

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). <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">2019</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2019 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2019</u> and ending <u>12/31/2019</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information				
1a Name of plan <u>ROCKY BRANDS, INC. 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>004</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>09/01/1996</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>004</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>09/01/1996</u>	
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2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>ROCKY BRANDS, INC.</u> <u>39 EAST CANAL STREET</u> <u>NELSONVILLE, OH 45764</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>31-1364046</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>740-753-9100</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>316210</u></td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>31-1364046</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>740-753-9100</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>316210</u>	
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2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>740-753-9100</u>					
2d Business code (see instructions) <u>316210</u>					

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2020	KELLEY KING
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2020	TOM ROBERTSON
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
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	5 465
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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 367 6a(2) 382 6b 0 6c 102 6d 484 6e 1 6f 485 6g 468 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 2K 2R 2S 2T 3D 3H b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)** ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)** ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)** ☐ 0 **A** (Insurance Information)
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		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 ROCKY BRANDS, INC. 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ROCKY BRANDS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-1364046	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a

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

☒ Yes
 ☐ No

b

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation CHARLES SCHWAB & CO. INC. AND AFFIL 94-1737782
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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)

SCHWAB RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES INC

34-1479833

(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?
15 26 50 64	NONE	55074	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CHARLES SCHWAB & CO INC

94-1737782

(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?
33 50 62 71	NONE	115	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	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 ☐

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
(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.	
(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.	
(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:	PW PARTNERS	b EIN:	83-3323563
c Position:	ACCOUNTANT		
d Address:	501 MORRISIN ROAD SUITE 201 COLUMBUS, OH 43230	e Telephone:	614-475-7560
Explanation: CHANGING TO USE A FIRM WITH MORE ERISA AUDIT EXPERIENCE AND ALSO FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THE FIRM CAN PROVIDE			

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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a Name:		b EIN:	
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d Address:		e Telephone:	
Explanation:			

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2019 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2019 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2019 and ending 12/31/2019

A Name of plan <u>ROCKY BRANDS, INC. 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>004</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ROCKY BRANDS, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>31-1364046</u>	

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)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>THE MORLEY STABLE VALUE FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>93-6274329-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB INDEXED RET TR FUND 2010</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-011</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>185175</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB INDEXED RET TR FUND 2015</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-012</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>420706</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB INDEXED RET TR FUND 2020</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-013</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>516600</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB INDEXED RET TR FUND 2025</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-014</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1158006</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB INDEXED RET TR FUND 2030</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-015</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1711858</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB INDEXED RET TR FUND 2035</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-016</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1039441</u>

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWAB INDEXED RET TR FUND 2040

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK

c EIN-PN 81-0625169-017	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 801860
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWAB INDEXED RET TR FUND 2045

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CHARLES SCHWAB BANK

c EIN-PN 81-0625169-018	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1790745
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWAB INDEXED RET TR FUND 2050

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK

c EIN-PN 81-0625169-019	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 411295
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWAB INDEXED RET TR FUND 2055

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK

c EIN-PN 81-0625169-021	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 307514
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWAB INDEXED RET TR FUND 2060

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK

c EIN-PN 81-0625169-023	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 111209
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

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

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2019 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ROCKY BRANDS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-1364046	

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	928
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	0	1236
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	0	2634
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)	907021	2134851
(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)	23380	0
(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)	831263	759282
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	8450479	8454409
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	14526743	18165672
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	0	2927

		(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	24738886 29521939
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	
h	Operating payables	1h	
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i	
j	Other liabilities	1j	
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0 0
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	24738886 29521939

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	Contributions:		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	984437
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1485376
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	198860
(2)	Noncash contributions	2a(2)	
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	2668673
b	Earnings on investments:		
(1)	Interest:		
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	28266
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	29723
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)	57989
(2)	Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	508848
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)	508848
(3)	Rents	2b(3)	
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	
	(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)	0
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		1498052
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		3043016
c Other income	2c		-8589
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		7767989

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2929862	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		2929862
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	55074	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		55074
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2984936

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		4783053
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) ☐ 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: GBQ PARTNERS

(2) EIN: 20-2122306

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)

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

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	
4b		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		2000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
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?		X	
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?		X	
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.)	X		
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.)		X	
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?		X	
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
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.)

