

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>02/01/2016</u> and ending <u>01/31/2017</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 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)	

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information		
1a	Name of plan <u>COHEN & COMPANY CASH BALANCE PLAN</u>	1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ► <u>002</u>
		1c	Effective date of plan <u>02/01/2011</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>COHEN SEQUOIA ENTERPRISES, LTD.</u> <u>1350 EUCLID AVENUE</u> <u>CLEVELAND, OH 44115-1877</u>	2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-4094604</u>
		2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>216-579-1040</u>
		2d	Business code (see instructions) <u>541211</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.	11/10/2017	JIM STOBE
	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	5 223
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year..... a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 151 6a(2) 212 6b 0 6c 40 6d 252 6e 0 6f 252 6g 6h 21
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: 1C b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☒ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☐ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☐ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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 SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan <u>COHEN & COMPANY CASH BALANCE PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>COHEN SEQUOIA ENTERPRISES, LTD.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-4094604</u>
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☐ 100 or fewer ☒ 101-500 ☐ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information
1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>02</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2016</u>	
2 Assets:	
a Market value	2a <u>3359974</u>
b Actuarial value	2b <u>3359974</u>
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown	
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	(1) Number of participants <u>0</u> (2) Vested Funding Target <u>0</u> (3) Total Funding Target <u>0</u>
b For terminated vested participants	<u>17</u> <u>718317</u> <u>718317</u>
c For active participants	<u>197</u> <u>2329196</u> <u>2334489</u>
d Total	<u>214</u> <u>3047513</u> <u>3052806</u>
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)	☐
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b
5 Effective interest rate	5 <u>5.85 %</u>
6 Target normal cost	6 <u>683714</u>

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	
Signature of actuary <u>JEWEL BRADFORD BARLOW, JR.</u>	<u>11/05/2017</u>
Type or print name of actuary <u>BARLOW CONSULTING, INC.</u>	Date <u>17-05743</u>
Firm name <u>PO BOX 174</u> <u>PRESO, PA 15142</u>	Most recent enrollment number <u>412-498-6993</u>
Address of the firm	Telephone number (including area code)

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions ☐

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Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 0.00%	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		542825
b(1)	Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 5.98%		32461
b(2)	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		575286
d	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	110.06%
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	110.06%
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	0.00%
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls					
18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
03/03/2016	262000	0	01/31/2017	250000	0
04/15/2016	250000	0			
05/05/2016	65500	0			
07/29/2016	250000	0			
08/10/2016	65500	0			
11/18/2016	65500	0			
Totals ►			18(b)	1208500	18(c) 0

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
a	Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a 0
b	Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b 0
c	Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c 1421096
20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:		
a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year?		☐ Yes ☒ No
b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner?		☐ Yes ☐ No
c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:		

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V	Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost		
21	Discount rate:		
a	Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.43% 2nd segment: 5.91% 3rd segment: 6.65%	☐ N/A, full yield curve used
b	Applicable month (enter code)	21b	0
22	Weighted average retirement age	22	63
23	Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☒ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute		
Part VI	Miscellaneous Items		
24	Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No		
25	Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No		
26	Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☒ Yes ☐ No		
27	If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.	27	
Part VII	Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years		
28	Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29	Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	29	0
30	Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0
Part VIII	Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year		
31	Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):		
a	Target normal cost (line 6)	31a	683714
b	Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	307168
32	Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a	Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0
b	Waiver amortization installment	0	0
33	If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33	0
34	Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	34	376546
		Carryover balance	Prefunding balance
35	Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement		0
36	Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	376546
37	Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	37	1421096
38	Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)		
a	Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	1044550
b	Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b	
39	Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0
40	Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	40	0
Part IX	Pension Funding Relief Under Pension Relief Act of 2010 (See Instructions)		
41	If an election was made to use PRA 2010 funding relief for this plan:		
a	Schedule elected	☐ 2 plus 7 years ☐ 15 years	
b	Eligible plan year(s) for which the election in line 41a was made	☐ 2008 ☐ 2009 ☐ 2010 ☐ 2011	
42	Amount of acceleration adjustment	42	
43	Excess installment acceleration amount to be carried over to future plan years	43	

