

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 2017 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2017</u> and ending <u>12/31/2017</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>NORDSON CORPORATION UNION EMPLOYEES STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	021	
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>NORDSON CORPORATION</u> <u>28601 CLEMENS ROAD</u> <u>WESTLAKE, OH 44145</u>		1c Effective date of plan <u>12/31/2006</u>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>34-0590250</u>
		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>440-892-1580</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>333200</u>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/03/2018	KATHLEEN KENNEDY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/03/2018	RAYMOND L. CUSHING
	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

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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 or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 169
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) 71
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2) 63
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	6b
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c 51
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c	6d 114
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	6e 8
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f 122
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g 122
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6h 0
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: 2H 2J 2K 2O	
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 2017 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2017 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 H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2017 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2017</u> and ending <u>12/31/2017</u>		
A Name of plan <u>NORDSON CORPORATION UNION EMPLOYEES STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>021</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NORDSON CORPORATION</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>34-0590250</u>	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.				
	Assets			
a	Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b	Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
	(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
	(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
	(3) Other.....	1b(3)	32115	32812
c	General investments:			
	(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	88755	84236
	(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)	34413	0
	(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) 13318809	15851314
(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 13474092	15968362
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	
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l 13474092	15968362

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)	
	(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)	
b	Earnings on investments:		
(1)	Interest:		
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A) 237	
	(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)	237
(2)	Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B) 130385	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)	130385
(3)	Rents	2b(3)	
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A) 3621056	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B) 512488	
	(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)	3108568
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B) 768263	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	768263

		(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		133
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		4007586

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	1243175	
(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)		1243175
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)	642	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		642
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		1243817

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2763769
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		269499

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: MEADEN & MOORE, LTD.

(2) EIN: 34-1818258

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		10000000
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			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

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)
NORDSON HOURLY-RATED EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS TRUST PLAN	34-0590250	015

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.)

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 2017 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017		
A Name of plan NORDSON CORPORATION UNION EMPLOYEES STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 021
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORDSON CORPORATION		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0590250
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions		1
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): 80-0709115		
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.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month Day Year If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?		☐ Yes ☒ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?		☐ Yes ☒ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)		☐ Yes ☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?		☐ Yes ☒ No
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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 _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%
- b** Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more
- c** What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

NORDSON CORPORATION
UNION EMPLOYEES STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 31, 2017 and 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Retirement Committee and Participants
Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan
Westlake, Ohio

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 entity'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 entity'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 net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in net assets available for benefits of the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at End of Year as of December 31, 2017 and Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2017 are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements, but are supplementary 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 blue ink that reads "Meaden & Moore, Ltd." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meaden & Moore, Ltd.
Cleveland, Ohio

August 24, 2018

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

	December 31	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
Receivables:		
Dividends	\$ 32,812	\$ 32,115
Investments - at Fair Value:		
Nordson Corporation Common Stock	15,851,314	13,318,809
Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund (Institutional Class)	-	34,413
Wells Fargo Advantage Government Money Market Fund	<u>84,236</u>	<u>88,755</u>
Total Investments	<u>15,935,550</u>	<u>13,441,977</u>
Total Assets	15,968,362	13,474,092
LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 15,968,362</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,474,092</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

	Year Ended December 31 2017	2016
Investment Income:		
Interest and dividend income	\$ 130,113	\$ 128,430
Net unrealized/realized appreciation	<u>3,876,831</u>	<u>5,978,191</u>
Net Investment Income	4,006,944	6,106,621
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	<u>1,243,175</u>	<u>1,198,565</u>
NET INCREASE BEFORE TRANSFERS	2,763,769	4,908,056
Transfers to Another Plan:		
Nordson Hourly-Rated Employees' Savings Trust Plan	<u>(269,499)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCREASE	2,494,270	4,908,056
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:		
Beginning of the Year	<u>13,474,092</u>	<u>8,566,036</u>
End of the Year	<u>\$ 15,968,362</u>	<u>\$ 13,474,092</u>

See accompanying notes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

1 Description of Plan

The following description of the Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General:

The Plan is a non-contributory, defined contribution plan covering certain hourly employees of Nordson Corporation ("Company") covered by a collective bargaining agreement. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Effective October 28, 1988, an employee stock ownership plan and trust was established for the benefit of eligible employees. Effective October 1, 2000, the stock ownership plan was merged into the Nordson Hourly-Rated Employees' Savings Trust Plan and an ESOP feature was created under that plan. Effective December 31, 2006, the ESOP feature was spun off into a separate plan, the Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan.