<div>SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2019</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div>
For calendar plan year 2019 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2019 and ending 12/31/2019		
A Name of plan ROCKY BRANDS, INC. 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ROCKY BRANDS, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-1364046
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): 31-4156830 82-3967259		
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		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2019 v. 190130		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year

c The second preceding plan year

14a**14b****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

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year

15a**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

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

16a**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 _____

• **Financial Statements**
• with Supplementary Information

• **Rocky Brands, Inc.**
• **401(K) Plan and Trust**

• December 31, 2019 and 2018



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To the Administrative Committee
Rocky Brands, Inc. 401(K) Plan and Trust
Columbus, Ohio

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Rocky Brands, Inc. 401(K) Plan and Trust (the Plan), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2019, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the 2019 financial statements based on conducting our 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 on the 2019 financial statements.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the asset information summarized in the notes of the financial statements, which was certified by Charles Schwab Bank, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the 2019 financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee as of December 31, 2019, and for the year then ended, 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 the 2019 financial statements.

Other Matter- Supplemental Schedule

The supplemental Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2019, is required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA 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 this supplemental schedule.

Other Matter—2018 Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2018, were audited by predecessor auditors. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of ERISA, the plan administrator instructed the predecessor auditors not to perform, and they did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by Nationwide Bank, and Charles Schwab Bank, the trustees of the Plan. The Plan administrator obtained a certification from Nationwide Bank from January 1, 2018 to March 29, 2018 and Charles Schwab Bank from April 1, 2018 to December 31 2018. Their report, dated October 8, 2019, indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that they did not audit, they were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, they did not express an opinion on the financial statements and (b) the form and content of the information included in the financial statements other than that derived from the information certified by the Trustees, were presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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

The form and content of the information included in the 2019 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

GBQ Partners LLC

ROCKY BRANDS, INC. 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,135,779	\$ 904,803
Investments at fair value:		
Mutual funds	18,168,599	14,552,341
Common collective trust	8,454,409	8,450,477
Total investments	26,623,008	23,002,818
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	759,282	831,263
Participants contribution receivable	2,634	-
Employer contribution receivable	1,236	-
Total receivables	763,152	831,263
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 29,521,939	\$ 24,738,884

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

ROCKY BRANDS, INC. 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 4,532,479	\$ -
Interest and dividends on investments	537,114	548,187
	<u>5,069,593</u>	<u>548,187</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	29,723	31,254
Contributions:		
Participants	1,485,376	1,252,893
Employer	984,437	839,925
Rollovers	198,860	2,802
Total additions	<u>7,767,989</u>	<u>2,675,061</u>
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to		
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	-	1,560,370
Distributions to participants or beneficiaries	2,929,860	5,517,179
Administrative expenses	55,074	48,958
Total deductions	<u>2,984,934</u>	<u>7,126,507</u>
Net increase (decrease)	4,783,055	(4,451,446)
Net Assets Available for Benefits		
Beginning of year	24,738,884	29,190,330
End of year	<u>\$ 29,521,939</u>	<u>\$ 24,738,884</u>

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

ROCKY BRANDS, INC. 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements

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Plan Description

The following description of the Rocky Brands, Inc. 401(K) Plan and Trust (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan, covering all employees of the Company who are over 21 years in age. In April 2018, the Plan was restated and eligibility was modified to cover all employees who are not union employees, independent contractors, employees based in Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic, non-residents of the United States or territories of the United States and part-time employees who have completed a 12-month period of service. The Plan added automatic enrollment for the participants at 4% commencing with the first pay date following the month of the date of hire. Additionally, eligible employees must complete 6 months of service to be eligible for the non-elective employer Safe Harbor contribution and discretionary matching contribution. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Each year participants are allowed maximum contributions up to 75% of earned compensation as before-tax or after-tax Roth contributions, as defined by the Plan. Effective January 1, 2018, the Plan provides for automatic enrollment of eligible participants at a deferral rate of 4% of eligible compensation, unless the participant affirmatively elects otherwise. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans (rollovers). Rollover contributions are not eligible for the employer match or discretionary match. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

The Company makes ADP Safe Harbor contributions of 100% of the first 3% of compensation of all eligible participants. Additionally, the Company may make ACP Safe Harbor discretionary matching contributions of 25% of participant contributions up to 4% of participant's eligible compensation.

