Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2019

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2019 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2019 and ending 12/31/2019

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. . . . . ▶ [X]

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
AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPANY 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 11/01/1997

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)
AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPANY LLC

P.O. BOX 190
MOUNT MORRIS, NY 14510

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
16-1516458

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
585-243-9510

2d Business code (see instructions)
212390

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.	09/18/2020	WESLEY JONES
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a	Plan administrator's name and address [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**	419
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)**	384
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	387
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	1
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	40
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	428
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	1
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	429
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	423
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	11
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 2K 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)	[ ] Insurance	**(1)**	[ ] 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)** [ ] ___ **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [ ] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2019 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2019 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury 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.**	**2019** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPANY 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPANY LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
16-1516458

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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(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?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	82196	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

THE WATERFORD GROUP LLC

80-0675279

(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	ADVISOR	73558	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	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.
BLKRK EQUITY DIV I - BNY MELLON IN P.O. BOX 9793 PROVIDENCE, RI 02940	0.25%

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BLKRK INFL PROTEC IS - BNY MELLON P.O. BOX 9793 PROVIDENCE, RI 02940	0.15%

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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
FED CLOVER SM VAL IS - STATE STREE 04-0025081	0.35%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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INVS GRTH & INC Y - INVESCO INVEST 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	0.25%

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INVS MID CAP GRTH Y - INVESCO INVE 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	0.25%

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JHANCOCK BOND I - JOHN HANCOCK SIG 01-0233346	0.05%

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JPM GOVT BOND I - DST ASSET MANAGE 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	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.
MFS MA INV GRTH R4 - MFS SERVICE C 04-2865649	0.15%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	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.
TRP INTL EQUITY INDX - T. ROWE PRI 52-2269240	0.15%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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WF C&B MID CAP VL IS - DST ASSET M	430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.15%

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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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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:

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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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	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	27862	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	48306	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	92831	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	1405505	1554905
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	19158841	26346983
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	20733345	27901888
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h	Operating payables	1h	0	0
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j	Other liabilities	1j	0	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	20733345	27901888

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)	1323172	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2352858	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	162664	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		3838694
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)	76209	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		76209
	(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)	1102608	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		1102608
	(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)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(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)		3395631
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		8413142
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1083888	
(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)		1083888
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		4957
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: **(1)** Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other	2i(4)	155754	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		155754
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1244599
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		7168543
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) ☐ Unmodified **(2)** ☐ Qualified **(3)** ☒ Disclaimer **(4)** ☐ Adverse

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

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

(1) Name: INSERO & CO. CPAS, LLP **(2)** EIN: 47-5324570

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	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	

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

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).

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

2019

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2019 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2019 and ending 12/31/2019

A Name of plan
AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPANY 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPANY LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
16-1516458

Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): 04-6568107

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation_____

AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPANY
401(k) PLAN

FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2019



AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPANY 401(k) PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Participants of the
American Rock Salt Company 401(k) Plan

Report on the Financial Statements
We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of the American Rock Salt Company 401(k) Plan (the Plan), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2019, 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 audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion
As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Plan Administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 4, which was certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing this information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the Plan Administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's assets and executes transactions. The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and for the year ended December 31, 2019, that the information provided to the Plan Administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

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

Other Matter
The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2019 is required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. 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.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP

Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

Rochester, New York
September 10, 2020

AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPANY 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Investments, at Fair Value		
Registered Investment Companies	**$ 26,346,983**	$ 19,251,672
Total Investments, at Fair Value	**26,346,983**	19,251,672
Receivables		
Notes Receivable from Participants	**1,554,905**	1,405,505
Participant Contributions	**-**	48,306
Employer Contributions	**-**	27,862
Total Receivables	**1,554,905**	1,481,673
Net Assets Available for Benefits	**$ 27,901,888**	$ 20,733,345

See Notes to Financial Statements

AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPANY 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:	
Investment Income	
Interest and Dividends	$ 1,102,608
Net Appreciaton in Fair Value of Investments	3,395,631
Total Investment Income	4,498,239
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	76,209
Contributions	
Employee	2,352,858
Employer	1,323,172
Rollover	162,664
Total Contributions	3,838,694
Total Additions	8,413,142
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:	
Benefits Paid to Participants	1,088,845
Administrative Expenses	155,754
Total Deductions	1,244,599
Net Increase	7,168,543
Net Assets Available for Benefits	
Beginning of Year	20,733,345
End of Year	**$ 27,901,888**

See Notes to Financial Statements

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

Note 1 **Description of the Plan**

The following description of the American Rock Salt Company 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 is a participant-directed defined contribution retirement plan established to provide retirement benefits for all full-time employees of American Rock Salt Company LLC (the Company) who have completed three months of service and attained age 18. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Plan Administration

Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity) serves as the trustee and recordkeeper of the Plan.