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). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan <u>COHEN & COMPANY CASH BALANCE PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>COHEN SEQUOIA ENTERPRISES, LTD.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-4094604</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		250000
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)		1051067
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property).....	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	3359974	2517416
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	3359974	3818483

Liabilities

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

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	3359974	3818483
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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)	1208500	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	0	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1208500
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	78	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		78
(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)	116132	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		116132
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(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)		149691
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		1474401

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1015892	
(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)		1015892
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		0
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1015892

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		458509
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: CORBETS & ASSOCIATES

(2) EIN: 34-1738426

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			
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 4028384. (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 02/01/2016 and ending 01/31/2017

A Name of plan <u>COHEN & COMPANY CASH BALANCE PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► <u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>COHEN SEQUOIA ENTERPRISES, LTD.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-4094604</u>

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions	1	
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): _____		
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	<u>1</u>

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

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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

**COHEN & COMPANY
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**Financial Statements
January 31, 2017 and 2016**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator
Cohen & Company Cash Balance Plan

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Cohen & Company Cash Balance Plan, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits and of accumulated plan benefits as of January 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and of accumulated plan benefits as of January 31, 2017 and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

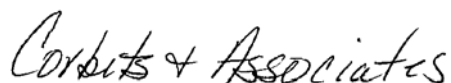
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial status of Cohen & Company Cash Balance Plan as of January 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its financial status for the year ended January 31, 2017 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Supplemental Information

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corbit & Associates".

Solon, Ohio
November 10, 2017

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
January 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS at fair value		
Schwab Bank sweep account	\$ 1,051,067	
Money market funds		\$ 277,834
Mutual funds	2,381,759	2,462,301
Exchange traded funds	<u>135,657</u>	<u>619,839</u>
	3,568,483	3,359,974
 CASH (noninterest-bearing)	 <u>250,000</u>	 <u><u>-</u></u>
 NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	 <u>\$ 3,818,483</u>	 <u>\$ 3,359,974</u>

See notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended January 31, 2017

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS

Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 149,691
Dividends and interest	<u>116,210</u>
	265,901

Contributions	
Employer	<u>1,208,500</u>

TOTAL ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS	1,474,401
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DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS

Benefits paid to participants	<u>1,015,892</u>
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TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS	<u>1,015,892</u>
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NET INCREASE	458,509
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Beginning of year	<u>3,359,974</u>
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End of year	<u>\$ 3,818,483</u>
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See notes to the financial statements.

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Statements of Accumulated Plan Benefits
January 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS		
Vested benefits:		
Participants currently receiving payments	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other participants	2,736,441	3,102,465
Nonvested benefits	<u>5,721</u>	<u>6,486</u>
TOTAL ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS	\$ <u>2,742,162</u>	\$ <u>3,108,951</u>

See notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Accumulated Plan Benefits
Year Ended January 31, 2017

ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 3,108,951
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Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to:

Benefits accumulated	519,053
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Increase due to the passage of time	130,050
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Benefits paid	<u>(1,015,892)</u>
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NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	<u>(366,789)</u>
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ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS AT END OF YEAR	\$ <u>2,742,162</u>
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See notes to the financial statements.

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Cohen & Company Cash Balance Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more comprehensive description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all full-time employees of Cohen Sequoia Enterprises, Ltd., (the Plan Sponsor) and affiliated employers including Cohen & Company, Ltd., Sequoia Financial Group, LLC, Sequoia Financial Marketing Associates, LLC, Cohen & Company Marketing Associates, Ltd. and formerly, Cohen Fund Audit Services, Ltd. which merged with Cohen & Company, Ltd. effective September 1, 2016 (collectively, the Company). Category I and VII employees are eligible to participate in the Plan in any plan year during which they complete 10 hours of service; all other categories are required to have 1,000 hours of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan is administered by the trustees of the Plan. One of the trustees is the Plan Administrator and he has overall responsibility for the operation and administration of the Plan. The trustees are responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the trustees.

Participant Accounts

Under the Plan provisions, amounts are credited by the Company to the participants' hypothetical accounts. The accounts are allocated the current year's unit cash balance benefit (which is determined based on the category of employee) and interest credits. The applicable unit cash balance benefit ranges from \$250 to the maximum allowable by law and is based on the participants' category.

