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 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

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.)
- ☒ 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
STERLING & STERLING, LLC EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 10/01/1984

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)

STERLING & STERLING, LLC

135 CROSSWAYS PARK DRIVE
P.O. BOX 9017
WOODBURY, NY 11797

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 11-1957801

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 516-773-8604

2d Business code (see instructions) 524210

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.	10/08/2017	JEREMY KUPFERMAN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/08/2017	JEREMY KUPFERMAN
	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 [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b** Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:	**4b** EIN	
a Sponsor's name	**4c** PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	232
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)**	201
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	212
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	63
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	275
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	275
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	257
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	29
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:

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 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)** [X] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [X] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [X] 2 **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

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 2016 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2016 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 A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
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Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance 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.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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A Name of plan
STERLING & STERLING, LLC EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STERLING & STERLING, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
11-1957801

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions

Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	618424	266	01/01/2016	12/31/2016

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	110

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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100 QUENTIN ROOSEVELT BLVD.
GARDEN CITY, NY 11530-4874

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
	110	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	**4**	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	**5**	171099

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	**6b**	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	**6c**	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	**6d**	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity (3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee (3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			**7b**	
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	**7c(1)**			
	(2) Dividends and credits	**7c(2)**			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	**7c(3)**			
	(4) Transferred from separate account	**7c(4)**			
	(5) Other (specify below) ▶	**7c(5)**			
	(6) Total additions			**7c(6)**	
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			**7d**	
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	**7e(1)**			
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	**7e(2)**			
	(3) Transferred to separate account	**7e(3)**			
	(4) Other (specify below) ▶	**7e(4)**			
	(5) Total deductions			**7e(5)**	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			**7f**	

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

a ☐ Health (other than dental or vision) **b** ☐ Dental **c** ☐ Vision **d** ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness) **f** ☐ Long-term disability **g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment **h** ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible) **j** ☐ HMO contract **k** ☐ PPO contract **l** ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	613953	266	01/01/2016	12/31/2016

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	564

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	564	REFERRAL/ SERVICE FEE	3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	0
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	0

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	6d	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ CUSTODIAL GUARANTEED INTEREST CONTRACT

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			7b	729952
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	50444		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	19662		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)			
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	1158813		
	▶				
	(6) Total additions			7c(6)	1228919
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			7d	1958871
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	687274		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	1474		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)			
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	483401		
	▶				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	1172149
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	786722

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2016** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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STERLING & STERLING, LLC EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN		002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
STERLING & STERLING, LLC	11-1957801	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions). . . . . ☐ 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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11-2859146

(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?
13 49 99	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	6263	Yes [ ] No [X]

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

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

(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?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR		Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [ ] No [X]

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

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11-2336434

(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 99 49	ACCOUNTANT		Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	16386	Yes [ ] No [X]

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
ROBIN S. WEINGAST & ASSOCIATES, INC	13 49 99	6263

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	ACCOUNTANT (INCLUDING AUDIT)

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
RAICH ENDE MALTER & CO. LLP	10 99	16386

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE/CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

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

Explanation:

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

2016

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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
STERLING & STERLING, LLC EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STERLING & STERLING, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
11-1957801

Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MONEY MARKET SEP ACCOUNT-R6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
42-0127290-024	P	171099

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN TRUST TGT 2010 FD R6

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
26-6447574-001	C	2513

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN TRUST TGT 2015 FD R6

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
26-6447574-002	C	98797

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN TRUST TGT 2020 FD R6

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
26-6447574-003	C	470433

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN TRUST TGT 2025 FD R6

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
26-6447574-004	C	345938

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN TRUST TGT 2030 FD R6

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
26-6447574-005	C	1846263

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN TRUST TGT 2035 FD R6

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
26-6447574-006	C	425454

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN TRUST TGT 2040 FD R6

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

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-007	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 371826

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN TRUST TGT 2045 FD R6

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

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-008	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 406656