Contributions

The Plan provides for elective pre-tax deferrals in an amount not to exceed the statutory limitation as provided for under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Eligible employees will automatically have 3% of their compensation withheld each pay period and contributed to the Plan as a salary deferral and they may enter a salary deferral agreement at any time to select an alternative deferral amount or elect not to participate in the Plan. Non-union participants receive a 60% employer matching contribution up to the first 10% of their annual compensation. For unionized employees, the Plan provides for a minimum Company contribution of 1% of participant's annual compensation (the Minimum Company Contribution), including employees who choose not to defer earnings. Union participants receive a 60% employer matching contribution up to the first 10% of their annual compensation, reduced by the Minimum Company Contribution.

Participant Accounts

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

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company contributions plus earnings thereon is based on years of continuous services as follows:

Years of Service	Vesting
1	20%
2	40%
3	60%
4	80%
5	100%

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

Note 1 **Description of the Plan - Continued**

Vesting - Continued

Union employees are immediately vested in the 1% Minimum Company Contribution.

Forfeited balances of terminated participant's non-vested accounts are used to reduce administrative expenses and Company contributions. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, there was a forfeiture account balance of $22,620 and $4,300, respectively. During 2019, $499 of non-vested forfeitures were used to offset administrative expenses.

Payment of Benefits
The Plan provides for normal retirement benefits in the form of lump sum distributions upon reaching the age of 65 and has provisions for early retirement, disability, death and termination benefits for those participants who are eligible to receive such benefits. Withdrawals for hardship, upon attainment of age 59½, and distributions out of rollover contributions are permitted by the Plan, provided the participant is still employed by the Company at that time.

Notes Receivable from Participants
Participants may borrow from their account a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum loan amount equal to the lesser of $50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance for the previous 12 months, or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years, except for the purchase of a primary residence which may exceed five years. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate plus one. Principal and interest is paid through payroll deductions.

Note 2 **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Basis of Accounting
The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

Notes Receivable from Participants
Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Benefit Payments
Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses
All expenses of administering the Plan may be paid by the Plan, unless elected to be paid by the Company.

Note 2 **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

Use of Estimates
The preparation of the Plan's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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

Reclassification
To conform to financial statement groupings as of December 31, 2019, certain items reported as of December 31, 2018 have been reclassified for comparative purposes. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2018.

Note 3 **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**
Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The Plan follows the fair value measurement guidance required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for financial and nonfinancial assets and liabilities. This guidance defines fair value and provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

Note 3 **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - Continued**

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Registered Investment Companies: These investments are valued using the Net Asset Value (NAV) provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV is a quoted price in an active market.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be 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, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31:

	Investments at Fair Value	
	Level 1	
	2019	**2018**
Registered Investment Companies	**$ 26,346,983**	**$ 19,251,672**
Total	**$ 26,346,983**	**$ 19,251,672**

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

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DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

Note 4 **Certified Information**

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the United States Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Fidelity, the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2019, and the related investment activity (including interest and dividend income and net appreciation in fair value of investments) and interest income on notes receivable from participants reflected in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Note 5 **Federal Tax Status**

The Plan adopted a volume submitter profit sharing plan sponsored by Fidelity. Fidelity received its latest determination letter, dated March 31, 2014, from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regarding the volume submitter plan. In the determination letter, the IRS stated that the volume submitter profit sharing plan is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The volume submitter profit sharing plan's opinion letter has been relied upon by the Plan. The Plan has been amended since the volume submitter plan received the advisory letter. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (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, 2019, 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; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 6 **Transactions with Parties-in-Interest**

Certain Plan investments are managed by Fidelity. Fidelity is the Plan trustee and, therefore, transactions involving these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Note 7 **Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants have a fully vested interest in their accounts and their accounts will be paid to them as provided by the plan document.

Note 8 **Subsequent Events**

In preparing the financial statements, management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 10, 2020, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 8 **Subsequent Events - Continued**

Investment Volatility
In March 2020, the World Health Organization classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, triggering volatility in financial markets and a significant negative impact on the global economy. The values of the Plan's individual investments have and will fluctuate in response to changing market conditions and, therefore, the amount of losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. The full impact of the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve as of the date of this report.