Participants direct the investments of their contributions and employer contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan offered 31 core investment options in 2019. There is an option to open a self-directed brokerage account, Personal Choice Retirement Account (PCRA), to invest in additional mutual funds. The PCRA has no establishment or annual maintenance fee.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is comprised of the participant's contributions and allocations of (a) the Company's contributions, (b) Plan earnings (c) administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined in the plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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Vesting

Participant contributions and employer contributions, plus actual earnings thereon, are 100% vested at all times.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow up to 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000, whichever is less, subject to a minimum amount of \$1,000. Notes receivable terms shall not exceed five years, except for the purchase of a principal residence, in which case notes receivable terms are to be determined by the Company, not to exceed 10 years. The notes receivable are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with prime rate, as determined by the plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Participant contributions may not be withdrawn from the Plan prior to termination of the participant's employment with the Company, unless the participant has either attained age 59½ or is able to demonstrate financial hardship, as defined in the plan document. Company contributions may be withdrawn, subject to specified limitations. The Plan also provides for distributions upon retirement, death or total disability, subject to specified conditions. Generally, distributions are made in lump sum, annuity or equal annual installments.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

Use of Estimates

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

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's 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. For additional disclosure regarding fair value of investments, see the Fair Value Measurements footnote herein.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2019 or 2018. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded as soon as the participant's account is distributable.

Payments of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan's administrative expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan agreement.

Reclassification

Certain amounts in the prior period financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the presentation of the current period financial statements. These reclassifications had no effect on the previously reported net assets.

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Information Prepared and Certified by Trustees

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Accordingly, the following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule (Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)) was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified to as complete and accurate by Charles Schwab Bank (Schwab) and Nationwide Bank (Nationwide), the trustees of the Plan.

	2019	2018
Mutual Funds	\$ 18,168,599	\$ 14,552,341
Common Collective Trust	8,454,409	8,450,477
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,135,779	904,803
Notes Receivable from Participants	759,282	831,263
Total	\$ 29,518,069	\$ 24,738,884

The trustees also certified to the completeness and accuracy of the following related to the aforementioned assets for the years ended December 31:

	2019	2018
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 4,532,479	\$(1,560,370)
Interest and dividend income on investments	537,114	548,187
Interest income on notes receivable	29,723	31,254

Fair Value Measurements

GAAP established a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to measure the fair value of the assets or liabilities being measured. Fair value is defined as the exchange value that would be received on the measurement date to sell an asset or to value the amount paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market available to the entity in an orderly transaction between market participants. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs are unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 1 inputs provide the most reliable measure of fair value as of the measurement date.

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Fair Value Measurements (continued)

- Level 2 Inputs are based on significant observable inputs, including unadjusted quoted market prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, unadjusted quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
- Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable for the asset or liability.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Mutual Funds: Valued based on the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

*Common
Collective
Trust:*

Valued at the NAV provided by the administrator of the fund. Issues and redemptions of units are recorded upon receipt of unit holder's instructions based on the determined NAV per unit, which is determined daily. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. For this fund, there are no unfunded commitments, redemption restrictions, and participants can transact daily.

