securities, interest rate swaps, options, and futures. There are no unfunded commitments or redemption notice requirements with this class.

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Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

- (2) This class represents investments in an actively managed common collective trust fund that invest primarily in wrapper contracts and fixed-income securities, including corporate bonds, U.S. government and government agency obligations, asset-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, commercial mortgage securities, and U.S. government agency mortgage securities. The common collective trust fund has certain limitations on withdrawals and exchanges as follows:

Participant-directed - Withdrawals made in order to accommodate distributions to participants or transfers to noncompeting investments may be made on any business day. Transferred amounts must be held in a noncompeting investment option for 90 days before subsequent transfers to a competing fund can occur.

Nonparticipant-directed - Withdrawals directed by a plan sponsor must be preceded by a 12-month written notice to Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity). Fidelity, however, may, at its discretion complete any such plan-level withdrawal before the expiration of such 12-month period. No such notice has been given to Fidelity.

There are no unfunded commitments or other redemption notice requirements with this class.

The Master Trust's policy is to recognize transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the actual date of the event of change in circumstances that caused the transfer. There were no significant transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy during 2015 and 2014.

The Plan also holds other assets not measured at fair value on a recurring basis, including contributions receivable. The fair value of these assets approximates the carrying amounts in the accompanying financial statements due to the short maturity of the instruments.

Note 6 - Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter dated October 21, 2011 from the Internal Revenue Service indicating that the Plan, as designed, is qualified for tax-exempt treatment under the applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, management believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

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Note 7 - Reconciliation to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2015 and 2014 to Form 5500:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 129,055,941	\$ 119,936,658
Adjustment for interest in the ThyssenKrupp North America Inc. Defined Contribution Master Trust relating to fully benefit responsive-investment contracts	<u>68,320</u>	<u>140,308</u>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 129,124,261</u>	<u>\$ 120,076,966</u>

The following is a reconciliation of net increase in net assets available for benefits before other changes per the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 to Form 5500:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits before other changes per the financial statements	\$ 3,221,881	\$ 10,670,280
Adjustment for interest in the ThyssenKrupp North America Inc. Defined Contribution Master Trust relating to fully benefit responsive-investment contracts	<u>(71,988)</u>	<u>8,185</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits before other changes per Form 5500	<u>\$ 3,149,893</u>	<u>\$ 10,678,465</u>

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Note 8 - Transfers In

During 2015, ThyssenKrupp Crankshaft Company, LLC 401(k) Pension Plan, a plan sponsored by thyssenkrupp Crankshaft Company, LLC, a U.S. affiliate of the Company, was merged with the Plan. Accordingly, participant account balances of approximately \$3.1 million were transferred into the Plan.

Effective December 31, 2015, The Defined Contribution Plan 401(k) for Rotek Inc. Aurora Hourly Employees, a plan sponsored by Rotek, Inc., a U.S. affiliate of the Company, was also merged into the Plan. Accordingly, participant account balances of approximately \$2.8 million were transferred into the Plan.

During 2014, certain participants of separate plans sponsored by members of the Company's controlled group incurring a change in employment which made them eligible to become participants of the Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies. Due to this change in employment, account balances totaling approximately \$26,000 were transferred into the Plan during the year ended December 31, 2014.

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Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4i EIN 22-2393554, Plan No. 005 December 31, 2015

(a)(b) Identity of Issuer	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Participants	Participant notes receivable, with interest rates ranging from 3.25 to 9.50 percent	-	<u>\$ 4,142,279</u>

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Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4a EIN 22-2393554, Plan No. 005 Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan	Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2015	☒	\$ 56,635	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2014	☒	-	27,267	-	-

October 4, 2016

To the Plan Trustees and Management
Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for
Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies

We have audited the financial statements of Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies (the "Plan") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 and have issued our report thereon dated October 4, 2016. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit, which is divided into the following sections:

Section I - Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit

Section II - Required Communications with Those Charged with Governance

Section III - Other Recommendations and Related Information

Section I includes any deficiencies we observed in the Plan's accounting principles or internal control that we believe are significant. Current auditing standards require us to formally communicate annually matters we note about the Plan's accounting policies and internal control.

Section II includes information that current auditing standards require independent auditors to communicate to those individuals charged with governance. We will report this information annually to the plan trustees.

Section III presents recommendations related to internal control, procedures, and other matters noted during our current year audit. These comments are offered in the interest of helping the Plan in its efforts toward continuous improvement, not just in the areas of internal control and accounting procedures, but also in operational or administrative efficiency and effectiveness.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Jim Allison and Mr. Heath Johnson for the cooperation and courtesy extended to us during our audit. Their assistance and professionalism are invaluable.