CARES Act
On March 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law. The CARES Act allows retirement plan participants to have greater access to their savings if they are impacted by the coronavirus, as defined in the CARES Act. The following is a summary of the main provisions:

- Qualified individuals are permitted through December 31, 2020 to take a distribution in an amount up to $100,000 without imposition of the 10% early distribution penalty, and this distribution is not subject to the 20% tax withholding rate. Additionally, individuals taking this distribution have the option to spread the tax over three years with the ability to recontribute up to the full amount of the distribution within three years and not be subjected to tax as a result.

- Participant loan limit is temporarily increased to the lesser of $100,000 or 100% of the vested account balance. This increase is permitted for loans granted from March 27, 2020 through September 23, 2020.

- Repayments of loans due between March 27, 2020 and December 31, 2020 may be deferred until December 31, 2020 upon participant request.

- Required minimum distributions for calendar year 2020 are waived for retired and retirement aged individuals.

The Plan Sponsor is currently operating the Plan in accordance with these provisions.

AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPANY 401(k) PLAN

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2019
PLAN EIN: 16-1516458
Plan Number: 001

	Identity of Issue/Description of Investment	Current Value
	Registered Investment Companies	
	American Funds 2025 Target Date Retirement Fund	$ 3,357,141
	American Funds 2035 Target Date Retirement Fund	3,282,537
	American Funds 2030 Target Date Retirement Fund	3,014,361
	American Funds 2045 Target Date Retirement Fund	2,929,744
	American Funds 2050 Target Date Retirement Fund	2,219,832
	American Funds 2020 Target Date Retirement Fund	2,121,808
	American Funds 2040 Target Date Retirement Fund	2,061,506
*	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	1,362,009
	American Funds 2055 Target Date Retirement Fund	1,269,520
	BlackRock Equity Dividend Fund	806,553
	American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement Fund	592,362
	American Funds 2015 Target Date Retirement Fund	588,139
	American Funds 2010 Target Date Retirement Fund	515,127
*	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	389,510
	John Hancock Bond Fund	356,104
*	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	342,571
	MFS Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock Fund	318,189
	T. Rowe Price Small Cap Stock	192,570
	MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund	163,199
*	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	128,518
*	Fidelity International Index Fund	102,187
*	Fidelity Real Estate Index Fund	64,365
	Wells Fargo Small Cap Value Fund	47,918
	BNY Mellon Bond Market Index Fund - Class I	29,707
	Wells Fargo C&B Mid Cap Value Fund	29,195
*	Fidelity Intermediate Treasury Bond Index Fund	19,631
	T. Rowe Price International Equity Index Fund	15,320
*	Fidelity Short Term Bond Index	12,631
	BlackRock Inflation Protected Bond Fund	7,751
	JPMorgan Government Bond Fund	6,978
	Total Registered Investment Companies	26,346,983
*	**Participant Loans** (Maturity Dates range from January, 2020 through January, 2028 and interest rates range from 4.25% - 6.50%)	1,554,905
	Total Investments	**$ 27,901,888**

* Indicates party-in-interest

September 10, 2020

To the Plan Administrator of the
American Rock Salt Company 401(k) Plan
5520 Route 63
P.O. Box 190
Mount Morris, New York 14510

This letter is to inform the Plan Administrator of the American Rock Salt Company 401(k) Plan (the Plan) about significant matters related to the conduct of our audit as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019 so that it can appropriately discharge its oversight responsibility, and we can comply with our professional responsibilities.

The following summarizes various matters that must be communicated to you under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Respective Responsibilities of the Auditor and Management
Our responsibility under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America has been described to you in our arrangement letter dated March 3, 2020. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities, which are also described in that letter.

Overview of the Planned Scope and Timing of the Financial Statement Audit
We have issued a separate communication dated March 3, 2020 regarding the planned scope and timing of our audit and have discussed with you our identification of, and planned audit response to, significant risks of material misstatement.

Significant Accounting Practices, Including Policies, Estimates and Disclosures
Under generally accepted accounting principles, in certain circumstances, management may select among alternative accounting practices. In our view, management has selected the preferable accounting practice.

Management has the ultimate responsibility for the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by the Plan. The Plan did not adopt any significant new accounting policies nor have there been any changes in existing significant accounting policies during the plan year.

We did not identify any significant or unusual transactions or significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

We noted no sensitive accounting estimates relating to the financial statements of the Plan.

We have audited your financial statements and we did not note any issues related to the neutrality, consistency, and clarity of the disclosures in the financial statements.

Audit Adjustments
There were no significant audit adjustments made to the original financial information presented to us to begin our audit.

