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.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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
GOLDEN QUEEN 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 10/01/2016

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)
GOLDEN QUEEN MINING COMPANY, LLC

2812 SILVER QUEEN RD
MOJAVE, CA 93502-1030

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
47-1904841

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
661-824-4300

2d Business code (see instructions)
212310

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/09/2019	STEWART TOWNSON
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/09/2019	STEWART TOWNSON
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/09/2019	STEWART TOWNSON
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	227
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)**	208
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	214
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	35
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	249
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	249
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	228
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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

2E 2F 2G 2J 2T 3D

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)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[X] Insurance	**(1)**	[X] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(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)** [X] **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)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [X] 1 **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **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 2018 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2018 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 A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance 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.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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2018

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A Name of plan
GOLDEN QUEEN 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
GOLDEN QUEEN MINING COMPANY, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
47-1904841

Part I **Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	463956	249	01/01/2018	12/31/2018

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
1430	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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DES MOINES, IA 50392-0001

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	(e) Organization code
1430	0		3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		
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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	**4**	0
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	**5**	313481

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	**6b**	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	**6c**	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	**6d**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			**7b**	
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	**7c(1)**			
	(2) Dividends and credits	**7c(2)**			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	**7c(3)**			
	(4) Transferred from separate account	**7c(4)**			
	(5) Other (specify below)	**7c(5)**			
	▶				
	(6) Total additions			**7c(6)**	
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**).			**7d**	
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	**7e(1)**			
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	**7e(2)**			
	(3) Transferred to separate account	**7e(3)**			
	(4) Other (specify below)	**7e(4)**			
	▶				
	(5) Total deductions			**7e(5)**	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			**7f**	0

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

a ☐ Health (other than dental or vision) **b** ☐ Dental **c** ☐ Vision **d** ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness) **f** ☐ Long-term disability **g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment **h** ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible) **j** ☐ HMO contract **k** ☐ PPO contract **l** ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs.			**10b**	

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2018** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
GOLDEN QUEEN MINING COMPANY, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
47-1904841

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). . . . . [X] 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)

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42-0941553

(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?
49 55	OTHER SERVICES	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	6634	Yes [ ] No [X]

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

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(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 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	22789	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [ ] No [X]

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

WILSHIRE ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED

95-2755361

(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?
27 72	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	0	Yes [X] 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?
			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?
			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
PRINCIPAL SECURITIES INC	49 55	6634

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	COMMISSIONS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
WILSHIRE ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED	27 72	0

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	1 BASIS POINT ANNUALLY ON ELIGIBLE PLAN ASSETS IN WILSHIRE 3(21) OR WILSHIRE 3(21) AUTO-EXECUTE FIDUCIARY SERVICE.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation

(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.

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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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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GOLDEN QUEEN MINING COMPANY, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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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:	PRIN DIVERSIFIED INTL SA-R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-015	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	12810
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LGCAP S&P 500 INDEX SA-R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-016	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	72322
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-028	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	61757
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN MIDCAP S&P 400 IDX SA-R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-023	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	25531
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN PREF SECS SEP ACCT-R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-087	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	8765
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN REAL ESTATE SECS SA-R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-095	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	56728
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRINCIPAL STABLE VALUE SGNTURE		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 93-6274328-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	15840

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN SAM BALANCED SEP ACCT-R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-105	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	2689
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN SAM CONS BALANCED SA-R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-106	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	691
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN SAM CONS GROWTH SA-R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-107	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	5313
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN SAM FLEXIBLE INCOME SA-R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-108	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	28834
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN SAM STRAT GROWTH SA-R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-109	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	26617
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2010 CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2015 CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-002	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2020 CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-003	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	169454
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2025 CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-004	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	164425
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2030 CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-005	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	267701

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2035 CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-006	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 129039
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2040 CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-007	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 222355
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2045 CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-008	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 322354
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2050 CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-009	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 207444
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2055 CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-010	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 202356
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR INC CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-011	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6811
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL BOND MKT INDEX SA-R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-122	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11425
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2060 CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-012	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 115934
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2065 CIT R3		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-013	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3254
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)