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN TRUST TGT 2050 FD R6

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

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-009	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 244343

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN TRUST TGT 2055 FD R6

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

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-010	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 66777

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN TRUST INCOME FD R6

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

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-011	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 67883

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN TRUST TGT 2060 FD R6

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

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-012	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1351

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
STERLING & STERLING, LLC EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STERLING & STERLING, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
11-1957801

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)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	13947	2010
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)	102937	89610
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	3622699	4348234
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	254586	171099
(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)	8767333	9367377
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	729952	786722
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	**1d(1)**		
	(2) Employer real property	**1d(2)**		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	**1e**		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	**1f**	13491454	14765052
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	**1g**		
h	Operating payables	**1h**		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	**1i**		
j	Other liabilities	**1j**		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	**1k**		
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	**1l**	13491454	14765052

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)**	172312	
	(B) Participants	**2a(1)(B)**	1429472	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	**2a(1)(C)**	136784	
	(2) Noncash contributions	**2a(2)**		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	**2a(3)**		1738568
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)**	4395	
	(E) Participant loans	**2b(1)(E)**	19662	
	(F) Other	**2b(1)(F)**		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	**2b(1)(G)**		24057
	(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)**	128473	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	**2b(2)(D)**		128473
	(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)		306370
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		-3
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(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)		572360
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		2769825
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1467087	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		1467087
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		4422
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		9834
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	14884	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		14884
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1496227
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		1273598
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) [ ] Unqualified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [X] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

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

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

(1) Name: RAICH ENDE MALTER & CO LLP **(2)** EIN: 11-2336434

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		500000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	4n			
o	Defined Benefit Plan or Money Purchase Pension Plan Only: Were any distributions made during the plan year to an employee who attained age 62 and had not separated from service?	4o			

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
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

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 sections 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

2016

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
STERLING & STERLING, LLC EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
STERLING & STERLING, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
11-1957801

Part I Distributions

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 42-0127290

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan? If "No," skip b	☐ Yes ☐ No
20b How did the plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals under section 401(k)(3) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Design-based safe harbor ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A
21a What testing method was used to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Ratio percentage test ☐ Average benefit test ☐ N/A
21b Did the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination requirements of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) for the plan year by combining this plan with any other plan under the permissive aggregation rules?	☐ Yes ☐ No

22a If the plan is a master and prototype plan (M&P) or volume submitter plan that received a favorable IRS opinion letter or advisory letter, enter the date of the letter _____/_____/_____ and the serial number _____.

22b If the plan is an individually-designed plan that received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the most recent determination letter _____/_____/_____.

STERLING & STERLING, LLC EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015

STERLING & STERLING, LLC EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustee
Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan
Woodbury, New York

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016, 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 Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the custodian holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the custodian as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for the year ended December 31, 2016, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the custodian 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.

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Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 2a to the financial statements, management has adopted the requirements of Accounting Standards Update 2015-12 Plan Accounting Defined Contribution Pension Plans Topic 962. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matter

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2016, is required by the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 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 custodian, 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 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Raich Ende Malter & Co. LLP

RAICH ENDE MALTER & CO. LLP
Florham Park, New Jersey
October 5, 2017

STERLING & STERLING, LLC EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
ASSETS		
Investments - at fair value	**$ 13,886,710**	$ 12,644,618
Investments - at contract value	**786,722**	729,952
Receivables:		
Employer contributions - other	**2,010**	11,767
Other	**-**	2,180
Notes receivable from participants	**89,610**	102,937
Total Receivables	**91,620**	116,884
Total Assets	**14,765,052**	13,491,454
LIABILITIES		
Excess contributions payable	**-**	4,422
Total Liabilities	**-**	4,422
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	**$ 14,765,052**	$ 13,487,032

