

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.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information		
For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2016</u> and ending <u>12/31/2016</u>			
A	This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)	
	☒ 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 ☐ special extension (enter description)	☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information		
1a	Name of plan <u>OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST</u>	1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ► <u>003</u>
		1c	Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1988</u>
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.</u> <u>22901 MILLCREEK BOULEVARD</u> <u>STE 650</u> <u>HIGHLAND HILLS, OH 44122</u>	2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>34-1245650</u>
		2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>216-292-3800</u>
		2d	Business code (see instructions) <u>331200</u>

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/13/2017	RICHARD MANSON
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE
Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)			Preparer's telephone number

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ 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: a Sponsor's name		4b EIN	
		4c PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	1295
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)	1113
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	1057
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	3
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	149
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	1209
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	1209
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	1017
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	88
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D 3H			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 4B			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☒ <u>3</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

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

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 Employee Benefits Security Administration 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).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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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 OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1245650

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.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier

VOYA FINANCIAL - RELIASTAR 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
41-0451170	67105	PT 8229/8128	34	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 305	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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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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144 EAST DECKER DR.
SEVEN HILLS, OH 44131

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
305			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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(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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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	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	19143
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 ▶

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. Specify nature of costs.	10b	

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 A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service <hr/> Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration <hr/> 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).	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2016
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1245650

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.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP

(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
35-0472300	65676	070928	1	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

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

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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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	
6	Contracts With Allocated Funds:		
a	State the basis of premium rates ▶		
b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	569
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 ▶		
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	

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8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
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(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. Specify nature of costs.	10b	

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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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
PACIFIC 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
95-1079000	67466	VF502	3	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

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

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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 ▶**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. Specify nature of costs.	10b	

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) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		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 OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1245650	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

NOBLE-DAVIS CONSULTING, INC.

6190 COCHRAN RD
SUITE D
SOLON, OH 44139

34-1723189

(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	THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR	101671	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	61378	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

MID ATLANTIC TRUST COMPANY

1251 WATERFRONT PLACE
SUITE 525
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

26-0010549

(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?
19	CUSTODIAN	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	32375	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

R. W. BAIRD & CO., INC.

200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 1650
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

39-6037917

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	133469	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

WALTHALL LLP

6300 ROCKSIDE RD
CLEVELAND, OH 44131

34-0644631

(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	AUDITOR	15417	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

KADISH, HINKEL & WEIBEL

1360 E 9TH STREET, STE 400
CLEVEAND, OH 44114

34-1168263

(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?
29	LEGAL COUNSEL	12225	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	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 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2016</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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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 <u>OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>003</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>34-1245650</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: METLIFE SERIES 25053

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

c EIN-PN <u>58-1428634-008</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>10174545</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor</small> <small>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2016</u> and ending <u>12/31/2016</u>		
A Name of plan <u>OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>003</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>34-1245650</u>	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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	153262	138934
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	118040	156538
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	231254	249568
(3) Other.....	1b(3)	1500	
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)	7018	7018
(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)	1676953	1663343
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	9563261	10174545
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	41740653	44141802
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	399770	347480

1d Employer-related investments:

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	53891711	56879228

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g		301
h Operating payables	1h		105
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j	1600	19700
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	1600	20106

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	53890111	56859122
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	902777	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2770465	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	349192	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		4022434
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	70861	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	381	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		71242
(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)	463423	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		463423
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	40000	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	38264	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		1736
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	-9558	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		-9558

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		174936
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		1886358
c Other income.....	2c		20588
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		6631159

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3968566	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		3968566
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		60539
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		-57842
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)	27642	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	101671	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		129313
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		4100576

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2530583
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		438428
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

(1) Name: **WALTHALL LLP**

(2) EIN: **34-0644631**

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:

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.).....

b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	
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.
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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 <u>OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>003</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>34-1245650</u>

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions	1	<u>0</u>
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>27-3169253</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2016
v. 160205

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14	Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:		
	a The current year	14a	
	b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	14b	
	c The second preceding plan year	14c	
15	Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
	a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
	b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16	Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
	a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
	b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17	If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18	If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment	☐
19	If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)	
	a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%	
	b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt: ☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more	
	c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)? ☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan? 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 / / .	

**OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES' 401(k)
RETIREMENT PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WITH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

October 11, 2017

To the Plan Administrator
Olympic Steel, Inc. Employees 401(k) Retirement Plan
Highland Heights, Ohio

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Olympic Steel, Inc. Employees 401(k) Retirement Plan (the Plan), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Mid Atlantic Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets, and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

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

Other Matters

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2016 is required by DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, 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.

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

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, has 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 ERISA.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walthall, LLP". The script is cursive and fluid, with the letters "W", "L", and "P" being particularly prominent.

Certified Public Accountants

OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES' 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 145,952	\$ 153,262
Investments, at fair value:		
Participant-directed investments	53,596,044	50,577,146
Nonparticipant-directed investments	<u>1,067,783</u>	<u>1,133,556</u>
	54,663,827	51,710,702
Receivables:		
Participant contributions	249,568	231,254
Employer contributions	156,538	118,040
Notes receivable from participants	1,663,343	1,676,953
Miscellaneous receivables	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	2,069,449	2,027,747
Total Assets	56,879,228	53,891,711
Liabilities		
Refunds due of participant contributions	55,078	60,539
Miscellaneous payables	<u>20,106</u>	<u>1,600</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>75,184</u>	<u>62,139</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u><u>\$ 56,804,044</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 53,829,572</u></u>

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

OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES' 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 2,053,472	\$ 174,896
Gain on life insurance	20,588	-
Dividend and interest income	463,804	518,880
	2,537,864	693,776
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	70,861	52,392
Contributions:		
Participant	2,770,465	2,844,472
Employer	902,777	908,139
Rollover	349,192	147,972
	4,022,434	3,900,583
Total additions	6,631,159	4,646,751
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to		
Benefits paid to participants	3,941,981	6,916,180
Administrative expenses	129,313	119,195
Insurance premiums	23,821	27,297
Total deductions	4,095,115	7,062,672
Net Increase (Decrease) Prior to Transfer of Assets	2,536,044	(2,415,921)
Transfer of Assets		
Transfer of assets to the plan	438,428	8,478
Net Increase (Decrease) After Transfer of Assets	2,974,472	(2,407,443)
Net Assets Available for Benefits		
Beginning of year	53,829,572	56,237,015
End of year	<u><u>\$ 56,804,044</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 53,829,572</u></u>

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

OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. EMPLOYEES' 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following brief description of Olympic Steel, Inc. Employees' 401(k) Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan adopted on January 1, 1988 to provide retirement benefits for eligible employees of Olympic Steel, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the Company). The Plan also contains provisions for disability and death benefits. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Participation

Each non-union employee becomes eligible to participate in the Plan after completion of one hour of service. An employee must be employed for 12 consecutive months in order to receive the Company matching and non-elective contributions.

Participant Accounts and Contributions

Participants, upon attaining eligibility status, are automatically enrolled at a 3% deferral rate unless they elect not to participate or to participate at a different deferral percentage. Eligible participants may make an election to defer a portion of their compensation not in excess of the maximum allowable deferral under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The salary deferral is known as an elective contribution. The Company may make discretionary matching and profit sharing contributions.

Matching contributions are subject to approval by the Company. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company made a matching contribution equal to 50% of the participant's elective contribution applicable to that portion of the participant's elective contribution that does not exceed 6% of compensation. The Company did not make any profit sharing contributions for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Each participant has a separate non-elective contribution account, with sub-accounts to reflect discretionary matching and profit sharing contributions, and an additional account for elective contributions and / or rollover contributions.

Rollover Contributions

Distributions from another qualified plan may be transferred into the Plan.

Investment Options

Participants may direct the manner in which their elective contributions, rollover contributions, and the Company's matching and profit-sharing contributions are allocated among the investment options available under the Plan. Non-vested amounts related to the Company's profit sharing contributions are maintained in non-participant-directed accounts.

Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their elective and rollover contributions. Company matching and profit-sharing contributions shall be subject to a vesting schedule, which calls for 20% vesting after 2 years of service, increasing 20% for each year of service thereafter. In the event an amendment is adopted which affects participant vesting, a participant with three or more years of service may elect to have his vested interest continue to be determined under the former vesting schedule rather than under the new vesting provisions of the amendment.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures are used to reduce company contributions, provided, however, if in a given plan year the forfeitures exceed the company contribution, such forfeitures shall be used to pay plan expenses or allocated to remaining participants in the same manner as company contributions. During 2016 and 2015, forfeitures totaling approximately \$135,000 and \$149,000 respectively, were used to reduce employer contributions or pay plan expenses. Forfeitures remaining at December 31, 2016 and 2015 were approximately \$89,600 and \$135,000, respectively.