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

A Name of plan
GOLDEN QUEEN 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
GOLDEN QUEEN MINING COMPANY, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
47-1904841

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)	16292	30
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	25120	52
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	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)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	1017561	1826967
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	225366	313481
(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)		
(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	1284339	2140530
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	0	
h	Operating payables	1h	0	
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	
j	Other liabilities	1j	0	
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	1284339	2140530

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)	528819	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	799373	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	114074	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		1442266
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		0
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	0	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		0
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
	(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)	0	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
	(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)		-171867
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		-21449
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		0
c Other income	2c		371
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1249321
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	370341	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		370341
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	22789	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other	2i(4)	0	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		22789
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		393130
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		856191
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(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: RJI INTERNATIONAL CPA **(2)** EIN: 33-0953262

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	0
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	0

			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	0
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	0
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		300000
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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2018

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

A Name of plan
GOLDEN QUEEN 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
GOLDEN QUEEN MINING COMPANY, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
47-1904841

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): 42-0127290

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

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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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(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: _____% 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):



Golden Queen 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017
and for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

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Independent Auditors' Report

To: The Plan Administrator of
Golden Queen 401(k) Plan
Mojave, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements Golden Queen 401(k) Plan (the Plan), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2018, 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.

Auditors' 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 2520.103-5(c) 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 Principal Life Insurance Company, the Custodian of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. We have been informed by the Plan administrator that the Custodian holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The Plan administrator has obtained a certification from the Custodian as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and for the year ended December 31, 2018, 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 Matters

The supplemental schedule as of December 31, 2018 is required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule referred to above.

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

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the 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.



Irvine, California
October 8, 2019

Golden Queen 401(k) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
Assets:		
Participant-directed investments, at fair value	$ 2,140,448	$ 1,242,927
Receivables:		
Employee receivable	52	25,120
Employer receivable	67,268	31,353
Total assets	2,207,768	1,299,400
Net assets available for benefits	$ 2,207,768	$ 1,299,400

See independent auditors' report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

Golden Queen 401(k) Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year ended December 31, 2018

Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Contributions:		
Participant	$	913,447
Employer		580,996
Total contributions		1,494,443
Total additions		1,494,443
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Net depreciation in fair value of investments		192,945
Benefits paid to participants		370,341
Administrative expenses		22,789
Total deductions		586,075
Net increase in net assets		908,368
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of period		1,299,400
End of period	$	2,207,768

See independent auditors' report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Golden Queen 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General. The Plan was formed in October 2016 as a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Golden Queen Mining Company, LLC and any participating affiliates (the Company or Plan Sponsor). It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan as of the first day of the month, after they have reached age 18. There is no service requirement to enter the Plan.

Administration. The Plan is administered by the Plan Sponsor, Golden Queen Mining Company, LLC. Certain administrative costs are paid and certain administrative functions are performed by the officers or employees of the Company, without compensation from the Plan.

Contributions. Participants may elect to contribute up to a specific percentage or dollar amount, subject to certain statutory limits which change periodically. In addition, they may elect to make rollover contributions of balances held with other qualified plans. The Company makes an employer match equal to 100% of 401(k) elective deferral contributions which are not over 3% of pay, plus 50% of 401(k) elective deferral contributions which are over 3% of pay, but are not over 5% of pay. Matching contributions are calculated based on pay and 401(k) elective deferrals for the payroll period. Matching contributions are made for all persons who were active participants at any time during that payroll period.

Qualified Non-Elective Contributions (QNEC) and Qualified Matching Contributions (QMAC). The employer receivable as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 includes an accrual for QNEC and QMAC in the amount of $67,238 and $15,061, respectively. These amounts represent corrective contributions to be made by the Plan Sponsor to compensate certain participants who were not given the opportunity to make deferrals and related employer matching contributions despite their eligibility. The QNEC/QMAC became 100% vested to the employees. The QNEC/QMAC were made in accordance with IRS regulations and do not affect the tax status of the Plan and are reflected as an employer contributions on the 2018 statement of changes in net assets available for benefits and as employer receivable on the 2018 and 2017 statements of net assets available for benefits.