Participants' hypothetical accounts also receive interest credits each year. The amount of the interest credit is based on the average annual interest rate on thirty year Treasury Securities. As of January 31, 2017, the interest rate was 3.03 percent. Interest credits are allocated to participants' accounts on the last day of the Plan year.

Pension Benefits

Benefits are determined based on the participant's hypothetical account balance. Plan participants are eligible for their plan benefit after retirement, attainment of retirement age, or termination of employment with vested rights. Participants become vested in their account balance upon completion of 3 or more years of service, as defined, or attainment of the normal retirement age (62). If employees terminate before rendering 3 years of service, they forfeit the right to receive the portion of their accumulated plan benefits attributable to the Company's contributions.

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN – (Continued)

Pension Benefits – (Continued)

Upon termination of employment, participants have the option of receiving their vested benefit in the form of a single lump sum payment or a monthly annuity payable for their (or spousal joint) lifetime, as defined.

Benefits are determined based on the participant's hypothetical account balance. Plan participants are eligible for their plan benefit after retirement, or attainment of retirement age, termination of employment with vested rights. Participants become vested in their account balance upon completion of 3 or more years of service, as defined, or attainment of the normal retirement age (62). If employees terminate before rendering 3 years of service, they forfeit the right to receive the portion of their accumulated plan benefits attributable to the Company's contributions. Upon termination of employment, participants have the option of receiving their vested benefit in the form of a single lump sum payment or a monthly annuity payable for their (or spousal joint) lifetime, as defined.

Death and Disability Benefits

If an active employee dies or becomes disabled, a death benefit equal to the value of the employee's vested cash balance benefit is paid to the employee's beneficiary.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Accounting Principle Adopted in 2015/2016

The Plan adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-12, as such, the Plan eliminated certain disclosures related to investments.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

Non-Interest Bearing Cash

Cash is comprised of noninterest-bearing brokerage account deposits (\$250,000) at Charles Schwab Bank. An interest-bearing sweep account for benefit plans also at Charles Schwab Bank (\$1,051,067) is included in investments. (See Notes 5 and 6 also.)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value as reported by Schwab, the custodian 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 Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisers and custodian. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchase 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.

Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump sum distributions that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to the service employees have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of employees who have died, and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits under the plan are accumulated at amounts specified by the Plan based on employees' category during each year of credited service. The accumulated plan benefits for active employees will equal the accumulation, with interest, of the annual benefit accruals as of the benefit information date. Benefits payable under all circumstances—retirement, death, disability, and termination of employment—are included, to the extent they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered to the valuation date.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by an independent actuary and is that amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal, or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment. The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations as of January 31, 2017 and 2016 were (a) life expectancy of participants based on 16E-206 Applicable Mortality Table for 417(c) unisex (although in this plan the impact of mortality is minimal), (b) retirement age assumptions (the assumed average retirement age was 62), and (c) investment return.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits – (Continued)

The interest rate used to discount the obligation for 2017 and 2016 was 5 percent. The foregoing actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue.

Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits. The computations of the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits were made as of January 31, 2017 and 2016.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits payments to participants are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Certain expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan that are paid by the Plan are recorded as deductions in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. In addition, certain investment related expenses are included in net depreciation of fair value of investments presented in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Date of Management's Review

Subsequent events were evaluated through November 10, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 – FUNDING POLICY

The Plan's funding policy is for the Company to contribute an amount which will meet or exceed the annual ERISA minimum funding requirement. During 2017, the Company made contributions of \$1,208,500. The Company's contributions for 2017 exceeded the minimum funding requirements of ERISA.

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA.