Notes Receivable from Participants

The Plan allows for participants to borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of 50% of their vested account balance up to \$50,000. The interest rate must be a reasonable rate as determined by the plan administrator. Interest assessed on outstanding loans ranged from 3.25% to 5.75% at December 31, 2016 and 2015. Maturities on these loans do not exceed five years unless the funds are used to acquire a participant's principal residence.

Benefit Payments

Upon service or disability retirement, death, termination or financial hardship, the participant or beneficiary may elect to receive a benefit payment. Benefit payments are paid directly to the participant from the net assets available for benefits, and are made in lump-sum amounts or through periodic payments as specified by the participant, subject to the provisions of the Plan.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. Upon termination, all amounts credited to participant accounts shall become fully vested.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is a price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent loans are treated as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Plan Expenses

The Plan pays the majority of the administrative expenses.

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

In 2016, the Plan adopted FASB Accounting Standards Update 2015-07 and 2015-12 Part I and Part II.

ASU 2015-07 eliminated the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share as a practical expedient, and changes disclosure requirements for investments that are eligible to use the net asset value per share as the practical expedient.

ASU 2015-12 Part I simplified the reporting for employee benefit plans as follows:

- Fully-benefit responsive investment contracts are to be reported at contract value.

ASU 2015-12 Part II simplified the level of disaggregation for investments measured at fair value:

- Disclosure of fair value information shall be provided by general type of investment rather than class.

There was no material impact on the Plan's net assets or changes in net assets upon adoption of these standards.

The financial statements for December 31, 2015 and the year then ended have been retroactively restated for these changes.

Refunds Due of Participant Contributions

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (US GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassification

Certain amounts in the 2015 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2016 presentation.

Note 3 - Investments

The net appreciation in fair value of investments on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits reflects the net gains and losses on all investments, which are invested primarily in mutual funds and a common collective trust.

The Plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520 103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Mid Atlantic Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

	2016	2015
Net assets certified by trustee		
Common / collective trust	\$ 10,174,545	\$ 9,563,261
Mutual funds	43,074,018	40,674,114
Cash and cash equivalents	138,934	153,262
Certified assets	<u>\$ 53,387,497</u>	<u>\$ 50,390,637</u>
	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015
Additions to net assets certified by trustee		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 2,415,965	\$ 132,100
Interest and dividends	454,746	502,945

The following table presents information about the net assets relating to the non-participant-directed investments as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Mutual funds	\$ 1,074,801	\$ 1,073,556
Government obligations	-	60,000
	<u>\$ 1,074,801</u>	<u>\$ 1,133,556</u>

The change in nonparticipant-directed investments is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ (362,493)	\$ 42,796
Interest and dividends	9,058	15,935

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

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework 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 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted market 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 specific (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's 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 net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end.

Common / Collective Trusts (CCT): Valued at net asset value (NAV) of units held. The NAV 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.

Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance: Valued based on the cash paid into the policy plus related dividend income retained under the policy.

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

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

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

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2016				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 43,317,628	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,317,628
Life Insurance	-	-	347,481	347,481
	43,317,628	-	347,481	43,665,109
Investments measured at net asset value	-	-	-	10,174,545
	\$ 43,317,628	\$ -	\$ 347,481	\$ 53,839,654

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2015				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 41,747,671	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,747,671
Life Insurance	-	-	339,770	339,770
Israeli Bonds	-	-	60,000	60,000
	41,747,671	-	399,770	42,147,441
Investments measured at net asset value	-	-	-	9,563,261
	\$ 41,747,671	\$ -	\$ 399,770	\$ 51,710,702

The table below sets for a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's level 3 assets for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	Life Insurance	Israeli Bonds
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 336,792	\$ 260,000
Investment gain	22,323	-
Sales	(19,345)	(200,000)
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 339,770	\$ 60,000
Investment gain	\$ 33,545	\$ -
Sales	(25,834)	(60,000)
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 347,481	\$ -

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following tables summarize investments measured at fair value based on the NAV per share as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

Investment	Fair Value of Investments that use Net Asset Value as of December 31, 2016			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Common / collective trust Stable Value Fund	\$ 10,174,545	N/A	Daily	None

Investment	Fair Value of Investments that use Net Asset Value as of December 31, 2015			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Common / collective trust Stable Value Fund	\$ 9,563,261	N/A	Daily	None

Note 5 - Party-in-Interest Transactions

Noble-Davis Consulting provides administrative and recordkeeping services. The fees charged for these services for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were \$163,049 and \$169,996, respectively. Mid Atlantic Trust Company provides trustee services. The fees charged for these services for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were \$32,375 and \$33,344, respectively.

