

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: <div style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;"> ☐ a multiemployer plan </div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;"> ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) </div>
	<div style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;"> ☒ a single-employer plan </div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;"> ☐ a DFE (specify) ____ </div>
B	This return/report is: <div style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;"> ☐ the first return/report </div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;"> ☐ the final return/report </div>
	<div style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;"> ☐ an amended return/report </div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 45%;"> ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months) </div>
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ☐
D	Check box if filing under: <div style="display: inline-block; width: 33%;"> ☒ Form 5558 </div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 33%;"> ☐ automatic extension </div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 33%;"> ☐ the DFVC program </div>
	☐ special extension (enter description)

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information		
1a	Name of plan <u>COHEN & COMPANY 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>		1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ► <u>003</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.	<u>11/10/2017</u>	<u>JIM STOBE</u>
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE
Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)			Preparer's telephone number

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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	5 171
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) 143
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2) 211
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b 0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c 32
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c	6d 243
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f 243
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g 243
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: 2E	
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☐ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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 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 02/01/2016 and ending 01/31/2017

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C Plan or DFE 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	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: MET LIFE GAC SER 2503

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MET LIFE, INC.

c EIN-PN <u>46-6625485-000</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>457539</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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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> <hr/> <small>Department of Labor</small> <small>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <hr/> <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 02/01/2016 and ending 01/31/2017		
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 COHEN SEQUOIA ENTERPRISES, LTD.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-4094604	

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		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	545182	631470
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property).....	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	36532	35095
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	1403313	457539
(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)	5108231	6583631
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities	1d(1)	
(2)	Employer real property	1d(2)	
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	7093258 7707735
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	7093258 7707735

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.

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	Contributions:		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	631470
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	
(2)	Noncash contributions	2a(2)	
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	631470
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)	2070
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)	2070
(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)	168376
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)	168376
(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)	660598
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	660598

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		1462514

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	848092	
(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)		848092
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)	10	
(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)		10
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		848102

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		614412
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		65
(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		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

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions	1	
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>42-1558009</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

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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
401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

**Financial Statements
January 31, 2017 and 2016**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator
Cohen & Company 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Cohen & Company 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of January 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended 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. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Charles Schwab Bank, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. 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 January 31, 2017 and 2016 and for the year ended January 31, 2017, 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 Matter

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of the year ended January 31, 2017 is required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, it is inappropriate to and we do not express an opinion on this 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, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

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

Solon, Ohio
November 9, 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		
Mutual funds at fair value	\$ 6,583,631	\$ 5,108,231
Common/collective trust at contract value	<u>457,539</u>	<u>1,403,313</u>
	7,041,170	6,511,544
RECEIVABLES		
Employer profit sharing contribution	631,470	545,182
Note receivable from participant	<u>35,095</u>	<u>36,532</u>
	<u>666,565</u>	<u>581,714</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>7,707,735</u>	<u>7,093,258</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ <u>7,707,735</u>	\$ <u>7,093,258</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 ATTRIBUTABLE TO

Investment income	
Net appreciation of investments	\$ 660,598
Dividends, interest, capital gains and other	<u>168,376</u>
	828,974

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	2,070
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Contributions	
Employer profit sharing	<u>631,470</u>

TOTAL ADDITIONS	1,462,514
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DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO

Benefits paid to participants	848,092
Administrative fees and expenses	<u>10</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>848,102</u>

NET INCREASE FROM PLAN ACTIVITY	614,412
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ASSETS TRANSFERRED IN (RESIDUAL)	<u>65</u>
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TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	614,477

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Beginning of year	<u>7,093,258</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 7,707,735</u></u>

See notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Cohen & Company 401(k) Profit Sharing 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). Other employees are covered under a similar plan. Interns and first year staff are eligible to participate in the profit sharing portion of the Plan in any plan year during which they complete 10 hours of service; senior staff may be required to have either 10 or 1,000 hours of services depending on their category classification. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). 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.

Contributions

Currently the 401(k) feature of the Plan is currently not open; therefore, there are no elective deferrals. The employer contributes to the Plan each year to meet certain nondiscrimination requirements. The Company may make discretionary contributions as well.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the allocation of the Company's contribution and all earnings and losses on the participant's selected investments. Each account is also charged with fees and investment expenses for selected investments. The profit sharing is cross-tested with related plans to ensure contributions overall meet requirements. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the amount that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

A participant is 100 percent vested after three years of credited service based on a cliff vesting schedule.

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN – (Continued)

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct the investment of their contributions in a wide variety of mutual funds or a stable value fund.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Although the Plan does not provide for borrowing, participants who were formerly participants in another employer plan may have rolled over their account from that plan including an existing loan. Such loans continue to be repaid under the same terms. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates under the terms of the initial agreement. Interest rates on exiting loans are 5.75 percent. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination, death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, annual installments over a period not to exceed the participant's life expectancy (or the expectancy of the participant and his or her designated beneficiary), or an annuity

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeited non-vested accounts may be used to the extent necessary to restore previously forfeited benefits if necessary and then to reduce employer contributions. At year end, the balance in the forfeiture account was \$8,927 and \$72,066 for 2017 and 2016, respectively. During the year ended January 31, 2016 Plan management identified a problem in the forfeiture process and corrected and restored balances in December 2016. No additional forfeitures were calculated for the current year. In accordance with Plan provisions, the forfeiture balance is used to reduce employer contributions.