The Plan was restated, effective January 1, 2016, to incorporate all prior amendments and to state the terms of the related trust in a separate agreement.

Effective October 1, 2017, the nonforfeitable balance of a participant's distribution accounts of \$1,000 or less will be distributed in a single sum payment, as soon as reasonably practicable, following the participant's settlement date.

Effective November 30, 2017, participation in the Plan was closed to new participants.

Eligibility:

Certain hourly employees of the Company who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement are eligible upon completion of one hour of service. All persons who were participants in the Nordson Hourly-Rated Employees' Savings Trust Plan on December 30, 2006 and had, on that date, a separate ESOP account under that plan, became participants as of December 31, 2006.

Contributions:

The Company contribution for each Plan year shall be such amount, if any, as the Board of Directors of the Company shall determine by action specifying the amount of the contribution and the Plan year for which it is being made. The employer's contribution can be paid in either cash or Nordson Corporation common shares or partly in each. For 2017 and 2016, there were no contributions to the Plan.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

1 Description of Plan, Continued

Contributions, Continued:

Contributions are subject to limitations on annual additions and other limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in the Plan agreement.

Voting Rights:

Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his account, and is notified by the Trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. The Trustee is required to vote any unallocated shares and allocated shares for which instructions have not been received in the same proportions as it votes shares for which instructions were received.

Participants' Accounts:

Separate accounts are maintained for each participant. The participant account balances are adjusted for the employer contributions and forfeitures, which are allocated to each participant's account in the ratio that each participant's annual compensation bears to the aggregate annual compensation of all participants. If the employer makes a stock contribution, each participant will receive at least one share of Nordson Corporation common stock. Participant accounts are also adjusted for the change in fair value and earnings of assets.

Vesting:

Participants vest in their separate accounts 20% for each full year of service.

Forfeitures:

Forfeitures due to termination from the Plan before a participant is 100% vested shall be allocated to remaining participants. Forfeitures allocated were \$58 (2017) and \$3,093 (2016). Forfeitures available to be allocated were \$44 (2017) and \$58 (2016).

Payment of Benefits:

If the employment of a participant is terminated for any cause other than death or total disability prior to the attainment of the age of 55 years, any lump sum or rollover distribution will be based on the vested portion of the participant's account balance. Any portion not vested at the time of termination (other than due to death, permanent disability or attainment of age 55) shall be forfeited.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

1 Description of Plan, Continued

Payment of Benefits, Continued:

Upon retirement after age 55, or death or disability, if earlier, or termination of employment in the case of vested benefits, the balance in the separate account is paid to the participant or his beneficiaries in a lump sum payment. Participants who have reached age 70 1/2 are subject to the required minimum distribution rules. The participant or his beneficiaries may elect to receive the distribution in cash or common shares of Nordson Corporation. Until distribution, each account shall be eligible to participate in the allocation of dividends and earnings.

Participants can also elect to have cash dividends distributed when received by the Plan rather than reinvested in their separate accounts.

Diversification:

An employee who has participated under the Plan for 10 or more years and who has attained age 55 may elect, during his qualified period, to transfer up to 25% of the aggregate balance of his separate account to the Nordson Hourly-Rated Employees' Savings Trust Plan. For the last Plan year in his qualified period, he may elect to transfer up to 50% of the aggregate balance of his separate account. The qualified period is the six Plan year period beginning with the Plan year following the Plan year in which the participant attains age 55 or completes 10 years as a participant, whichever is later.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting:

The Plan's transactions are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment Valuation:

Investments in equity securities traded on a national exchange and mutual funds are valued at the market price on the last business day of the Plan year.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Use of Estimates:

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

Administrative Expenses:

Certain legal, accounting and administrative expenses are paid by the Company.

