# 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**

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## 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 instructions.)
- [X] 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:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

## Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

**1a** Name of plan
SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**1c** Effective date of plan 04/01/1992

**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)
SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

1777 BOTELHO DR, SUITE 300
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596-0000

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number
925-945-0900

**2d** Business code (see instructions)
531110

**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.

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| **SIGN HERE** | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/12/2018 | MELINDA PEDERSEN |
| | **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 |

**3a** Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor

SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

1777 BOTELHO DR, SUITE 300
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596-0000

**3b** Administrator's EIN: 94-2223344

**3c** Administrator's telephone number: 925-945-0900

**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

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| **5** Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | **5** | 406 |
| **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)** | 345 |
| **a(2)** Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | **6a(2)** | 347 |
| **b** Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | **6b** | 0 |
| **c** Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | **6c** | 61 |
| **d** Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c** | **6d** | 408 |
| **e** Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. | **6e** | 0 |
| **f** Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**. | **6f** | 408 |
| **g** Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g** | 372 |
| **h** Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested | **6h** | 91 |
| **7** Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | **7** | |

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 3D 3H

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

**9a** Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

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| **(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)

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| **(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**

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| **(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**

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| **(1)** | ☒ | | **H** (Financial Information) |
| **(2)** | ☐ | | **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan) |
| **(3)** | ☐ | 0 | **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 C (Form 5500) | Service Provider Information | OMB No. 1210-0110 |
|---|---|---|
| Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br>▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.** | **2017**<br>**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
SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

## Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

### 1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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

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

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

CAMBRIDGE INVESTMENT

1776 PLEASANT PLAIN RD
FAIRFIELD, IN 52556

| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 27 | INVESTMENT ADVISOR | 27313 | Yes [ ] No [X] | Yes [ ] No [ ] | | Yes [ ] No [ ] |

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

CAPITAL RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT CO.

333 SOUTH HOPE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90071

| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | RECORDKEEPER | 23456 | Yes [X] No [ ] | Yes [X] No [ ] | 0 | Yes [X] No [ ] |

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

CALIFORNIA RETIREMENT PLANS, INC.

590 LENNON LANE, SUITE 100
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598

| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | CONTRACT ADMIN | 19843 | Yes [ ] No [X] | Yes [ ] No [ ] | | Yes [ ] No [ ] |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

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

(complete as many entries as needed)

**a** Name: SHEA LABAGH DOBBERSTEIN
**b** EIN: 94-2290202
**c** Position: AUDITOR
**d** Address: 505 MONTGOMERY STREET, 5TH FLOOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111
**e** Telephone: 415-397-4444

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

# SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

## DFE/Participating Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2017**

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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

**A** Name of plan
SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

**Part I** **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RELIANCEMETLIFE GAC SERIES 25157 CL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): RELIANCE METLIFE STABLE VALUE

| **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) |
|---|---|---|
| 46-6625485-002 | C | 414817 |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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**a** Plan name

| **b** Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN |
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# 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).

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OMB No. 1210-0110

**2017**

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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

**A** Name of plan
SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(K) PLAN

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SEQUOIA EQUITIES INC.

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

## Part I Asset and Liability Statement

**1** Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

| Assets | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **a** Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | | |
| **b** Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| **(1)** Employer contributions | 1b(1) | 90 | 186 |
| **(2)** Participant contributions | 1b(2) | 158 | 592 |
| **(3)** Other | 1b(3) | 16044 | 0 |
| **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) | 105417 | 236512 |
| **(9)** Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | 6035 | 414817 |
| **(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) | 5992097 | 7519202 |
| **(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 | 6119841 | 8171309 |
| | **Liabilities** | | | |
| **g** | Benefit claims payable | 1g | | |
| **h** | Operating payables | 1h | | |
| **i** | Acquisition indebtedness | 1i | | |
| **j** | Other liabilities | 1j | | |
| **k** | Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j) | 1k | 0 | 0 |
| | **Net Assets** | | | |
| **l** | Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) | 1l | 6119841 | 8171309 |

## Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

| | Income | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **a** | **Contributions:** | | | |
| | **(1)** Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers | 2a(1)(A) | 283456 | |
| | **(B)** Participants | 2a(1)(B) | 1008236 | |
| | **(C)** Others (including rollovers) | 2a(1)(C) | 80783 | |
| | **(2)** Noncash contributions | 2a(2) | | |
| | **(3)** Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)** | 2a(3) | | 1372475 |
| **b** | **Earnings on investments:** | | | |
| | **(1)** Interest: | | | |
| | **(A)** Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) | 2b(1)(A) | | |
| | **(B)** U.S. Government securities | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| | **(C)** Corporate debt instruments | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| | **(D)** Loans (other than to participants) | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| | **(E)** Participant loans | 2b(1)(E) | 8983 | |
| | **(F)** Other | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| | **(G)** Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)** | 2b(1)(G) | | 8983 |
| | **(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) | 297268 | |
| | **(D)** Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)** | 2b(2)(D) | | 297268 |
| | **(3)** Rents | 2b(3) | | |
| | **(4)** Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| | **(B)** Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| | **(C)** Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result | 2b(4)(C) | | 0 |
| | **(5)** Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| | **(B)** Other | 2b(5)(B) | | |
| | **(C)** Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)** | 2b(5)(C) | | 0 |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | 964351 |
| c Other income | 2c | | 3182 |
| d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | 2646259 |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 495096 | |
| (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) | | 495096 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | 258 |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) | 2g | | 1236 |
| h Interest expense | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees | 2i(1) | 19843 | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 51045 | |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees | 2i(3) | 27313 | |
| (4) Other | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)** | 2i(5) | | 98201 |
| j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 594791 |
| **Net Income and Reconciliation** | | | |
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d** | 2k | | 2051468 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | |

## Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

**(1)** Name: ARMANINO LLP **(2)** EIN: 94-6214841

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

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

## Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

| | | Yes | No | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **a** Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) | 4a | X | | 22833 |
| **b** Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) | 4b | | X | |

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

**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) |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

**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).

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## Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): 20-3691658

**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**

## Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: 0.0% 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):

# Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016
And for the Year Ended December 31, 2017

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator
Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan
Walnut Creek, California

## Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying 2017 financial statements of Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2017, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

## 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 Capital Bank and Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the custodian holds the Plan's investment and notes receivable from participants assets and executes investment and notes receivable from participants transactions. The plan administrator has obtained certifications from the custodian as of and for the year then ended December 31, 2017, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the custodian is complete and accurate.

**Disclaimer of Opinion**

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

**Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules**

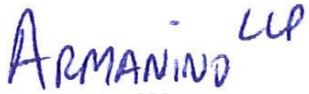
The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Part IV, Item 4(a) - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions and Schedule H, Part IV, Item 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2017 are required by the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedules referred to above.

**Other Matter - 2016 Financial Statements**

The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2016 were audited by predecessor auditors. 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 (ERISA), the plan administrator instructed the predecessor auditors not to perform, and they did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by Capital Bank and Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan. Their report, dated September 15, 2017, indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that they did not audit, they were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, they did not express an opinion on the financial statements and (b) the form and content of the information included in the financial statements other than that derived from the information certified by the custodian, were presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

**Report on Form and Content in Compliance With DOL Rules and Regulations**

The form and content of the information included in the 2017 financial statements and supplemental schedules, other than that derived from the information certified by the custodian, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.



Armanino LLP
San Ramon, California

October 12, 2018

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2017 and 2016

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|---|---|---|
| Investments at fair value | $ 7,934,019 | $ 5,998,132 |
| Receivables | | |
| Notes receivable from participants | 236,512 | 105,417 |
| Employee contributions | 592 | 158 |
| Employer contributions | 186 | 90 |
| Other | - | 16,044 |
| Total receivables | 237,290 | 121,709 |
| Net assets available for benefits | $ 8,171,309 | $ 6,119,841 |