Uncorrected Misstatements
We are not aware of any uncorrected misstatements other than misstatements that are clearly trivial.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements
Our responsibility for other information in documents containing the Plan's audited financial statements is to read the information and consider whether its content or manner of its presentation is materially inconsistent with the financial information covered by our auditor's report or whether it contains a material misstatement of fact. We read the Plan's Form 5500 filing for consistency with information in the financial statements. We have provided our comments to management. We are not aware of other documents that contain the audited financial statements. We did not identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements.

Supplemental Schedule
With respect to the supplemental schedule accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with the United States Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the method of preparing it had not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete.

Best Practice Recommendations to Management

- Employee benefit plans, like all other organizations and individuals, are vulnerable to cyberattacks and thus exposed to risks relating to privacy, security, and fraud. Retirement, savings, and health and welfare plans are attractive targets for hackers seeking access to plan assets and participant and beneficiary personal information.

  We recommend that, at least on an annual basis, Plan Management document their understanding of the cybersecurity risks related to the Plan and the controls in place at the Plan sponsor and at the trustee and recordkeeper.

- Annually, the Plan sponsor receives SOC 1 reports from Fidelity Management Trust Company and Complete Payroll Processing. In order to ensure that controls at the vendors are working properly, Plan Management should review and document the user controls within the respective reports and the related controls in place at the Plan sponsor.

Disagreements With Management
We encountered no disagreements with management over the application of significant accounting principles, the basis for management's judgments on any significant matters, the scope of the audit, or significant disclosures to be included in the financial statements.

Consultation With Other Accountants
We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.

Significant Issues Discussed or Subject to Correspondence With Management
No significant issues arising from the audit were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management.

Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit
We did not encounter any significant difficulties in dealing with management during the audit.

Management Representations
Attached is a copy of the management representation letter.

Closing
We will be pleased to respond to any questions you have about the foregoing. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the American Rock Salt Company.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Plan Administrator and management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP

Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP
Certified Public Accountants
Rochester, New York

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American Rock Salt Company 401(k) Plan

Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP
2 State Street, Suite 300
Rochester, New York 14614

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit(s) of the financial statements of the American Rock Salt Company 401(k) Plan (the Plan), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2019 and 2018; the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended; and the related notes to the financial statements.

We have determined that the Plan trustee, Fidelity Management Trust Company, qualifies to issue a certification of the Plan's asset activity under section 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations. Therefore, as permitted by Regulation 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), we have instructed you not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to asset information certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, other than comparing that information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules. Because of the significance of the information which you did not audit, we understand that you will not express an opinion on the financial statements and supplemental schedules as a whole.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves, that as of September 10, 2020

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit arrangement letter dated March 3, 2020, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements referred to above in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

2. We acknowledge our responsibility for 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.

3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls and programs to provide reasonable assurance that fraud is prevented and detected.

4. We are responsible for making the accounting estimates included in the financial statements. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable and reflect our judgment based on our knowledge and experience about past and current events, and our assumptions about conditions we expect to exist and courses of action we expect to take.

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5. In that regard, we are responsible for the estimation methods and assumptions used in measuring assets and liabilities reported or disclosed at fair value, including information obtained from brokers, pricing services or other third parties. The methods and significant assumptions used to determine fair values of the financial instruments are as follows:

   Registered Investment Companies: These investments are valued using the Net Asset Value (NAV) provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV is a quoted price in an active market.

   Our valuation methodologies have been consistently applied from period to period. The methods and assumptions used result in a measure of fair value appropriate for financial statement measurement and disclosure purposes.

6. All significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with the *Risks and Uncertainties* Topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) have been properly recorded and/or disclosed in the financial statements. Significant estimates are estimates at the statement of net assets available for benefits date that could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to the nature and type of investments held by the Plan, or markets in which events could occur that would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year.

7. Related-party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.

8. Transactions with parties-in-interest, as defined in Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed.

9. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements, and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure, have been adjusted or disclosed.

10. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

11. We have no intention to terminate the Plan.

12. We have properly reported and disclosed amendments to the plan instrument, if any.

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13. With respect to accounting services performed in the course of the audit, such as drafting the financial statements:

    a) We have made all management decisions and performed all management functions;
    b) We assigned an appropriate individual to oversee the services;
    c) We evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed, and made an informed judgment on the results of the services performed;
    d) We have accepted responsibility for the results of the services; and
    e) We have accepted responsibility for all significant judgments and decisions that were made.

