Form 5500-SF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed 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-SF.**

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1210-0089

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For calendar plan year 2018 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2018 and ending 12/31/2018

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C Check box if filing under:
- [ ] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
MERLINOS & ASSOCIATES, INC. CASH BALANCE PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2014

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)
MERLINOS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

3274 MEDLOCK BRIDGE ROAD
NORCROSS, GA 30092

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-2512336

2c Sponsor's telephone number 770-453-9771

2d Business code (see instructions) 541990

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] 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

5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5a**	54
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year	**5b**	59
c Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**5c**	
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5d(1)**	50
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**5d(2)**	52
e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**5e**	0

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Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, 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.	07/19/2019	MICHAEL WILHELM
	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

6a Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) [X] Yes [ ] No

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If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 4132096. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	2727729	3245604
b Total plan liabilities	7b	20	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	2727709	3245604
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		**(a) Amount**	**(b) Total**
a Contributions received or receivable from: (1) Employers	8a(1)	666838	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	-117203	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		549635
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	2792	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	28948	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		31740
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		517895
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	0	

Part IV Plan Characteristics

9a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
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Part V Compliance Questions

10 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? (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		300000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e	X		28948
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11	Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and line 11a below)	[X] Yes [ ] No
11a	Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40	**11a** 0
12	Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.)	[ ] Yes [X] No
a	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 letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____	

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

b	Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	**12b**	
c	Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	**12c**	
d	Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	**12d**	
e	Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?		[ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a	Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?		[ ] Yes [X] No
	If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year	**13a**	
b	Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		[ ] Yes [X] No

c 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.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	**13c(2)** EIN(s)	**13c(3)** PN(s)

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)

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Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

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2018

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

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

A Name of plan
MERLINOS & ASSOCIATES, INC. CASH BALANCE PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
MERLINOS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
58-2512336

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [X] 100 or fewer [ ] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 12 Day 31 Year 2018

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	2569736
b Actuarial value	**2b**	2569736

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	7	886364	886364
c For active participants	52	1759678	1759678
d Total	59	2646042	2646042

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	**4a**	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	**4b**	
5 Effective interest rate	**5**	5.65 %
6 Target normal cost	**6**	605408

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

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

SIGN HERE

Signature of actuary — Date: 04/02/2019

JASON CAO
Type or print name of actuary

17-07282
Most recent enrollment number

PENSION SERVICES, INC.
Firm name

305-595-5500
Telephone number (including area code)

3150 SW 38 AVENUE, SUITE 900
MIAMI, FL 33146
Address of the firm

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

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 19.32 %	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		260824
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 5.79%		0
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		260824
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	97.11%
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	99.74%
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	128.18%
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage.	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
05/01/2018	100000	0			
06/13/2018	50000	0			
08/08/2018	100000	0			
10/03/2018	100000	0			
12/18/2018	100000	0			
03/21/2019	216838	0			
			Totals ► 18(b)	666838	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	673272

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

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

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

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	
3.92%	5.52%	6.29%	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	0
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	65

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)

Prior regulation: ☐ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute

Current regulation: ☒ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No

26 Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☒ Yes ☐ No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	**27**	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

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

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6)	**31a**	605408
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	0

32 Amortization installments:

	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	76306	12457
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	**33**	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	**34**	617865

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	617865
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	673272

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	55407
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	**38b**	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	**39**	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	**40**	0

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

41 If an election was made to use PRA 2010 funding relief for this plan:

a Schedule elected ☐ 2 plus 7 years ☐ 15 years

b Eligible plan year(s) for which the election in line 41a was made ☐ 2008 ☐ 2009 ☐ 2010 ☐ 2011

Schedule SB, line 26 - Schedule of Active Participant Data

YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE

Attained Age	Under 1		1 To 4		5 To 9		10 To 14		15 To 19		20 To 24		25 To 29		30 To 34		35 To 39		40 & Up	
	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp
Under 25	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	1	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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SIGN HERE	Michael Wilhelm	7/19/19	Michael Wilhelm
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Michael Wilhelm	7/19/19	Michael Wilhelm
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

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8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		**(a) Amount**	**(b) Total**
a Contributions received or receivable from: (1) Employers	8a(1)	666,838	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	-117,203	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		549,635
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	2,792	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	28,948	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		31,740
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		517,895
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	0	

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c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		300,000
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e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e	X		28,948
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
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b	Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	**12b**	
c	Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	**12c**	
d	Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	**12d**	
e	Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?		[ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a	Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?		[ ] Yes [X] No
	If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year	**13a**	
b	Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		[ ] Yes [X] No

c 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.