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

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

| | |
|---|---|
| Additions to net assets | |
| Contributions | |
| Participant | $1,008,236 |
| Employer | 283,456 |
| Rollovers | 80,783 |
| Total contributions | 1,372,475 |
| Investment income | |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | 964,351 |
| Interest and dividends | 297,268 |
| Other income | 3,182 |
| Total investment income | 1,264,801 |
| Interest income from notes receivable from participants | 8,983 |
| Total additions to net assets | 2,646,259 |
| Deductions from net assets attributed to | |
| Benefits paid to participants | 496,590 |
| Administrative expenses | 98,201 |
| Total deductions from net assets | 594,791 |
| Net increase in net assets available for benefits | 2,051,468 |
| Net assets available for benefits, at beginning of the year | 6,119,841 |
| Net assets available for benefits, at end of the year | $8,171,309 |

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

## 1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

### General

The Plan, a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Sequoia Equities, Inc. ("Sequoia") and Sequoia Property Services, Inc. (hereinafter together referred to as the "Company"), pursuant to Section 401(a) and related provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"), was established effective April 1, 1992 and was restated effective January 1, 2016. The Plan is designed to provide participants with a means to defer a portion of their compensation for retirement and to provide benefits in the event of disability, death, termination or financial hardship. The Plan covers all employees of the Company who meet certain eligibility requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") and subsequent amendments.

### Plan administration

Sequoia is the administrator of the Plan and, as such, carries out duties imposed by ERISA. Sequoia has delegated certain responsibilities for the operation and administration of the Plan. Custodial and recordkeeping services are provided by Capital Bank and Trust Company and California Retirement Plans provides third party administrative services. Significant administrative expenses of the Plan, including recordkeeping and audit fees, were paid directly by Sequoia for the year ended December 31, 2017. Investment fees, which may vary according to the individual investment funds selected, and certain other administrative expenses are paid out of the assets of the Plan. Participants should refer to the prospectus of the individual investment funds for further details on individual investment fees.

### Eligibility

Most employees of the Company are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the quarter after reaching the age of 21 and completing 3 months of service, as defined by the Plan. Excluded employees, described as employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, leased employees, or non-resident aliens with no U.S. source income, and employees classified by the Company as temporary or casual employees as defined by the Plan who are scheduled to work less than 1,000 hours in a year are not eligible to participate.

1. Description of Plan (continued)

Participant contributions

Eligible participants are automatically enrolled into the Plan with a pretax contribution rate of 3% unless the participant makes a contrary election or opts out of the Plan. Participants may elect to contribute through payroll deductions amounts up to 100% of their annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, on a tax-deferred basis, up to a maximum amount allowed by the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Maximum allowed deferral amounts were $18,000 for 2017. Participants over the age of 50 may also contribute an additional $6,000 catch up contribution to the Plan for 2017. Participants may also make rollover contributions of amounts representing distributions from other qualified retirement plans.

Participants direct the investment of all their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Employer contributions

The Company has the option to make discretionary matching and profit sharing contributions. For 2017, discretionary matching contributions amounted to $283,456. No discretionary profit sharing contributions were made by the Company for 2017.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution or rollovers and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution and (b) Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary matching and other discretionary contributions, plus earnings thereon, is based on years of continuous service, as defined by the Plan. Participants are 100% vested after 5 years of credited service. In the event of death or disability, participants are immediately vested in all Company contributions.

1. Description of Plan (continued)

Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the remaining vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a fixed rate equal to the prime rate at the time the loan is taken plus 2 percent. Loan terms are generally five years or less, but may exceed five years if the purpose of the loan is to purchase a principal residence. A participant may have one loan outstanding at any given time. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. Loans outstanding during 2017 bear interest at rates that range from 5.25% to 6.25%.

Payment of benefits

Distributions and withdrawals are payable upon retirement, termination, financial hardship, disability or death. If a participant's account balance is equal to or less than $5,000, the balance is distributed immediately in a lump-sum cash payment unless a direct rollover into another qualified benefit plan is requested. If the account balance is over $5,000, the participant can consent to a distribution paid in the form of a lump-sum cash payment or a direct rollover into another qualified plan or postpone payment to a later date and remain in the Plan as described in the Plan documents.