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NOTE 4 - PLAN TERMINATION

In the event the Plan terminates, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated, as prescribed in the Plan document by ERISA and its related regulations, generally to provide the following benefits in the order indicated:

1. Benefits attributable to employee contributions, taking into account those paid out before termination.
2. Annuity benefits that former employees or their beneficiaries have been receiving for at least three years, or that employees eligible to retire for that three-year period would be receiving if they had retired with benefits in the normal form of annuity under the Plan. The priority amount is limited to the lowest benefit that was payable (or would have been payable) during those three years. The amount is further limited to the investment benefit that would be payable under Plan provisions in effect at any time during the five years preceding Plan termination.
3. Other vested benefits insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) (a U.S. government agency) up to the applicable limitations.
4. All other vested benefits (that is, vested benefits not insured by the PBGC).
5. All nonvested benefits.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the PBGC if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits, early retirement benefits, and certain disability and survivor's pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all types of benefits under the Plan, and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of the Plan's termination.

Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide for accumulated benefit obligations and may also depend on the financial condition of the plan sponsor and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The fair value accounting literature 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

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NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – (Continued)

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets 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 that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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 maximize the use of relevant 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 January 31, 2017 and 2016.

Mutual funds (including the money market mutual fund in 2016) and the exchange trade funds are all valued at quoted daily closing price as reported by the fund.

Schwab Bank sweep account is valued based on cost as these investments are short-term, and return principal and interest based on the amount and time invested.

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NOTE 5 - 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 January 31, 2017 and 2016:

		Fair Value Measurements at The End of the Reporting Period Using:	
	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)
January 31, 2017			
Schwab Sweep account	\$ 1,051,067		\$ 1,051,067
Mutual funds	2,381,759	\$ 2,381,759	
Exchange traded funds	<u>135,657</u>	<u>135,657</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 3,568,483</u>	<u>\$ 2,517,416</u>	<u>\$ 1,051,067</u>
January 31, 2016			
Money market mutual fund	\$ 277,834	\$ 277,834	
Mutual funds	2,462,301	2,462,301	
Exchange traded funds	<u>619,839</u>	<u>619,839</u>	
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 3,359,974</u>	<u>\$ 3,359,974</u>	

The preceding methods described may produce an amount that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. The Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies. Although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to measure the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value at the reporting date.

NOTE 6 – CONCENTRATIONS, RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 6 – CONCENTRATIONS, RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES – (Continued)

The Plan's cash and bank sweep account are held by a Charles Schwab Bank and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. The sweep account comprises 27.5% of total net plan assets at January 31, 2017. The balance of \$1,051,067 is substantially in excess of the insurance coverage provided. The investment committee periodically evaluates the financial soundness of the bank and believes such assets do not pose a financial risk to the plan.

Plan contributions are made, and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates, and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

NOTE 7 - TAX STATUS

The Plan filed a request for a determination letter covering the Plan and its specific provisions in January 2017. The plan administrator and tax counsel believe that the plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirement of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan files Form 5500, Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan, in compliance with DOL and IRS regulations. The returns for the years ending January 31, 2013 and subsequent are subject to examination by the IRS, generally three years after filing. For DOL purposes, the returns are subject to review for six years after filing.

NOTE 8 - RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company or its affiliates. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

The investments are managed by Sequoia Financial Services, Inc. which is a participating employer. Fees for services rendered to the plan by Sequoia are paid by the Plan Sponsor.

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CASH BALANCE PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 9 - RECONCILIATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO FORM 5500

Net assets available for benefits per the financial statement and Schedule H of Form 5500 were \$3,818,483 and \$3,359,974 at January 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Change in net assets of \$458,509 for January 31, 2017 was also consistent with the amount reported on Schedule H.

The actuarial value of accumulated plan benefits (\$3,108,951 at the beginning of the year) is different from the funding target reported on Form SB (\$3,052,086) due to differences in the discount rate for generally accepted accounting purposes and the segmented rates prescribed by the IRS for minimum funding.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COHEN & COMPANY
CASH BALANCE PLAN

FORM 5500, Schedule H, Line 4i, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

January 31, 2017

SPONSOR: Cohen Sequoia Enterprises, Ltd.