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	**13c(2)** EIN(s)	**13c(3)** PN(s)

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information

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▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

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2018

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For calendar plan year 2018 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2018 and ending 12/31/2018

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

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

A Name of plan
Merlinos & Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
Merlinos & Associates, Inc.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
58-2512336

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [X] 100 or fewer [ ] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 12 Day 31 Year 2018

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	2,569,736
b Actuarial value	**2b**	2,569,736

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	7	886,364	886,364
c For active participants	52	1,759,678	1,759,678
d Total	59	2,646,042	2,646,042

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	**4a**	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	**4b**	
5 Effective interest rate	**5**	5.65%
6 Target normal cost	**6**	605,408

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

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

SIGN HERE

Jason Cao — Signature of actuary

04/02/2019 — Date

Jason Cao — Type or print name of actuary

1707282 — Most recent enrollment number

Pension Services, Inc. — Firm name

305-595-5500 — Telephone number (including area code)

3150 SW 38 Avenue, Suite 900
Miami FL 33146
Address of the firm

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

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 19.32%	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		260,824
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 5.79%		0
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		260,824
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	97.11%
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	99.74%
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	128.18%
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage.	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
05/01/2018	100,000	0			
06/13/2018	50,000	0			
08/08/2018	100,000	0			
10/03/2018	100,000	0			
12/18/2018	100,000	0			
03/21/2019	216,838	0			
			Totals ► 18(b)	666,838	18(c) 0

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

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	673,272

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

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

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

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	
3.92 %	5.52 %	6.29%	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	0
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	65

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)

Prior regulation: ☐ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute

Current regulation: ☒ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No

26 Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☒ Yes ☐ No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	**27**	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

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

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6)	**31a**	605,408
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	0

32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	76,306	12,457
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	**33**	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	**34**	617,865

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	617,865
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	673,272
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)		
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	55,407
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	**38b**	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	**39**	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	**40**	0

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

41 If an election was made to use PRA 2010 funding relief for this plan:

a Schedule elected ☐ 2 plus 7 years ☐ 15 years

b Eligible plan year(s) for which the election in line 41a was made ☐ 2008 ☐ 2009 ☐ 2010 ☐ 2011

Attachment to 2018 Form 5500
Schedule SB, line 22 – Description of weighted average Retirement Age

Plan Name: Merlinos & Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan
Plan Sponsor's Name: Merlinos & Associates, Inc.

The weighted average retirement age is equal to the normal retirement age of 65

List the rate of retirement at each age and describe the methodology used to compute the weighted average retirement age, including a description of the weigh applied at each potential retirement age.
The weighted average retirement age is 65.

Schedule SB, line 32 - Schedule of Amortization Bases

Charges/Credits

Type of Base		Effective Date	Interest Rate	Initial Amount	Initial Amort	Current Balance	Rem Amort	Payment
Shortfall		12/31/2018	3.92 / 5.52	76,306	7.00	76,306	7.00	12,457
Totals	Shortfall					76,306		12,457

Name of Plan: Merlinos & Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan
Plan Sponsor's EIN: 58-2512336
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Schedule SB, line 26 - Schedule of Active Participant Data

YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE

Attained Age	Under 1		1 To 4		5 To 9		10 To 14		15 To 19		20 To 24		25 To 29		30 To 34		35 To 39		40 & Up	
	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp	No.	Avg. Comp
Under 25	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	1	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Schedule SB, Part V - Statement of Actuarial Assumptions

Target Assumptions:

Male Nonannuitant:	2018 Nonannuitant Male
Female Nonannuitant:	2018 Nonannuitant Female
Male Annuitant:	2018 Annuitant Male
Female Annuitant:	2018 Annuitant Female
Applicable months from valuation month:	0
Probability of lump sum:	100.00%
Use pre-retirement mortality:	No