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's net assets at fair value as of December 31, 2019 and 2018. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2019				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 18,168,599	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,168,599
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	18,168,599	-	-	18,168,599
Investments measured at net asset value*	-	-	-	8,454,409
Total assets at fair value	\$ 18,168,599	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,623,008

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2018				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 14,552,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,552,341
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	14,552,341	-	-	14,552,341
Investments measured at net asset value*	-	-	-	8,450,477
Total assets at fair value	\$ 14,552,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,002,818

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

Plan Termination

The Company reserves the right to discontinue its contributions or terminate the Plan at any time. Upon such termination and after distribution of expenses and profits or losses through the date of termination, any unvested amounts allocated to each participant's account become fully vested immediately and participants are entitled to receive amounts allocated to their account. The Company has not expressed any intention to terminate the Plan.

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Income Taxes

Effective April 1, 2018, the Company adopted a prototype plan sponsored by Schwab, which received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 19, 2014. Although the Plan was amended since receiving the opinion letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). Accordingly, no provision for Federal income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

GAAP 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 position taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2019, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the accompanying financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Transactions with Parties-in-Interest

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Schwab and Nationwide, which are the trustees as defined in the plan document and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to the above entities for administrative expenses amounted to \$55,074 and \$48,958 in 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near-term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the accompanying 2019 statement of net assets available for benefits.

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Subsequent Events

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted global economic activity and caused significant volatility and negative pressure in financial markets. Because of the uncertainty impacting the financial markets during this time, management is unable to estimate the impact of the pandemic on assets of the Plan.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act was signed into law. The CARES Act includes relief provisions available to tax-qualified retirement plans and their participants. This relief includes the following for qualified participants: a temporary waiver of required minimum distributions, a temporary waiver of early withdrawal penalties for COVID-19 related distributions, and a temporary increase in maximum amount for retirement plan loans.

Plan management is continuing to evaluate the relief provisions available to plan participants under the CARES Act and has implemented the following provisions effective April 15, 2020:

- Waiver of required minimum distributions for the 2020 plan year.
- Allow Coronavirus- Related Distributions (CRD's) through December 31, 2020.
- Increase threshold for loan limits taken by September 23, 2020.
- Extension or suspension for loan repayments through December 31, 2020.

Subsequent Events – Date of Management Evaluation

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the Independent Auditor's Report, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ROCKY BRANDS, INC. 401(K) PLAN AND TRUST
EIN #31-1364046 PLAN #004
Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
	Cash and Cash Equivalents			
*	Charles Schwab Bank	Cash	**	\$ 928
*	Charles Schwab Bank	Schwab Bank Savings	**	2,134,851
	Mutual Funds:			
	Europacific	GROWTH R6	**	136,526
	Mass Mutual	SLCT MID CAP GRTH I	**	1,397,918
	Metropolitan West	TTL RTN BD P	**	2,199,633
*	Charles Schwab Bank	SCH TREAS INFL PRO SECS IDX	**	291,738
*	Charles Schwab Bank	FDMTL US LG CO IDX	**	1,567,165
*	Charles Schwab Bank	INTERNATIONAL INDEX FD	**	3,646,330
*	Charles Schwab Bank	S&P 500 INDEX FUND	**	1,610,395
*	Charles Schwab Bank	SMALL-CAP INDEX FUND	**	279,996
*	Charles Schwab Bank	TOTAL STK MARKET INDEX	**	64,766
	Vanguard	FTSE ALL WORLD US	**	33,198
	Vanguard	GROWTH INDEX ADMIRAL	**	2,649,370
	Vanguard	MID CAP INDEX ADMIRAL	**	559,485
	Vanguard	REAL ESTATE INDEX ADM	**	134,026
	Vanguard	SELECTED VALUE	**	941,643
	Vanguard	SM CAP VAL INDEX ADM	**	482,573
	Vanguard	SMALL CAP GRTH INDEX	**	379,780
	Vanguard	ST CORP BD IDX ADM	**	866,051
	Vanguard	VALUE INDEX ADM	**	925,079
	Common Collective Trusts:			
*	Charles Schwab Bank	INDEXED RET 2010 I	**	185,175
*	Charles Schwab Bank	INDEXED RET 2015 I	**	420,706
*	Charles Schwab Bank	INDEXED RET 2020 I	**	516,600
*	Charles Schwab Bank	INDEXED RET 2025 I	**	1,158,006
*	Charles Schwab Bank	INDEXED RET 2030 I	**	1,711,858
*	Charles Schwab Bank	INDEXED RET 2035 I	**	1,039,441
*	Charles Schwab Bank	INDEXED RET 2040 I	**	801,860
*	Charles Schwab Bank	INDEXED RET 2045 I	**	1,790,745
*	Charles Schwab Bank	INDEXED RET 2050 I	**	411,295
*	Charles Schwab Bank	INDEXED RET 2055 I	**	307,514
*	Charles Schwab Bank	INDEXED RET 2060 I	**	111,209
	Self-Directed Accounts:			
*	Charles Schwab Bank	Personal Choice Retirement Account	**	2,927
*	Notes Receivable from Participants	Notes receivable from participants bearing interest at 3.25% to 5.5% with various maturity dates through 2030.	**	759,282
				\$ 27,382,290