E.I.N.: 26-4094604

PLAN NUMBER: 002

(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
	Cash	Brokerage Deposit	250,000	250,000
	Charles Schwab Bank	Sweep account	1,051,067	1,051,067
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CASH BALANCE PLAN
EIN: 26-4094604
PN: 002
Schedule H Line 4j
Schedule of Reportable Transactions
Year Ended January 31, 2017

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
Identity of party involved	Description of Assets	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Lease Rental	Expenses Incurred	Cost of Asset	Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain Or (Loss)
iShares MSCI EAFE Value	Exchange traded funds – 5447 shares	N/A	\$ 246,640	N/A	0	\$ 254,786	\$ 246,640	\$ (8,146)

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	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 **02/01/2016** and ending **01/31/2017**

► **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

► **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan Cohen & Company Cash Balance Plan	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Cohen Sequoia Enterprises, Ltd.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-4094604	
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☐ 100 or fewer ☒ 101-500 ☐ More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>02</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2016</u>			
2 Assets:			
a Market value	2a	3,359,974	
b Actuarial value	2b	3,359,974	
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown:	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	17	718,317	718,317
c For active participants	197	2,329,196	2,334,489
d Total	214	3,047,513	3,052,806
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) ☐			
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a		
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b		
5 Effective interest rate	5	5.85 %	
6 Target normal cost	6	683,714	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	 Signature of actuary Jewel Bradford Barlow, Jr. Type or print name of actuary Barlow Consulting, Inc. Firm name PO Box 174 US Preso PA 15142 Address of the firm	11/05/2017 Date 17-05743 Most recent enrollment number (412) 498-6993 Telephone number (including area code)
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If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions ☐

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 5500 or 5500-SF.

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Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>0.00</u> %	0	0
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		542,825
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.98</u> %.....		32,461
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .		575,286
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	110.06 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	110.06 %
16 Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	0.00 %
17 If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls**18** Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
03/03/2016	262,000	0	04/15/2016	250,000	
05/05/2016	65,500		07/29/2016	250,000	
08/10/2016	65,500	0	11/18/2016	65,500	
01/31/2017	250,000				
Totals ▶			18(b)	1,208,500	18(c) 0

19 Discounted employer contributions -- see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date ..	19c	1,421,096

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year?	☐ Yes ☒ No
b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner?	☐ Yes ☐ No
c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:	

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used To Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.43 %	2nd segment: 5.91 %	3rd segment: 6.65 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 63
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	☒ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute			

Part VI Miscellaneous items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	☐ Yes ☒ No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	☐ Yes ☒ No
26 Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	☒ Yes ☐ No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	27

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):												
a Target normal cost (line 6)	31a	683,714										
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	307,168										
32 Amortization installments:	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Outstanding Balance</th> <th>Installment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a Net shortfall amortization installment</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b Waiver amortization installment</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Outstanding Balance	Installment	a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0	b Waiver amortization installment	0	0
	Outstanding Balance	Installment										
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0										
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0										
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33	0										
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	34	376,546										
		Carryover balance	Prefunding Balance									
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement			Total balance									
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	376,546										
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	37	1,421,096										
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)												
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	1,044,550										
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b	0										
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0										
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	40	0										

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under Pension Relief Act of 2010 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use PRA 2010 funding relief for this plan:			
a Schedule elected	☐ 2 plus 7 years ☐ 15 years		
b Eligible plan year(s) for which the election in line 41a was made	☐ 2008 ☐ 2009 ☐ 2010 ☐ 2011		
42 Amount of acceleration adjustment	42		
43 Excess installment acceleration amount to be carried over to future plan years	43		

Schedule SB, line 19 - Discounted Employer Contributions

Cohen & Company Cash Balance Plan

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For the plan year 02/01/2016 through 01/31/2017

Valuation Date: 02/01/2016

	Date	Amount	Adjusted Contribution	Adjusted Prior Year Contribution	Adjusted Quarterly	Effective Rate	Penalty Rate
Deposited Contribution	07/29/2016	\$250,000					
Applied to MRC	02/01/2016	250,000	243,144	0	0	5.85	0
Deposited Contribution	08/29/2016	\$65,500					
Applied to MRC	02/01/2016	65,500	63,398	0	0	5.85	0
Deposited Contribution	11/18/2016	\$65,500					
Applied to MRC	02/01/2016	65,500	62,605	0	0	5.85	0
Deposited Contribution	01/31/2017	\$250,000					
Applied to Additional Contribution	02/01/2016	242,168	228,784	0	0	5.85	0
Applied to MRC	02/01/2016	7,832	7,399	0	0	5.85	0
Totals for Deposited Contribution		\$631,000	\$605,330	\$0	\$0		

Warning 415 limit exceeded by one or more participants. See Notes and Warnings report.