Forfeitures

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled $37,722 and $6,035, respectively. Forfeitures are retained in the Plan and will be used to reduce employer contributions and to pay administrative expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2017, forfeitures $10,747 were used to pay administrative expenses, respectively.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and in accordance with the provisions of ERISA.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Use of estimates

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

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reported at fair 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. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants are recorded when it is earned. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2017 and 2016. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

## 3. Information Prepared and Certified by Custodian

In accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, Capital Bank and Trust Company has certified information regarding the cost and fair value of all investment and notes receivable from participants assets held at December 2017 and 2016, and investment and notes receivable from participants transactions entered into during 2017. This information was used in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules.

## 4. Fair Value Measurements

The Plan 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. Accounting guidance establishes 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 measurements involving significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1: inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan has the ability to access at the measurement date.

- 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 for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

- Level 3: inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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

4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

*Collective Trust Funds:* Valued at the NAV of units held by the Plan. The NAV, as provided by the custodian, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV.

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

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis consisted of the following types of instruments as of December 31, 2017 and 2016:

| Fair Value Measurements Using Input Type | December 31,2017 Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mutual funds | $7,519,203 | $ - | $ - | $7,519,203 |
| Total assets in the fair value hierarchy | $7,519,203 | $ - | $ - | 7,519,203 |
| Investments measured at net asset value (*) | | | | 414,817 |
| Total investments measured at fair value | | | | $7,934,020 |

| Fair Value Measurements Using Input Type | December 31,2016 Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mutual funds | $5,615,506 | $ - | $ - | $5,615,506 |
| Total assets in the fair value hierarchy | $5,615,506 | $ - | $ - | 5,615,506 |
| Investments measured at net asset value (*) | | | | 382,626 |
| Total investments measured at fair value | | | | $5,998,132 |

* In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Investments measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on net asset value (NAVs) per share as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

| December 31, 2017 | Fair Value | Unfunded Commitments | Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible) | Redemption Notice Period |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Collective trust fund | $414,817 | N/A | Daily | N/A |

| December 31, 2016 | Fair Value | Unfunded Commitments | Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible) | Redemption Notice Period |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Collective trust fund | $382,626 | N/A | Daily | N/A |

5. Income Tax Status

The Company has adopted the California Retirement Plans Inc. Volume Submitter Profit Sharing Plan. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has informed California Retirement Plans Inc. by a letter dated March 31, 2014, that its volume submitter plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC, and that any employer adopting this form of volume submitter plan will be considered to have a plan qualified under applicable sections of the IRC.

Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the Plan's management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon an examination by the Internal Revenue Service. No uncertain positions have been identified that would require the recognition of a tax liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

## 6. 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 Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts. Benefits will be held in the trust which will remain in existence until the Company requests the discontinuance of the trust agreement.

## 7. Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are managed by American Funds, an affiliate of Capital Bank and Trust Company. Capital Bank and Trust Company is the Plan's custodian, as defined by the Plan, and therefore, these investments qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions specifically exempted from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

## 8. Subsequent Events

In 2018, the Plan terminated its contract with Capital Bank and Trust Company and entered into a contract with Principal Life Insurance Company. As a result, all assets of the Plan were transferred from Capital Bank and Trust Company to Principal Life Insurance Company. Principal Life Insurance Company is the custodian of the Plan effective May 1, 2018.

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 12, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No other subsequent events have occurred that would have a material impact on the presentation of the Plan's financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN
EIN: 94-2223344; Plan No. 001
Schedule H, Part IV, Item 4(a) - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
December 31, 2017

| Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan | Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions | | | Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ 22,833 | | | |
| Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: ☑ | Contributions Not Corrected | Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP<br>$ 22,833 | Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP | |

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN
Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN: 94-2223344; Plan No. 001
December 31, 2017