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STERLING & STERLING, LLC EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Additions to Net Assets Attributed To:	
Investment Income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 878,727
Dividend income	128,473
Interest income	19,662
	1,026,862
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	4,395
Contributions	
Employer	170,302
Employer - other	2,010
Participants	1,429,472
Rollovers	136,784
	1,738,568
Total Additions	2,769,825
Deductions From Net Assets Attributed To:	
Benefits paid to participants	1,467,087
Deemed distributions	9,834
Administrative expenses	14,884
Total Deductions	1,491,805
Net Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits	1,278,020
Net Assets Available for Benefits - beginning	13,487,032
Net Assets Available for Benefits - end	$ 14,765,052

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

1 - Description of Plan

Sterling & Sterling, LLC established the Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan (the "Plan") as a defined contribution plan for employees of Sterling & Sterling, LLC (the "Plan Sponsor" or "Plan Administrator") and Sterling Risk of Utah, LLC (collectively, the "Company"). On December 29, 2015, the name of the Plan was changed from Sterling & Sterling, Inc. Employees' Thrift Savings Plan to Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan, to coincide with the Plan Sponsor's reorganization from a C-Corporation to an LLC on the same date.

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

a. ***General*** - The Plan is a 401(k) defined contribution plan. The Plan was originally established effective October 1, 1984, was amended and restated effective July 1, 2015 to adopt the third party administrators prototype plan, and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

   Employees who are eligible for health benefits are eligible to participate in the Plan on the day they complete one year of service, defined as 1,000 hours of credited service, and are at least 20.5 years old. Part-time and temporary employees are not eligible for health benefits.

b. ***Contributions*** - Plan contributions consist of compensation reduction elections of participants (401(k) contributions and Roth salary deferrals), rollovers, and employer discretionary matching contributions. Under the terms of the Plan, the Company may determine to match up to 100% of the eligible employee elective deferrals. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company elected to match 25% of an employee's deferral, up to a maximum deferral of 1% of allowable compensation, as defined. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") limitations.

c. ***Participant Accounts*** - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's elective contributions, rollovers, and the Company's contributions to the Plan on behalf of the participant, and allocations of Plan earnings or losses. Allocations of Plan earnings or losses are based upon actual performance of each participant's investment elections. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

d. ***Vesting*** - Participants are immediately vested in their elective contributions, the rollover portion of their account balances, and the earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contribution portion of their accounts plus earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service according to a vesting schedule of 20% per year of credited service, beginning with the first full year of service. A participant is 100% vested in the employer contribution and earnings thereon after five years of credited service or upon attaining normal retirement age or in the event of death or disability, if earlier.

e. ***Notes Receivable from Participants*** - Participants may borrow from their Plan accounts a minimum of $1,000, up to a maximum equal to either the lesser of $50,000 reduced by the participant's highest outstanding note balance to the Plan during the one-year period ending on the day before the date on which the note is made, or 50% of their vested account balance, less current outstanding note balances. All notes, other than those used to purchase a principal residence, must be repaid within five years. Notes used to purchase a principal residence can have repayment terms of up to the lesser of ten years or a repayment period consistent with commercial home loan practices. Interest rates are set by the plan administrator at

issuance, based on comparable rates offered by local commercial lenders. At December 31, 2016, interest rates on outstanding notes, maturing through November 2021, range from 4.25% to 7.50%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through biweekly payroll deductions. Loan repayments may be suspended for up to 12 months for any period during which a participant is on unpaid leave of absence, and for any period a participant is on military leave. Participant notes are due and payable on the date the participant terminates employment with the Company. Should such amounts remain outstanding for more than 90 days from termination, the remaining balance will be a deemed distribution, subject to taxes and penalties, as applicable.

f. ***Payment of Benefits*** - Participants may elect to receive a distribution of their benefits upon retirement, in the event of death or disability, in service distributions, in the event of an immediate and heavy financial hardship, or upon termination of employment. Normal retirement age is 65. Participants receiving distributions upon retirement or in the event of death or disability will receive a lump-sum distribution of the amount equal to the vested balance in his or her account. Participants receiving distributions for termination of employment may receive the value of their vested balance distributed to them as soon as administratively feasible following termination, in the form of a rollover to an IRA or another employer retirement plan, or a taxable distribution made directly to the participant.

g. ***Forfeitures*** - Forfeitures by participants, as defined in the Plan, are used by the Plan to pay administrative expenses or to reduce future Company contributions. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, forfeitures recorded by the Plan amounted to $12,636 and $17,090, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2016, forfeitures of $12,809 were used to pay employer contributions.