14. We have no knowledge of any uncorrected misstatements in the financial statements.

Supplementary Information

15. With respect to the supplemental schedule:

    a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of such information.

    b. We believe such information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with DOL Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

    c. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.

    d. There are no underlying significant assumptions or interpretations regarding the measurement or presentation of such information.

    e. We will only present the supplemental schedule(s) together with the audited financial statements and auditor's report thereon and will not separate the supplementary information from the audited financial statements and auditor's report thereon in any document that contains such information.

Information Provided

16. We have provided you with:

    a. Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;

    b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit;

    c. Unrestricted access to persons within the Plan from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence;

    d. The currently effective version of the Plan document, including the volume submitter plan document and adoption agreement, the trust agreement or insurance contracts and all related amendments. The Plan was most recently amended effective November 15, 2019.

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e. All correspondence, filings, reports, and determinations with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the DOL relating to the Plan's compliance with ERISA and the maintenance of its tax-exempt status.

f. All Plan financial records and related data. In that regard, the payroll information we provided you covered all employees that were eligible to participate in the Plan.

g. All minutes of the meetings of the Plan's Administrative Committee, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.

17. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements. In this regard, the Plan Sponsor's management designated an individual with sufficient skills, knowledge, and experience to oversee the financial statement preparation process and to take responsibility for the results of the financial statement preparation services. This individual performed a detailed review of the financial statements consisting of the following procedures:

- Reconciliation of the trust activity and participant statements to the financial statements.
- Review and approval of all journal entries proposed by you, including review of supporting documentation and explanations.
- Review of the adequacy of financial statement disclosures by review and approval of the disclosure checklist completed by you.
- Review and approval of schedules and calculations supporting the amounts included in the notes to the financial statements.
- Applying analytical procedures to financial statements.

18. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of risk that the financial statement may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

19. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan involving:

a. Management.

b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control.

c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

20. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan received in communications from employees, former employees, participants, regulators, beneficiaries, service providers, third-party administrators, or others.

21. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements, and neither we, nor the Plan Sponsor, or others acting on behalf of the Plan, have consulted a lawyer concerning litigation and claims or other matters affecting the Plan.

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22. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Plan's related parties and parties in interest and all the related-party and party-in-interest relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

23. We are aware of no significant deficiencies, including material weaknesses, in the design or operation of internal controls that could adversely affect the Plan's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data.

24. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets or liabilities.

25. The Plan has satisfactory title to all owned assets that are recorded at fair value, and all liens, encumbrances, or security interests have been properly disclosed.

26. We have answered your questions about the Plan's tax compliance to the best of our knowledge and belief.

27. There have been no communications, whether written or oral, from regulatory agencies concerning non-compliance with or deficiencies in the operation of the Plan.

28. We have complied with *(a)* all aspects of contractual agreements, including provisions of the Plan, that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance, *(b)* the fidelity bonding requirements of ERISA, *(c)* all participant eligibility and coverage requirements of the Plan, ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), and *(d)* the filing requirements of appropriate agencies.

29. We have complied with the DOL's regulations concerning the timely remittance of participants contributions to trusts containing assets for the Plan.

30. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.

31. The Plan adopted a volume submitter plan document. The volume submitter plan has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service, dated March 31, 2014 as to the plan's qualified status. We believe that the plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

32. We have reviewed the complementary user entity control considerations of the Service Organization Controls (SOC 1) Report for Fidelity Workplace Services LLC description of its Defined Contribution Recordkeeping System dated December 4, 2019 for the period ended October 31, 2019 and we believe all applicable controls are properly designed and implemented, and operating effectively.

33. There are no:

    a. Nonexempt (prohibited) party-in-interest transactions that were not disclosed in the financial statements or supplemental schedule.

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b. Notes receivable from participants or other receivables or investments in default or considered to be uncollectible that were not disclosed in the financial statements or supplemental schedule.

34. We certify that for the period from January 1, 2019 to the date of this letter, there has/have been no, except as disclosed to you:

- Mergers related to the Plan.
- Mergers, reorganizations, business acquisitions or disposals, or formation or dissolutions of any business entities.
- Partial Plan termination.
- Changes in Plan trustees or Plan Administrator.
- Changes in service providers.
- Additional company contributions attributable to the Plan year.
- Changes to the contribution policy.

35. During the course of your audits, you may have accumulated records containing data that should be reflected in our books and records. All such data have been so reflected. Accordingly, copies of such records in your possession are no longer needed by us.

American Rock Salt Company 401(k) Plan

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Wes Jones, Plan Administrator

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Mark Assini, Chief Administrative Officer