Participant Accounts. Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct his or her respective share of contributions into various investment options. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's elective contributions, and the related earnings or losses thereon. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the vested portion of the participant's account.

Vesting. Participants are immediately vested in their elective contributions plus net earnings (losses) thereon. They become vested in discretionary matching employer contributions plus earnings (losses) thereon at a rate of 20% per year of vesting service, beginning with the first year of service, exclusive of the QNEC.

Payment of Benefits. In the event of death, disability, retirement, or other termination of employment, the vested portion of a participant's account may be paid to the participant or his or her beneficiary as a lump-sum payment or rolled over to an individual retirement account or another tax-qualified plan. A participant with a vested account balance of more than $5,000 may instead choose to have the vested balance paid in installments or to defer receiving payments until age 70½.

2. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following are the significant accounting policies followed by the Plan:

Basis of Accounting. The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition. The Plan provides participants the choice of investment options in a variety of mutual funds and common collective investment trusts that invest in stocks, bonds, fixed-income securities, and other investment securities. The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan administrator determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors, Custodian and insurance company.

Purchases and sales of investments 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 or depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as, held during the year.

Payment of Benefits. Benefits are generally recorded when paid.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Concentrations, Risks, and Uncertainties. 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 and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The Plan invests substantially all of its assets with a single institution. In the event of the institution's failure, the Plan could be subject to substantial losses.

Recent Accounting Pronouncement. In July 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-09, *Codification Improvements*, which, among other things, amends an illustrative example of a fair value hierarchy disclosure to indicate that a certain type of investment should not always be considered to be eligible to use the net asset value per share practical expedient. Also, it further clarifies that an entity should evaluate whether a readily determinable fair value exists or whether its investments qualify for net asset value per share practical expedient in accordance with ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*. Adoption of the amended guidance, which is to be applied prospectively, affects the fair value disclosures, but does not change the fair value measurement of the investments. This amendment is effective for annual periods beginning after December 31, 2018 for public business entities. The adoption of this standard is not expected to significantly impact the Plan's financial statements.

2. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

In August 2018, FASB issued ASU 2018-13, *Fair Value Measurement: Disclosure Framework - Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement.* This amendment to the Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement,* requires disclosure of the range and weighted average of significant unobservable inputs used to develop Level 3 fair value measurements for public entities. This amendment also removes the disclosure requirements for the amount of and reasons for transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the policy for timing of transfers between levels and the valuation process for Level 3 fair valued measurements. Furthermore, for investments in certain entities that calculate net asset value, an entity is required to disclose the timing of liquidation of an investee's assets and the date when restrictions from redemption might lapse only if the investee has communicated the timing to the entity or announced the timing publicly. The amendment also clarifies that the measurement uncertainty disclosure is to communicate information about the uncertainty in measurements as of the reporting date. This amendment is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. The range and weighted average of significant unobservable inputs used to develop Level 3 fair value measurements and the narrative description of measurement uncertainty should be applied prospectively for only the most recent interim or annual period presented in the initial fiscal year of adoption. All other amendments should be applied retrospectively to all periods presented upon their effective date. An entity is permitted to early adopt any removed or modified disclosures and delay adoption of the additional disclosures until their effective date. The adoption of this standard is not expected to significantly impact the Plan's financial statements.

3. INVESTMENT INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY CUSTODIAN (UNAUDITED)

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017 and for the year ended December 31, 2018, the Plan's investments were held by its Custodian. The following information included in the accompanying financial statements was obtained from the data that has been prepared and certified as complete and accurate by the Custodian in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5(c) of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the ERISA:

	2018	2017
Statemetns of net assets available for benefits:		
Participant-directed investments, at fair value	$ 2,140,448	$1,242,927
Statement of changes in net assets available for benefits:		
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	$ 192,945	

4. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to terminate or amend the Plan at any time, subject to the provisions of ERISA.