2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A summary of the significant accounting policies of the Plan follows:

a. ***Basis of Accounting*** - The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-12, *Plan Accounting: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Topic 960), Defined Contribution Pension Plans (Topic 962) and Health and Welfare Benefit Plans (Topic 965): Part (I) Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts, Part (II) Plan Investment Disclosures, Part (III) Measurement Date Practical Expedient.* This Three-part standard simplifies employee benefit plan reporting with respect to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts and plan investment disclosures, and provides for a measurement-date practical expedient. Parts I and II were effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 and should be applied retrospectively. Part III is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 and should be applied prospectively.

Management has adopted a portion of Part I and II during the year ended December 31, 2016. At December 31, 2015, the fair value and contract value of the fully benefit responsive contract were the same. Accordingly, the retrospective applications of Parts I and II had no impact on previously reported results. Additionally, as they relate to the fully benefit responsive investment contracts, the Plan no longer must disclose average yield information nor comply with the fair value leveling requirements, valuation technique and input disclosures found in ASC 820. No disclosure is required for individual investments greater than 5 percent of net assets. Part III is not applicable to this Plan.

b. ***Investment Valuation and Income Recognition*** - Investments are reported at fair value, except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the plan.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Trustees determine the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors, custodian, and insurance company. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

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

c. ***Notes Receivable from Participants*** - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2016 and 2015. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a deemed distribution is recorded. During the year ended December 31, 2016, nine participants ceased making loan repayments on fifteen loans and, accordingly, their loan balances in the aggregate amount of $9,834 were recorded as *deemed distributions* in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

d. ***Excess Contributions Payable*** - Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions. There were no excess contributions payable to participants for the plan year ended December 31, 2016.

e. ***Payment of Benefits*** - Benefits are recorded when paid.

f. ***Use of Estimates*** - The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

g. ***Expenses*** - Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the respective participant's account. Investment related expenses, other than management services, are included in *net appreciation in fair value of investments*.

3 - Information Certified by the Custodian (Unaudited)

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments at fair value and investments at contract value held at December 31, 2016 and 2015, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividend income for the year ended December 31, 2016, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by the Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan.

4 - Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Mutual Funds - Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common Collective Trusts - Valued at the NAV of units of a bank collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the Custodian, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund, less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure the securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Pooled Separate Account - Valued on a per unit basis, which is calculated based on the NAV of the underlying investment in mutual funds or the fair value of other investments held and adjusted for an annual expense charge, as defined.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan 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.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	Assets at Fair Value			
	Level 1	*Level 2*	*Level 3*	*Total*
December 31, 2016				
Mutual Funds	$9,367,377	$ -	$ -	**$ 9,367,377**
Common Collective Trusts	-	4,348,234	-	**4,348,234**
Pooled Separate Account	-	171,099	-	**171,099**
Total Investments at Fair Value	$9,367,377	$4,519,333	$ -	**$13,886,710**

Continued

Pooled separate accounts and the collective investment trust are reported as Level 2 investments. The redemption notice periods for the pooled separate accounts and the collective investment trust are 30 days.

	Assets at Fair Value			
	Level 1	*Level 2*	*Level 3*	*Total*
December 31, 2015				
Mutual Funds	$8,767,333	$ -	$ -	**$ 8,767,333**
Common Collective Trusts	-	3,622,699	-	**3,622,699**
Pooled Separate Account	-	254,586	-	**254,586**
Total Investments at Fair Value	$8,767,333	$3,877,285	$ -	**$12,644,618**

The Plan's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of any level as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. There were no transfers into or out of any level for the year ended December 31, 2016.