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 terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

Risks and Uncertainties:

The Plan's investments include investments in common stock, mutual funds and money market funds. 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.

Subsequent Events:

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through August 24, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

3 Tax Status

On September 7, 2016, the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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 uncertain tax positions that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by applicable taxing authorities. The Plan Administrator has analyzed tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2017, there were no uncertain tax positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions. However, currently no audits for any tax periods are in progress.

4 Fair Value Measurements

Accounting guidance defines fair value as the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When determining the fair value measurements for assets and liabilities required to be reported at fair value, the Plan considers the principal or most advantageous market in which it would transact and considers assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, such as inherent risk, transfer restrictions and risk of nonperformance.

The guidance also establishes a fair value hierarchy that requires the Plan to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The three levels of inputs may be used to measure fair value are described as follows:

- * Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- * Level 2: Inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

4 Fair Value Measurements, Continued

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of 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.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used to measure fair value of assets held in the Plan. There have been no changes in methodologies used at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Mutual Fund: The mutual fund is a public investment vehicle valued using the net asset value ("NAV") provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund. The NAV is a quoted price in an active market, thus the mutual fund is classified within Level 1 of the hierarchy.

Money Market Fund: The money market fund is a public investment vehicle that is valued with a NAV of \$1. This NAV is a quoted price in an active market, thus this investment is classified within Level 1 of the hierarchy.

Nordson Corporation Common Stock: The stock is valued at the closing price reported on the NASDAQ stock exchange and is classified within Level 1 of the hierarchy.

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis consisted of the following types of instruments as of December 31, 2017:

Fair Value Measurements Using Input Type:				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money Market Fund	\$ 84,236	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,236
Nordson Corporation Common Stock	<u>15,851,314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,851,314</u>
Total Investments Measured at Fair Value	<u>\$ 15,935,550</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 15,935,550</u>

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis consisted of the following types of instruments as of December 31, 2016:

Fair Value Measurements Using Input Type:				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money Market Fund	\$ 88,755	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,755
Mutual Fund	34,413	-	-	34,413
Nordson Corporation Common Stock	<u>13,318,809</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,318,809</u>
Total Investments Measured at Fair Value	<u>\$ 13,441,977</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 13,441,977</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nordson Corporation Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

5 Administration of Plan Assets

The Plan's assets, which consist principally of the common stock of the Company, are held by the Trustee of the Plan. Company contributions are held and managed by the Trustee, which invests cash received, interest and dividend income and makes distributions to participants.

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

6 Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain legal, accounting and administrative expenses are paid by the Company. The Plan also invests in the common stock of the Company.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR
Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i

Nordson Corporation
Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

EIN 34-0590250
Plan Number 021

December 31, 2017

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Nordson Corporation Common Stock	108,274 Shares, Common Stock	\$ 3,400,328	\$ 15,851,314
	Wells Fargo Advantage Government Money Market Fund	84,236 Shares, Money Market Fund	<u>84,236</u>	<u>84,236</u>
			<u>\$ 3,484,564</u>	<u>\$ 15,935,550</u>
*	Party-in-interest to the Plan.			

SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS
Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4j

Nordson Corporation
Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

EIN 34-0590250
Plan Number 021

December 31, 2017

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(e) Lease Rental	(f) Expense Incurred with Transaction	(g) Cost of Asset	(h) Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	(i) Net Gain (Loss)
Category (i)	Single transaction in excess of 5% of plan assets							
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Nordson Corporation Common Stock	<u>\$ 2,306,729</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,306,729</u>	<u>\$ 2,306,729</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Nordson Corporation Common Stock	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,544,330</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 258,086</u>	<u>\$ 2,544,330</u>	<u>\$ 2,286,244</u>
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Wells Fargo Advantage Government Money Market Fund	<u>\$ 2,543,859</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,543,859</u>	<u>\$ 2,543,859</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Wells Fargo Advantage Government Money Market Fund	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,306,729</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,306,729</u>	<u>\$ 2,306,729</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Category (iii)	Series of transactions of the same issue in excess of 5% of plan assets							
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Nordson Corporation Common Stock	<u>\$ 2,464,023</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,464,023</u>	<u>\$ 2,464,023</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Nordson Corporation Common Stock	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,509,560</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 408,317</u>	<u>\$ 3,509,560</u>	<u>\$ 3,101,243</u>
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Wells Fargo Advantage Government Money Market Fund	<u>\$ 3,449,071</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,449,071</u>	<u>\$ 3,449,071</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Wells Fargo Advantage Government Money Market Fund	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,453,941</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,453,941</u>	<u>\$ 3,453,941</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR
Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i

Nordson Corporation
Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

EIN 34-0590250
Plan Number 021

December 31, 2017

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* Party-in-interest to the Plan.

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**2017****This Form is Open to
Public Inspection****Part I Annual Report Identification Information**For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2017** and ending **12/31/2017**

- 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 instr.)
- B** This return/report is: ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
- ☐ 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
**NORDSON CORPORATION UNION EMPLOYEES
STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

1b Three-digit
plan number (PN) ► **021**

1c Effective date of plan
12/31/2006

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)
NORDSON CORPORATION

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
34-0590250

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
440-892-1580

2d Business code (see instructions)
333200

28601 CLEMENS ROAD**WESTLAKE****OH 44145****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	<i>Kathleen Kennedy</i>	<i>10/3/18</i>	<i>Kathleen Kennedy</i>
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	<i>Raymond L. Cushing</i>	<i>10/3/18</i>	<i>Raymond L. Cushing</i>
	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

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**Form 5500 (2017)
v. 170203**

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 or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:**a** Sponsor's name**c** Plan Name**4b** EIN**4d** PN**5** Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year**5**

169

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)**

71

a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year**6a(2)**

63

b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits**6b****c** Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits**6c**

51

d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c**6d**

114

e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits**6e**

8

f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e**6f**

122

g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)**6g**

122

h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested**6h**

0

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:

2H 2J 2K 2O

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 2017 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2017 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 OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS
Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4j

Nordson Corporation
Union Employees Stock Ownership Plan

EIN 34-0590250
Plan Number 021

December 31, 2017

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(e) Lease Rental	(f) Expense Incurred with Transaction	(g) Cost of Asset	(h) Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	(i) Net Gain (Loss)
Category (i)	Single transaction in excess of 5% of plan assets							
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Nordson Corporation Common Stock	<u>\$ 2,306,729</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,306,729</u>	<u>\$ 2,306,729</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Nordson Corporation Common Stock	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,544,330</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 258,086</u>	<u>\$ 2,544,330</u>	<u>\$ 2,286,244</u>
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Wells Fargo Advantage Government Money Market Fund	<u>\$ 2,543,859</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,543,859</u>	<u>\$ 2,543,859</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Wells Fargo Advantage Government Money Market Fund	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,306,729</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,306,729</u>	<u>\$ 2,306,729</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Category (iii)	Series of transactions of the same issue in excess of 5% of plan assets							
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Nordson Corporation Common Stock	<u>\$ 2,464,023</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,464,023</u>	<u>\$ 2,464,023</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Nordson Corporation Common Stock	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,509,560</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 408,317</u>	<u>\$ 3,509,560</u>	<u>\$ 3,101,243</u>
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Wells Fargo Advantage Government Money Market Fund	<u>\$ 3,449,071</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,449,071</u>	<u>\$ 3,449,071</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
John Hancock Trust Company LLC	Wells Fargo Advantage Government Money Market Fund	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,453,941</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,453,941</u>	<u>\$ 3,453,941</u>	<u>\$ -</u>