5. RELATED PARY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by the Custodian. Therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in the administrative expenses in the accompanying statement of changes of net assets available for benefits. The Plan Sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

6. RECONCILIATION TO FORM 5500

The financial information of the Plan, as reported on Form 5500, does not include all amounts necessary for reporting on the accrual basis of accounting. Reconciliation of the amounts appearing on Form 5500 to the accompanying financial statements are as follows:

	2018	2017
Net Assets Available for Benefits		
Net assets, as reported on Form 5500	$ 2,140,530	$ 1,284,339
Adjustment to accrue for QNEC/QMAC	67,238	15,061
Net assets, as reported in the accompanying financial statements	$ 2,207,768	$ 1,299,400

Change in Net Assets Available for Benefits	
Increase in net assets, as reported on Form 5500	$ 856,191
Reversal of adjsutment to accrue for QNEC	(15,061)
Adjustment to accrue QNEC/QMAC	67,238
Increase in net assets, as reported in the accompanying financial statements	$ 908,368

7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The accounting standard for fair value measurements provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

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

7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in methodologies used at December 31, 2018 and 2017.

Common collective trust includes the Principal Target Date Fund (Target Dated Trusts) and Principal Stable Value Signature Fund (Stable Value Fund). Target Dated Trusts primarily consist of mutual funds, insurance company separate accounts, and collective trusts. The objective of the Target Dated Trusts is to provide a total return consisting of long-term growth of capital and current income. The Plan uses net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient to determine the fair value of the Target Dated Trusts, and is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. The Stable Value Fund primarily consists of invests in synthetic investments, separate accounts, guaranteed investment contracts issued by life insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions with excess cash invested in cash equivalents. Objective of the Stable Value Fund is to provide preservation of the capital, relatively stable returns consistent with its comparatively low risk profile, and liquidity for benefit responsive plan or participants payments. The Stable Value Fund is valued at contract value, as contract value is the relevant fair value.

Pooled separate accounts (PSAs) are privately managed through investment companies and are not publicly quoted. PSAs are valued by the Custodian at NAV which is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the PSA, minus any liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The Plan has concluded that the NAVs reported by the investment companies are used as a practical expedient to approximate the fair value of the investments. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the investments will sell for an amount different from the reported NAV. There are currently no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments on these investments.

The methods described above may produce fair value calculations that are not indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while 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.

The following table sets forth the Plan's investments, by level within the fair value hierarchy, as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

Investments at fair value as of December 31, 2018:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common collective trust (a)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$1,826,967
Pooled separate accounts (a)	-	-	-	313,481
Total investments at fair value	$ -	$ -	$ -	$2,140,448

7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments at fair value as of December 31, 2017:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common collective trust (a)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$1,017,562
Pooled separate accounts (a)	-	-	-	225,365
Total investments at fair value	$ -	$ -	$ -	$1,242,927

(a) These investments are measured using NAV as a practical expedient and are not classified in the financial value hierarchy. The fair value amounts represented in these table are shown for the purpose of reconciling to the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits.

8. TAX STATUS

The Plan follows the provisions of the Principal Financial Group Prototype Standardized Profit Sharing Plan. The IRS has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated March 31, 2014 that the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified and tax-exempt.

Generally accepted accounting principles requires Plan 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 examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2018, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions (generally three years for federal purposes and four years for state purpose); however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management of the Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 8, 2019, the date on which the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued, and concluded that no material subsequent events have occurred since December 31, 2018 that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

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Golden Queen 401(k) Plan
Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
Employer Identification Number: 47-1904841 Plan Number: 001
December 31, 2018