5 - Guaranteed Investment Contract

The Plan has a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company ("Principal") totaling $786,722 and $729,952 as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Principal maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

Because the guaranteed investment contract is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of net assets available for benefits attributable to the guaranteed investment contract. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Principal, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The crediting interest rate is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer, but may not be less than 1%. Such interest rates are reviewed on an annual basis for resetting.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include: (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan); (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity provisions; (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan; or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA; The plan administrator believes that any events that would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are unlikely to occur.

The guaranteed investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

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6 - Income Tax Status

Effective July 1, 2015, the Plan was restated to adopt the volume submitter plan document of its third party administrator. The IRS determined and informed the Plan's third party administrator by a letter dated March 31, 2014 that its volume submitter plan document was designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and is exempt from income taxes. Although the Plan has been restated since receiving the determination letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified.

GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2013.

7 - Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Plan Sponsor has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

8 - Party-in-Interest Transactions

Plan investments at December 31, 2016 include mutual funds, common collective trusts, a guaranteed investment contract, and a pooled separate account with Principal, the custodian; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Investment management fees paid to Principal for the year ended December 31, 2016 are included in *net appreciation in fair value of investments.* Fees paid by the Plan for administrative services amounted to $14,884 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The CFO of the Plan's sponsor, who is a participant in the Plan, is also the Plan's trustee.

9 - Risk and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Such 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 and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of these investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in market conditions in the near term could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits

10 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements amounts to Schedule H of Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of certain financial statement amounts to Schedule H of Form 5500:

Line Item	*Financial Statements*	*Reconciling Item*	*Form 5500*
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits - 2016			
Corrective distributions	$ -	$ (4,422)	$ (4,422)
Increase in net assets available for benefits	1,278,020	(4,422)	1,273,598

Line Item	*Financial Statements*	*Reconciling Item*	*Form 5500*
Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits - 2015			
Excess contributions payable	$ (4,422)	$ 4,422	$ -
Net assets available for benefits	13,487,032	4,422	13,491,454

Benefits paid to participants on Form 5500 for 2016 include $4,422 in corrective distributions to participants for excess contributions received from participants in 2015 and refunded to participants in 2016. For the year ended December 31, 2015, $4,422 was included in the Plan's statement of net assets as excess contributions payable.

11 - Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 5, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

STERLING & STERLING, LLC EMPLOYEES' THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

Supplemental Information - Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) Plan #002
December 31, 2016 EIN: #11-1957801

(a)	(b) Identity of issuer, 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
	Mutual Funds			
*	Principal Funds Inc.	Principal Income INST Fund	**	1,646,067
*	Principal Funds Inc.	Principal Large Cap Growth I INST Fund	**	1,356,344
*	Principal Funds Inc.	Principal Large Cap S&P 500 Index INST Fund	**	1,321,781
	American Funds Service Company	American Funds EuroPacific Growth R4 Fund	**	1,178,240
	Eaton Vance	Etn Vnc Atl Cap SMID-Cap R Fund	**	889,582
*	Principal Funds Inc.	Principal Midcap S&P 400 Index INST Fund	**	782,569
	Victory Funds	Victory Established Val A Fund	**	622,254
*	Principal Funds Inc.	Principal Small Cap S&P 600 Index INST Fund	**	604,111
*	Principal Funds Inc.	Principal Equity Income INST Fund	**	443,149
	Janus International Holding, LLC	Janus Triton A Fund	**	227,783
	RidgeWorth Funds	Ridgeworth Lg Cap Val Eq A Fund	**	186,695
*	Principal Funds Inc.	Principal Small Cap Value II INST Fund	**	108,802
	Common Collective Trusts			
*	Principal Trust Company	Principal Trust Target 2030 Fund R6	**	1,846,263
*	Principal Trust Company	Principal Trust Target 2020 Fund R6	**	470,433
*	Principal Trust Company	Principal Trust Target 2035 Fund R6	**	425,454
*	Principal Trust Company	Principal Trust Target 2045 Fund R6	**	406,656
*	Principal Trust Company	Principal Trust Target 2040 Fund R6	**	371,826
*	Principal Trust Company	Principal Trust Target 2025 Fund R6	**	345,938
*	Principal Trust Company	Principal Trust Target 2050 Fund R6	**	244,343
*	Principal Trust Company	Principal Tust Target 2015 Fund R6	**	98,797
*	Principal Trust Company	Principal Trust Income Fund R6	**	67,883
*	Principal Trust Company	Principal Trust Target 2055 Fund R6	**	66,777
*	Principal Trust Company	Principal Trust Target 2010 Fund R6	**	2,513
*	Principal Trust Company	Principal Tust Target 2060 Fund R6	**	1,351
	Guaranteed Investment Contract			
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Fixed Income Guar Option	**	786,722
	Pooled Separate Account			
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Money Market Sep Acct-R6	**	171,099
	Participant Loans	Participant loans, collateralized by participant account balances - ranging from 4.25% to 7.5%, maturities to November 2021	-0-	89,610
				$ 14,763,042