Schedule SB, Part V

Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Cohen & Company Cash Balance Plan 26-4094604 / 002

For the plan year 02/01/2016 through 01/31/2017

Valuation Date: 02/01/2016

Funding Method: As prescribed in IRC Section 430

Age - Eligibility age at last birthday and other ages at nearest birthday

New participants are not included in current year's valuation

Retrospective Compensation - Current compensation

Form of Payment - Assumed form of payment for funding is lump sum which is the Hypothetical Account Balance. Funding Target for lump sum is the current Hypothetical Account Balance projected to the assumed retirement date using the Interest Credit Rate discounted using appropriate segment rate. Lump sum on plan actuarial equivalence rates will not exceed 415 maximum allowable distribution, which is the lesser amount computed using a) 5.5% interest and the Applicable Mortality Table or b) plan actuarial equivalence interest and mortality

Interest Rates -

Segment rates for the Valuation Date as permitted under IRC 430(h)(2)(C)

Segment #	Year	Rate %
Segment 1	0 - 5	1.43
Segment 2	6 - 20	3.94
Segment 3	> 20	4.96

Segment rates as of September 30, 2015 As permitted under IRC 430(h)(2)(C)(iv)(II) - HATFA

Segment #	Year	Rate %
Segment 1	0 - 5	4.43
Segment 2	6 - 20	5.91
Segment 3	> 20	6.65

Pre-Retirement - Mortality Table - None

Turnover/Disability - None

Salary Scale - None

Interest Credit Rate - Current Yr - 3.03% Projected Yrs - 3.03%

Expense Load - None

Ancillary Ben Load - None

Post-Retirement - Mortality Table - 16C - 2016 Combined - IRC 430(h)(3)(A)

Cost of Living - None

Asset Valuation Method: Fair market value of assets adjusted for contributions under IRC 430(g)(4)

Discrimination Test Assumptions:

HCE Determination - Based on all employees

Otherwise Excludable - Otherwise Excludable HCEs are included with the Not Otherwise Excludable employees

410(b)/401(a)(4) Testing:

Pre-Retirement - Interest - 8.5% CB Projection Rate - 3.03

Post-Retirement - Interest - 8.5%

Mortality Table - I83F - 1983 Individual Annuity (female)

Permissively Aggregated Plans - Tested as a Single Plan

Compensation - Use current compensation to calculate the benefit accrual rate (annual method)

Testing Age - Age 65 or attained age, if older

Testing Service - Separate benefiting service for DC and for DB for Accrued-to-Date Method

Normal Form for MVAR - Joint with 50% Survivor Benefits

Schedule SB, Part V

Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Cohen & Company Cash Balance Plan

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For the plan year 02/01/2016 through 01/31/2017

401(a)(26) Testing:

Compensation - Use current compensation to calculate the benefit accrual rate for 401(a)(26)