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment (Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value)	(d) Cost	(e) Current
	Common collective trust:			
*	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2045 CIT R3	Common Collective Trust	#	$ 322,353
*	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2030 CIT R3	Common Collective Trust	#	267,701
*	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2020 CIT R3	Common Collective Trust	#	169,454
*	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2055 CIT R3	Common Collective Trust	#	202,356
*	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2050 CIT R3	Common Collective Trust	#	207,444
*	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2025 CIT R3	Common Collective Trust	#	164,426
*	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2040 CIT R3	Common Collective Trust	#	222,355
*	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2060 CIT R3	Common Collective Trust	#	115,934
*	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2035 CIT R3	Common Collective Trust	#	129,039
*	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2065 CIT R3	Common Collective Trust	#	3,254
*	Principal Stable Value Signature	Common Collective Trust	#	15,840
*	Principal LifeTime Hybrid Income CIT R3	Common Collective Trust	#	6,811
				1,826,967
	Pooled separate accounts:			
*	Principal SAM Strat Growth SA-R3	Pooled Separate Accounts	#	26,617
*	Principal Real Estate Secs SA-R3	Pooled Separate Accounts	#	56,728
*	Principal Preferred Securities Separate Acct-R3	Pooled Separate Accounts	#	8,765
*	Principal Bond Mkt Index SA-R3	Pooled Separate Accounts	#	11,425
*	Principal SAM Cons Growth SA-R3	Pooled Separate Accounts	#	5,313
*	Principal Diversified International SA-R3	Pooled Separate Accounts	#	12,810
*	Principal SAM Cons Balanced SA-R3	Pooled Separate Accounts	#	691
*	Principal LargeCap S&P 500 Index SA-R3	Pooled Separate Accounts	#	72,321
*	Principal SmallCap S&P 600 Index SA-R3	Pooled Separate Accounts	#	61,757
*	Principal MidCap S&P 400 Idx SA-R3	Pooled Separate Accounts	#	25,531
	Principal SAM Balanced Separate Account	Pooled Separate Accounts	#	2,689
*	Principal SAM Flexible Income SA-R3	Pooled Separate Accounts	#	28,834
				313,481
	Total			$ 2,140,448

* Represents a party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.
\# Not required for participant-directed investments.

See accompanying notes to financial statements and independent auditor's report.

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SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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EIN 47 1904841
PLAN NUMBER 001
PLAN YEAR 01/01/2018 TO 12/31/2018

(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
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Diversified Intl SA-R3	$ 0.00	$ 12,809.58
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LgCap S&P 500 Index SA-R3	$ 0.00	$ 72,322.47
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr Inc CIT R3	$ 0.00	$ 6,811.33
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2020 CIT R3	$ 0.00	$ 169,453.97
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2025 CIT R3	$ 0.00	$ 164,425.68
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2030 CIT R3	$ 0.00	$ 267,700.54
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2035 CIT R3	$ 0.00	$ 129,039.04
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2040 CIT R3	$ 0.00	$ 222,354.67
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2045 CIT R3	$ 0.00	$ 322,354.15
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2050 CIT R3	$ 0.00	$ 207,444.05
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2055 CIT R3	$ 0.00	$ 202,355.90
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2060 CIT R3	$ 0.00	$ 115,933.90
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin MidCap S&P 400 Idx SA-R3	$ 0.00	$ 25,531.33
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Pref Secs Sep Acct-R3	$ 0.00	$ 8,764.61
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Real Estate Secs SA-R3	$ 0.00	$ 56,727.70

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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EIN 47 1904841
PLAN NUMBER 001
PLAN YEAR 01/01/2018 TO 12/31/2018

(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
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmCap S&P 600 Index SA-R3	$ 0.00	$ 61,756.61
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SAM Cons Balanced SA-R3	$ 0.00	$ 691.00
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SAM Cons Growth SA-R3	$ 0.00	$ 5,313.23
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SAM Flexible Income SA-R3	$ 0.00	$ 28,833.72
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SAM Strat Growth SA-R3	$ 0.00	$ 26,616.93
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Principal Bond Mkt Index SA-R3	$ 0.00	$ 11,424.56
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Principal Stable Value Sgnture	$ 0.00	$ 15,840.00
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2065 CIT R3	$ 0.00	$ 3,253.59
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SAM BALANCED SEP ACCT-R3	$ 0.00	$ 2,689.36

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)