The Plan participates in a revenue-sharing arrangement whereby the Plan receives funds to pay certain administrative fees. These funds totaled approximately \$227,200 and \$224,500 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Note 6 - Federal Income Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated July 8, 2010, that the Plan as then designed was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the plan administrator and the Plan's legal counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

U.S. 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 administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, there are no uncertain positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by the IRS; 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.

Note 7 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

In order for the Plan to satisfy the non-discrimination tests required under Section 401(k) of the IRC, certain participants were entitled to receive refunds of contributions made and earnings on those contributions. These refunds have been recorded as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements, but are reflected on the Form 5500 when paid.

The following is a reconciliation of the net assets available for plan benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 56,804,044	\$ 53,829,572
Refunds due of participant contributions	<u>55,078</u>	<u>60,539</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u><u>\$ 56,859,122</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 53,890,111</u></u>

The following is a reconciliation of certain line items per the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits to the Form 5500:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Investment income per the financial statements	\$ 2,608,725	\$ 746,168
Change in adjustment to contract value	<u>-</u>	<u>(321,527)</u>
Total investment income per the Form 5500	<u><u>\$ 2,608,725</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 424,641</u></u>
Benefit payments and insurance premiums per the financial statements	\$ 3,965,802	\$ 6,943,477
Change in refunds due of participant contributions	<u>5,461</u>	<u>49,839</u>
Benefit payments per the Form 5500	<u><u>\$ 3,971,263</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,993,316</u></u>

Note 8 – Transfer of Assets

During the plan years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 assets were transferred into the plan from the Olympic Steel, Inc. Union Employees' 401(k) Retirement Plan in the amount of \$438,428 and \$8,478, respectively. These transfers reflect the change in employment status of certain employees from union to non-union status.

Note 9 - Subsequent Events

Plan management evaluated subsequent events through October 11, 2017 the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosure in these financial statements.

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Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2016

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
Participant-Directed				
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	**	\$ 2,714,370
	Franklin U. S. Government Securities Fund	Mutual Fund	**	322,485
	Columbia Select Large Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	**	6,397,950
	MFS Total Return Fund Class R3	Mutual Fund	**	1,080,797
	Oppenheimer International Small Company Fund	Mutual Fund	**	2,011,008
	MFS Value Fund Class R3	Mutual Fund	**	7,098,214
	Oak Ridge Small Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,343,804
	Columbia Contrarian Core Fund	Mutual Fund	**	2,151,675
	MFS Research Bond Fund Class R3	Mutual Fund	**	1,166,718
	JP Morgan High Yield Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	918,767
	Delaware Small Cap Core Fund	Mutual Fund	**	933,629
	Income Fund of America	Mutual Fund	**	883,326
	Columbia Large Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,960,201
	Principal Investors SAM Conservative Balanced Port A	Mutual Fund	**	1,379,354
	Principal Mid Cap Blend Fund	Mutual Fund	**	4,340,326
	Perkins Global Value Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,748,292
	Nuveen Symphony Large Cap Growth Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	2,648,394
	MFS Blended Research Core Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,034,507
	Prudential Mid Cap Value Fund	Mutual Fund	**	2,940,201
	Reliance Stable Value Fund - Metlife Series 25053	Common/Collective Trust	**	10,174,545
	Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance Policies	Life Insurance Policies	**	347,481
				53,596,044
Nonparticipant-Directed				
	Columbia Select Large Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	**	243,610
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	**	251,139
	MFS Value Fund Class R3	Mutual Fund	**	293,022
	Principal Mid Cap Blend Fund	Mutual Fund	**	280,012
				1,067,783
*	Participant Loans	3.25% - 5.75% notes receivable with maturity dates through 2046 collateralized by participant accounts	-	1,663,343
	Total Investments			\$ 56,327,170

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