This report is intended solely for the use of the plan trustees and management of the Plan and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

To the Plan Trustees and Management
Defined Contribution 401(k) Pension Plan for
Certain ThyssenKrupp U.S. Group Companies

October 4, 2016

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the following communications and we would be willing to discuss any of these or other questions that you might have at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Plante & Moran, PLLC

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Thomas J. Clement, CPA
Partner

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Randy S. Surratt, CPA
Manager

Section I - Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit

In planning and performing our limited scope audit of the financial statements of the Plan as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, we considered the Plan's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) other than those controls over investments and related investment activity. Our limited scope audit was performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America except, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, we did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to certified information except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements. We considered internal control as a basis for designing our procedures to enable us to express an opinion as to whether the form and content of the information included in the financial statements, other than that derived from the certified information, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Plan's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the following deficiencies in the Plan's internal control to be significant deficiencies:

- **Delinquent Remittance of Contributions** - For certain payroll periods during 2015, participant and related employer contributions were not remitted to the third-party administrator timely. As a result, contributions were understated on the Plan's December 31, 2015 financial statements, and the Plan was not in compliance with the Department of Labor's regulations regarding timely remittance of employee deferrals for these payroll periods. The plan administrator has taken corrective action in regard to these delinquent contributions and related lost earnings. We recommend internal controls be implemented to prevent future late contributions.
- **Improper Deferral Rates** - During our testing of participant contributions, we identified two participants whose deferral rates reported in the payroll system did not agree to the deferral rates elected by the participant through the third-party administrator. As a result, each participant experienced a missed deferral opportunity to the Plan, and contributions were understated on the Plan's December 31, 2015 financial statements. We recommend plan sponsor management review deferral rate change files provided by the third-party administrator to ensure changes elected by the participant are properly entered into the payroll system.

Section II - Required Communications with Those Charged with Governance

Our Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated February 4, 2016, we conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards except that, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA and as instructed by you, we did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to certified information except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements. Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we did not express an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements, other than that derived from the certified information, were audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and were subjected to tests of your accounting records and other procedures as we considered necessary to enable us to express an opinion as to whether they are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities. As part of our audit, we considered the applicable internal control of the Plan. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to Jim Allison in our meeting about planning matters on May 12, 2016 and in our letter addressed to the Trustees dated June 20, 2016.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Plan are described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

As described in Note 2, the presentation of the ThyssenKrupp North America, Inc. Defined Contribution Master Trust's investment in a stable value common collective trust changed as a result of a recent clarification from the Financial Accounting Standards Board. The stable value fund is now presented using net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient for the fair value of the investment. This change had no effect on the total net assets or the change in net assets, and was retrospectively applied.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Section II - Required Communications with Those Charged with Governance (Continued)

There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was the Plan's valuation of investments.

Management has informed us that in determining the appropriateness of the estimate of investment values, they have recorded the fair values based on market values provided by the investment custodian. We performed no specific procedures related to the valuation of the investments due to the limited scope nature of the engagement.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Disagreements with Management

For the purpose of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. We did not detect any misstatements as a result of audit procedures.

Significant Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards and plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement with management each year prior to our retention as the Plan's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition of our retention.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 4, 2016.

Section II - Required Communications with Those Charged with Governance (Continued)

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Plan’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

Our responsibility for other information in documents containing the Plan’s financial statements and report does not extend beyond the financial statements. We do not have an obligation to determine whether or not such other information is properly stated. However, we read the Plan’s 5500 filing and nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information or manner of its presentation appearing in the financial statements.

Section III - Other Recommendations and Related Information

During our audit, we noted areas where we believe there are opportunities for the Plan to further strengthen internal control or to increase operating efficiencies. Our observations on those areas are presented for your consideration below:

Timely Deposit of Employee Deferrals

A Department of Labor (DOL) regulation requires that benefit plans remit employee contributions to the plan as soon as they can be reasonably segregated from the employer's general assets. In no case can this amount of time exceed 15 business days after the end of the month in which the amounts were withheld. The 15-business-day rule, however, is not a safe harbor. The general rule has been interpreted as being as little as zero days for entities with more than 100 employees. The DOL also looks at the consistency of timing and holds employers to the least number of days for deposits when determining if contributions are timely.

Documentation of Discretionary Contribution Approval

During our audit, we noted that the thyssenkrupp Airport Systems division made a discretionary employer contribution to participants during the year; however, there was no formal documentation of the approval or amount of this discretionary contribution. It is our understanding that this discretionary contribution has been provided to participants at the same amount for several consecutive years. We recommend each division maintain documentation supporting the approval and amount of all discretionary employer contributions.