Amounts Allocated to Withdrawing Participants

Plan has provisions that allow automatic distributions to fully-vested terminated participants with account balances less than \$1,000 and with consent for those between \$1,000 and \$5,000. At January 31, 2017 and 2016 net assets available for benefits included approximately \$59,400 and \$4,000, respectively, for withdrawing participants which were distributed the following year.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Date of Management's Review

Subsequent events were evaluated through November 9, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Use of Estimates

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

Basis of Accounting

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

Accounting Principle Adopted – 2015/16

During 2016, the Plan adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-12, relating to the measurement of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts and investment disclosures. Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts are no longer required to be measured at fair value with an adjustment to the contract value on the statement of net assets available for benefits. Due to this policy being required to be implemented retrospectively, the investment contract is measured at contract value on the statement of net assets available for benefits, effective February 1, 2014.

The investment disclosures were previously required to include 1) the disaggregation of the fair value of investments by type and class, 2) investment appreciation (depreciation) in fair value by general type, and 3) individual investments with a value equal to or greater than 5% of net assets available for benefits. Due to this accounting principle being required to be implemented retrospectively, effective February 1, 2014 that information is excluded from the investment disclosures.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value, except for fully benefit responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. 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.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition – (Continued)

See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements. The Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisers and custodian.

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.

Investment in Common Collective Trust

The Plan offers as an investment option a stable value fund which is a collective investment trust that is invested entirely in a Met Life Group Annuity contract. The fund is recorded at the estimated contract value, as provided by Met Life.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participant notes receivable are reported at their unpaid principal balances, plus accrued but unpaid interest, if any. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of January 31, 2017 or 2016. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS

The January 31, 2017 and 2016 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits, the investment activities included on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years then ended, and the accompanying notes to the financial statements were prepared in part or entirely from information certified by the Trustee in accordance

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NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS – (Continued)

with 29 CFR2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The information certified includes total investments of \$7,041,170 and \$6,511,544 and participant notes receivable (exclusive of accrued interest) of \$35,095 and \$36,532 at January 31, 2017 and 2016 respectively, and related cash-basis investment income (loss) of \$828,974 and interest on participant notes receivable of \$2,070 for the year ended January 31, 2017.

During 2017 the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value by \$660,598 as follows:

	<u>2017</u>
Mutual Funds (fair value)	\$ 635,443
Common/Collective Trust (contract value)	25,155

NOTE 4 - 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).

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.

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NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – (Continued)

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

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

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

Assets measured at net asset value or at fair value on a recurring basis as of January 31, 2017 and 2016:

	2017	2016
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 1</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 6,583,631	\$ 5,108,231

The preceding method 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 5 - STABLE VALUE FUND

The Plan offers as an investment option a stable value fund. The fund is a collective investment trust: The Reliance Trust Stable Value Fund, a common collective trust invested entirely in a Met Life Group Annuity Contract. This fund seeks to provide a stable rate of return with preservation of principal and liquidity as primary objectives, by investing primarily in investment contracts issued by insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions.

Because the stable value fund is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the fund. The fund is presented on the statements of net assets available for benefits at contract value. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Reliance, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less withdrawals and administrative

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NOTE 5 - STABLE VALUE FUND – (Continued)

expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The crediting interest rate is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer. Such interest rates are reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The average yield and crediting interest rates for funds held at year end and were as follows:

	<u>2017</u>
Average yield	3.24%
Crediting interest rate	2.43%

Certain events, such as premature termination of underlying contracts by the fund or termination of the Plan, could limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with the fund. The fund and plan administrator believe the occurrence of such event that would also limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with plan participants is not probable.

NOTE 6 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

NOTE 7 - PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of the Plan termination, participants will become 100 percent vested in their accounts.

NOTE 8 - 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 requirements 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.

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NOTE 8 - TAX STATUS – (Continued)

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 9 - 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 recordkeeper for the Plan is Schwab Retirement Plan Services, Inc., an affiliate of Charles Schwab Bank which is a trustee with respect to the Plan. Charles Schwab Bank and related affiliate(s) may receive indirect compensation from mutual fund companies.

NOTE 10 - RECONCILIATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO FORM 5500

Net Assets Available for Benefits per both the financial statements and Schedule H of Form 5500 at January 31, 2017 and 2016 were \$7,707,735 and \$7,093,258, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COHEN & COMPANY**401(K) PROFIT SHARING 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: 003

(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
*	PARTICIPANT LOANS	Loans, 5.75%	0	35,095
	COHEN & STEERS REAL ESTATE	Registered Investment Company		73,498
	EDGEWOOD GROWTH INSTL	Registered Investment Company		318,772
	FIRST EAGLE OVERSEAS I	Registered Investment Company		240,286
	GABELLI GOLD I	Registered Investment Company		28,726
	GOLDMAN SACHS SM-CAP VAL INSTL	Registered Investment Company		53,358
	HARBOR INTERNATIONAL FUND	Registered Investment Company		220,642
	JHANCOCK2 LIFESTYLE AGGRESSIVE	Registered Investment Company		2,586
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Form 5500Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceDepartment 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****Part I Annual Report Identification Information**For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning **02/01/2016** and ending **01/31/2017**

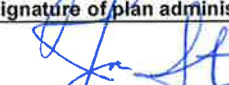
- A** This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
- B** This return/report is: ☐ the first 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 COHEN & COMPANY 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
	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		11/10/17	JIM STOBE SIGN & DATE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		11/10/17	JIM STOBE SIGN & DATE
	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	5 171
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) 143 6a(2) 211 6b 0 6c 32 6d 243 6e 0 6f 243 6g 243 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:

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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)

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 _____

COHEN & COMPANY**401(K) PROFIT SHARING 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: 003

(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
*	PARTICIPANT LOANS	Loans, 5.75%	0	35,095
	COHEN & STEERS REAL ESTATE	Registered Investment Company		73,498
	EDGEWOOD GROWTH INSTL	Registered Investment Company		318,772
	FIRST EAGLE OVERSEAS I	Registered Investment Company		240,286
	GABELLI GOLD I	Registered Investment Company		28,726
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