Testing Age - Normal retirement age or attained age, if older

Schedule SB, Part V

Summary of Plan Provisions

Cohen & Company Cash Balance Plan 26-4094604 / 002

For the plan year 02/01/2016 through 01/31/2017

<u>Employer:</u>	Cohen Sequoia Enterprises, Ltd.		
	Type of Entity -	Limited Liability Company (LLC) taxed as C-Corp	
	EIN: 26-4094604	TIN:	Plan #: 002 Plan Type: Cash Balance
<u>Dates:</u>	Effective - 02/01/2011	Year end - 01/31/2017	Valuation - 02/01/2016
<u>Eligibility:</u>	All employees excluding non-resident aliens, members of an excluded class and union		
	Minimum age - N/A Months of service - N/A		
	Hours Required for -	Eligibility - 0	Benefit accrual - 1000 Vesting - 10
	Plan Entry -	Date on which eligibility satisfied	
<u>Retirement:</u>	Normal -	Anniversary date coincident with or next following attainment of age 62	
	Early -	Not provided	
<u>Average Compensation:</u>	Current compensation		
	Top Heavy Minimum Benefit -	Highest 5 consecutive top heavy years of participation	
<u>Plan Benefits:</u>	Retirement -	Actuarial equivalent of the hypothetical account balance derived from annual Pay Credits and Interest Credits	
	Pay Credits -	Classification	Pay Credit Formula
		1	\$270,425
		2	\$175,000
		4	\$125,000
		5	\$75,000
		6	\$25,000
		7	\$250
	Interest Credit Rate -	Current Yr - 3.03%	Projected Yrs - 3.03%
	Accrued Benefit -	Hypothetical Account Balance	
		Minimum Benefit - None	
		Maximum Benefit - None	
		Maximum allowable distribution is lump sum equivalent of normal form not to exceed 415 maximum allowable distribution, which is the lesser amount computed using a) 5.5% interest and the Applicable Mortality Table or b) plan actuarial equivalence interest and mortality	
	Death Benefit -	Present Value of Accrued Benefit	
<u>Top Heavy Minimum:</u>	None		
<u>IRS Limitations:</u>	415 Limits -	Percent: 100	Dollar: \$215,000
	Maximum 401(a)(17) compensation - \$265,000		
<u>Normal Form:</u>	Life Annuity		
<u>Optional Forms:</u>	Lump Sum		
	Life Annuity Guaranteed for 10 Years		
	Joint with 50%, 75% or 100% Survivor Benefit		
<u>Vesting Schedule:</u>	100% vested in 3 years.		
	Service is calculated using all years of service		
<u>Present Value of Accrued Benefit:</u>	Based on the Hypothetical Account Balance.		

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Schedule SB, Part V

Summary of Plan Provisions

Cohen & Company Cash Balance Plan
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Actuarial Equivalence:

Pre-Retirement -	Interest -	5%
	Mortality Table -	None
Post-Retirement -	Interest -	5%
	Mortality Table -	16E - 2016 Applicable Mortality Table for 417(e) (unisex)

Schedule SB, line 26 -
Schedule of Active Participant Data
Cohen & Company Cash Balance Plan
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For the plan year 02/01/2016 through 01/31/2017

Years of Credited Service

Attained Age	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & up			
Under 25	5	96											
25 to 29	4	37	10										
30 to 34	1	5	1	1									
35 to 39		3	1	2	3								
40 to 44				1									
45 to 49						1							
50 to 54	1					2	3	1					
55 to 59	1						1	4					
60 to 64				1			1	2					
65 to 69									1				
70 & up	1												

Schedule SB, line 22 -
Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

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For the plan year 02/01/2016 through 01/31/2017

The age reported is the weighted average of the assumed retirement ages for all active participants as of the valuation date based on their funding target or target normal cost should the funding target of the plan be zero rounded to the nearest whole age. For an active late retiree, the assumed retirement age may be later than the Plan's normal retirement age. Each participant's rate of retirement is assumed to be 100% of his/her assumed retirement age.

Schedule H, line 4j
Schedule of Reportable Transactions.

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COHEN & COMPANY
CASH BALANCE PLAN

FORM 5500, Schedule H, Line 4i, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

January 31, 2017

SPONSOR: Cohen Sequoia Enterprises, Ltd.

E.I.N.: 26-4094604

PLAN NUMBER: 002

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information			
For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning		02/01/2016	and ending
		01/31/2017	
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		
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report	☐ a DFE (specify) _____	
	☐ an amended return/report	☐ the final 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 COHEN & COMPANY CASH BALANCE PLAN		1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
		1c Effective date of plan 02/01/2011	
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) COHEN SEQUOIA ENTERPRISES, LTD. 1350 EUCLID AVENUE CLEVELAND OH 44115-1877		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-4094604	
		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (216) 579-1040	
		2d Business code (see instructions) 541211	

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	 Signature of plan administrator	11/10/17 Date	JIM STOBE SIGN & DATE Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	 Signature of employer/plan sponsor	11/10/17 Date	JIM STOBE SIGN & 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	5 223
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) 151
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 40
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c	6d 252
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.....	6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f 252
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6h 21
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: 1C	
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☒ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☐ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☐ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)
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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 _____