Options:

Use optional combined mortality table for small plans:	No
Use discount rate transition:	No
Lump sums use proposed regulations:	Yes

Actuarial Equivalent Floor

Stability period:	plan year
Lookback months:	1
Nonannuitant:	N/A
Annuitant:	2018 Applicable

	1st	2nd	3rd
Segment rates:	2.50	3.92	4.50
High Quality Bond rates:	N/A	N/A	N/A
Final rates:	3.92	5.52	6.29
Override:	0.00	0.00	0.00

	1st	2nd	3rd
Current:	2.33	3.55	4.11
Override:	0.00	0.00	0.00

Salary Scale

Male:	0.00%
Female:	0.00%

Withdrawal

Male:	N/A
Female:	N/A

Withdrawal-Select

Male:	N/A
Female:	N/A

Early Retirement Rates

Male:	N/A
Female:	N/A

Subsidized Early Retirement Rates

Male:	N/A
Female:	N/A

Late Retirement Rates

Male:	N/A
Female:	N/A

Marriage Probability		**Setback**
Male:	0.00%	0
Female:	0.00%	
Expense loading:	0.00%	

Disability Rates

Male:	N/A
Female:	N/A

	Mortality	**Setback**
Male:	N/A	0
Female:	N/A	0

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Schedule SB, Part V - Summary of Plan Provisions

Eligibility Requirements

Age (yrs) :	21
Age (months) :	0
Wait (months) :	6
Two year eligibility :	No

Service/Participation Requirements

Definition of years:	Hours worked
Continuing hours:	500
Excluded classes:	Union Members Non-resident alien

Earnings

Total compensation excluding : None

Retirement	**Normal**	**Early**	**Subsidized Early**	**Disability**	**Death**
Age:	65				
Service:	0				
Participation:	5				
Defined:	Date of event				

Interest Crediting Rules

Plan Year Rate

Past: 5.00% **Current:** 5.00% **Future:** 5.00% **Interest credited to:** End of plan year

Benefit Reduction / Mortality table & setback

Male:	Actuarial Equivalence	Actuarial Equivalence	N/A	0
Female:	Actuarial Equivalence	Actuarial Equivalence	N/A	0
Rates - Male:	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Rates - Female:	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Use Social Security Retirement Age:	No	**REACT Benefits Percentage:**	50.00%
Vesting Schedule:	Immediate	**Pre-retirement death benefit**	
Vesting Definition:	Hours Worked	**Percentage of accrued benefit:**	100.00%
		Death Benefit Payment method:	PVAB

	Annuity	**Percent**	**Years**
Normal:	Life only	0.00%	0
QJSA:	Joint and contingent	50.00%	0

Significant Changes in Plan Provisions Since Last Valuation

Name of Plan:	Merlinos & Associates, Inc. Cash Balance Plan
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Benefit Formula

The formulas with the employer contribution credits are defined in the plan document.

Schedule SB, line 19 - Discounted Employer Contributions

Interest Rates for Contribution Year End Date 12/31/2018 **Effective:** 5.65% **Late Quarterly:** 10.65%

Effective Date	Amount	Effective Interest	Quarterly Interest	Discounted
05/01/2018	$100,000	3,742	0	$103,742
06/13/2018	$50,000	1,536	0	$51,536
08/08/2018	$100,000	2,207	0	$102,207
10/03/2018	$100,000	1,349	0	$101,349
12/18/2018	$100,000	196	0	$100,196
03/21/2019	$216,838	-2,596	0	$214,242
	$666,838			$673,272

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Total compensation excluding : None

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Age:	65				
Service:	0				
Participation:	5				
Defined:	Date of event				

Interest Crediting Rules

Plan Year Rate

Past: 5.00% **Current:** 5.00% **Future:** 5.00% **Interest credited to:** End of plan year

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Female:	Actuarial Equivalence	Actuarial Equivalence	N/A	0
Rates - Male:	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Rates - Female:	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Use Social Security Retirement Age:	No	**REACT Benefits Percentage:**	50.00%
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