* Party involved is a party-in-interest to the Plan.

** Cost information has been excluded in accordance with Form 5500 instructions, as all investments are participant directed.

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

NAME OF PLAN SPONSOR:	Rocky Brands, Inc.
NAME OF PLAN:	Rocky Brands, Inc. 401(k) Plan and Trust
EIN:	31-1364046
PLAN NUMBER:	004

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	PARTICIPANT LOANS	Loans (3.25% - 5.5%)		759,282
*	Schwab Bank Savings	Money Market / Cash Equivalent		2,134,851
*	Schwab Indexed Ret 2010 I	Common Collective Trust Fund		185,175
*	Schwab Indexed Ret 2015 I	Common Collective Trust Fund		420,706
*	Schwab Indexed Ret 2020 I	Common Collective Trust Fund		516,600
*	Schwab Indexed Ret 2025 I	Common Collective Trust Fund		1,158,006
*	Schwab Indexed Ret 2030 I	Common Collective Trust Fund		1,711,858
*	Schwab Indexed Ret 2035 I	Common Collective Trust Fund		1,039,441
*	Schwab Indexed Ret 2040 I	Common Collective Trust Fund		801,860
*	Schwab Indexed Ret 2045 I	Common Collective Trust Fund		1,790,745
*	Schwab Indexed Ret 2050 I	Common Collective Trust Fund		411,295
*	Schwab Indexed Ret 2055 I	Common Collective Trust Fund		307,514
*	Schwab Indexed Ret 2060 I	Common Collective Trust Fund		111,209
	PCRA	Self-Directed Brokerage Account		2,927
	EUROPACIFIC GROWTH R6	Registered Investment Company		136,526
	MASSMUTUAL SLCT MID CAP GRTH I	Registered Investment Company		1,397,918
	METROPOLITAN WEST TTL RTN BD P	Registered Investment Company		2,199,633
	SCH TREAS INFL PRO SECS IDX	Registered Investment Company		291,738
*	Schwab FDMTL US LG CO IDX	Registered Investment Company		1,567,165
*	Schwab International Index FD	Registered Investment Company		3,646,330
*	Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund	Registered Investment Company		1,610,395
*	Schwab Small-Cap Index Fund	Registered Investment Company		279,996
*	Schwab Total Stk Market Index	Registered Investment Company		64,766
	Vanguard FTSE All World US	Registered Investment Company		33,198
	Vanguard Growth Index Admiral	Registered Investment Company		2,649,370
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral	Registered Investment Company		559,485
	Vanguard Real Estate Index ADM	Registered Investment Company		134,026
	Vanguard Selected Value	Registered Investment Company		941,643
	Vanguard SM Cap Val Index ADM	Registered Investment Company		482,573
	Vanguard Small Cap Grth Index	Registered Investment Company		379,780
	Vanguard ST Corp BD IDX ADM	Registered Investment Company		866,051
	Vanguard Value Index ADM	Registered Investment Company		925,079
*	CASH	Cash		928

* Party-in-interest