* Party-in-interest

** Cost information is not presented because all investments are participant-directed.

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

For the plan year beginning **01/01/2016** and ending **12/31/2016**

Name of plan
Sterling & Sterling, LLC Employees' Thrift Savings Plan

Employer Identification Number
11-1957801

Three-digit plan number ► **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
	The American Funds	Am Fnds EuroPacific Grth R4 F	0	1,178,240
	Eaton Vance	Etn Vnc Atl Cp SMID-Cap R Fd		889,582
	Janus Intl Holding LLC	Janus Triton A Fund		227,783
*	Principal Life Insurance Co	Prin Fixed Inc Guar Option		443,149
*	Principal Life Insurance Co	Prin Money Market Sep Acct-R6		786,722
*	Principal Trust Company	Prin Trust Income Fund R6		1,356,344
*	Principal Trust Company	Prin Trust Tgt 2010 Fd R6		1,321,781
*	Principal Trust Company	Prin Trust Tgt 2015 Fd R6		782,569
*	Principal Trust Company	Prin Trust Tgt 2020 Fd R6		171,099
*	Principal Trust Company	Prin Trust Tgt 2025 Fd R6		108,802
*	Principal Trust Company	Prin Trust Tgt 2030 Fd R6		604,111
*	Principal Trust Company	Prin Trust Tgt 2035 Fd R6		67,882
*	Principal Trust Company	Prin Trust Tgt 2040 Fd R6		2,513
*	Principal Trust Company	Prin Trust Tgt 2045 Fd R6		98,797
*	Principal Trust Company	Prin Trust Tgt 2050 Fd R6	0	470,433
*	345938pal Trust Company	Prin Trust Tgt 2055 Fd R6		345,938
*	Principal Trust Company	Prin Trust Tgt 2060 Fd R6		1,846,263
*	Principal Funds Inc	Prin Equity Income Inst Fd		425,454
*	Principal Funds Inc	Prin Lgcp Growth I Inst Fd		371,826
*	Principal Funds Inc	Prin Lgcp S&P 500 Idx Inst Fd		406,656
*	Principal Funds Inc	Prin Midcp S&P 400 Idx Inst Fd		244,343
*	Principal Funds Inc	Prin Smallcap Value II Inst Fd		66,777
*	Principal Funds Inc	Prin Smallcap S&P 600 Idx Inst		1,352
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal Income Inst Fund		1,646,067
	Ridgeworth Funds	RidgeWorth Lg Cap Val Eq A Fd		186,695
	Victory Funds	Victory Sycamore Est Val A Fd		622,254
	Participant Loans	4.2500% - 7.5000%		89,610