| (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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| * | American Funds 2015 Target Date Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | $ 18,089 |
| * | American Funds 2020 Target Date Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 48,735 |
| * | American Funds 2025 Target Date Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 169,929 |
| * | American Funds 2030 Target Date Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 371,372 |
| * | American Funds 2035 Target Date Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 321,930 |
| * | American Funds 2040 Target Date Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 367,440 |
| * | American Funds 2045 Target Date Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 551,677 |
| * | American Funds 2050 Target Date Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 431,692 |
| * | American Funds 2055 Target Date Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 234,309 |
| * | American Funds 2060 Target Date Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 39,751 |
| * | American Funds Amcap Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 893,905 |
| * | American Funds American Balanced Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 826,027 |
| * | American Funds American Mutual Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 556,714 |
| * | American Funds Capital Income Builder Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 552,526 |
| * | American Funds Capital World Growth & Income Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 572,065 |
| * | American Funds Europacific Growth Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 153,548 |
| * | American Funds New Perspective Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 184,077 |
| * | American Funds Small Cap World Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 194,721 |
| | DFA US Targeted Value Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 10,126 |
| | Fidelity Total Bond Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 48,652 |
| | Janus Henderson Enterprise Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 13,603 |
| | Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 84 |
| | Oppenheimer Developing Markets Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 2,779 |
| | Oppenheimer Discovery Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 2,607 |
| | Pimco Income Institutional Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 17,171 |
| | T. Rowe Price International Value Equity Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 10,582 |
| | T. Rowe Price Real Estate Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 21,323 |
| | Vanguard 500 Index Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 57,296 |
| | Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 1,274 |
| | Vanguard Selected Value Inv Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 787 |
| | Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 4,275 |
| | Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 88,652 |
| | Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 751,484 |
| | Reliance MetLife GAC Series 25157 Class 0 | Collective Trust Fund | ** | 414,817 |
| | | Total investments at fair value | | $ 7,934,019 |
| * | Participant loans | Interest rate 5.25% - 6.25% | $ - | $ 236,512 |

* Indicates a party-in-interest
** Cost information not presented as all investments are participant directed.

# 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**

## 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 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
Sequoia Equities 401(k) Plan

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**1c** Effective date of plan 04/01/1992

**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)

Sequoia Equities Inc.

1777 Botelho Dr, Suite 300

Walnut Creek CA 94596-0000

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
94-2223344

**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number
925-945-0900

**2d** Business code (see instructions)
531110

**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** | Melinda Pedersen | 10/12/18 | Melinda Pedersen |
| | **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 |

**3a** Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor

Sequoia Equities Inc.

1777 Botelho Dr, Suite 300

Walnut Creek CA 94596-0000

**3b** Administrator's EIN: 94-2223344

**3c** Administrator's telephone number: 925-945-0900

**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** | 406 |
| **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)** | 345 |
| **a(2)** Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | **6a(2)** | 347 |
| **b** Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | **6b** | 0 |
| **c** Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | **6c** | 61 |
| **d** Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c** | **6d** | 408 |
| **e** Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits | **6e** | 0 |
| **f** Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e** | **6f** | 408 |
| **g** Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g** | 372 |
| **h** Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested | **6h** | 91 |
| **7** Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | **7** | |

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 3D 3H

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

**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_____

SEQUOIA EQUITIES 401(k) PLAN
Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN: 94-2223344; Plan No. 001
December 31, 2017

| (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 |
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| * | American Funds American Balanced Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 826,027 |
| * | American Funds American Mutual Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 556,714 |
| * | American Funds Capital Income Builder Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 552,526 |
| * | American Funds Capital World Growth & Income Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 572,065 |
| * | American Funds Europacific Growth Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 153,548 |
| * | American Funds New Perspective Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 184,077 |
| * | American Funds Small Cap World Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 194,721 |
| | DFA US Targeted Value Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 10,126 |
| | Fidelity Total Bond Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 48,652 |
| | Janus Henderson Enterprise Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 13,603 |
| | Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 84 |
| | Oppenheimer Developing Markets Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 2,779 |
| | Oppenheimer Discovery Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 2,607 |
| | Pimco Income Institutional Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 17,171 |
| | T. Rowe Price International Value Equity Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 10,582 |
| | T. Rowe Price Real Estate Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 21,323 |
| | Vanguard 500 Index Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 57,296 |
| | Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 1,274 |
| | Vanguard Selected Value Inv Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 787 |
| | Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 4,275 |
| | Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 88,652 |
| | Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund | Mutual Fund | ** | 751,484 |
| | Reliance MetLife GAC Series 25157 Class 0 | Collective Trust Fund | ** | 414,817 |
| | | Total investments at fair value | | $ 7,934,019 |
| * | Participant loans | Interest rate 5.25% - 6.25% | $ - | $ 236,512 |

* Indicates a party-in-interest
** Cost information not presented as all investments are participant directed.