

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: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2020</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>10/01/2020</u> and ending <u>04/07/2021</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>ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. RETIREMENT PLAN</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>101</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>10/01/1990</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>101</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>10/01/1990</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>ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC.</u> <u>9900A CLAYTON ROAD</u> <u>ST. LOUIS, MO 63124</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>43-1554045</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>314-213-7200</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>335900</u></td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>43-1554045</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>314-213-7200</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>335900</u>	
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2d Business code (see instructions) <u>335900</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.	07/14/2021	DEBORAH HANLON
	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

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. VICE PRESIDENT-HUMAN RESOURCES 9900A CLAYTON ROAD ST. LOUIS, MO 63124		3b Administrator's EIN 43-1554045
		3c Administrator's telephone number 314-213-7200
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 0
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) 0
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2) 0
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b 0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c 0
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d 0
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f 0
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 1A 1I 3H		
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:		
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)		
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ <u>0</u> 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 2020 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2020 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
		2020
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2020 and ending 04/07/2021		
A Name of plan ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	101
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 43-1554045	

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
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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?
11 50 15 17	NONE	148995	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(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?
10 50	NONE	18143	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 ☐

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)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			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
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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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c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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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 2020 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 43-1554045	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....		1a	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions		1b(1)	
(2) Participant contributions.....		1b(2)	
(3) Other		1b(3)	110
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)		1c(1)	4646570
(2) U.S. Government securities		1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred		1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other.....		1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred		1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common		1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests		1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)		1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....		1c(7)	
(8) Participant loans		1c(8)	
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts		1c(9)	
(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)	
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....		1c(14)	
(15) Other.....		1c(15)	

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities.....	1d(1)	
(2)	Employer real property.....	1d(2)	
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	464668 0
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	
h	Operating payables	1h	8092 0
i	Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	
j	Other liabilities.....	1j	
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	8092 0
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	456576 0

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
Income			
a	Contributions:		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	-494254
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	
	(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	
(2)	Noncash contributions	2a(2)	
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	-494254
b	Earnings on investments:		
(1)	Interest:		
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	56
	(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)	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)	56
(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)	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)	0
(3)	Rents	2b(3)	
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	
	(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)	0
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		349868
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		-144330

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	15290	
(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)		15290
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)	169758	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	127198	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		296956
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		312246

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-456576
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 Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☒ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

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

(1) Name: UHY LLP

(2) EIN: 20-0694403

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.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
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	
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		10000000
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?			
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?		X	
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m			
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 494254.

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 Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

<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>2020</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div>
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For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2020 and ending 04/07/2021

A Name of plan ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 101
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 43-1554045

Part I	Distributions
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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): 43-6334070		
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	1

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.)
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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
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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
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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.
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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) 2020
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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 deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

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 _____

**ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC.
RETIREMENT PLAN**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**Period From October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021
and Year Ended September 30, 2020**

ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator
ESCO Technologies Inc. Retirement Plan

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the ESCO Technologies Inc. Retirement Plan (the Plan), which comprise the statements of net assets in liquidation as of April 7, 2021 and September 30, 2020, and the related statements of changes in net assets in liquidation for the period from October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021, and for the year ended September 30, 2020, the statement of accumulated plan benefits as of September 30, 2019, the related statement of changes in accumulated plan 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 for Financial Statements for the Period from October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements for the period from October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021 based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statements for the period from October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021.

Auditor's Responsibility for Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2020

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020 based on conducting the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020 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 on the Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2020

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, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 6, which was certified by Commerce Bank, N.A., the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing the 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 investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator obtained certifications from the trustee as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion on the Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2020

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2020 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 financial statements.

Opinion on the Financial Statements for the Period from October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph, of the ESCO Technologies Inc. Retirement Plan as of April 7, 2021, and for the period from October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021, present fairly in all material respects, the net assets in liquidation as of April 7, 2021, and the changes in net assets in liquidation for the period from October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, on November 14, 2019, the Board of Directors approved a resolution to terminate the Plan effective February 29, 2020. Plan assets were fully distributed as of April 7, 2021. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Plan has changed its basis of accounting used to determine the amounts at which investments and the accumulated benefit information are stated, from the ongoing plan basis to the liquidation basis for periods after September 30, 2019. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules

The supplemental Schedules of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of September 30, 2020 and Reportable Transactions for the year then ended, are required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Financial Statement for the Year Ended September 30, 2020 paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedules referred to above.

Report on Form and Content of the Year Ended September 30, 2020 Financial Statements in Compliance with DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the year ended September 30, 2020 financial statements and supplemental schedules, 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, is presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "UHY LLP". The letters are stylized and cursive.

St. Louis, Missouri
July 12, 2021

ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS IN LIQUIDATION

	<u>April 7, 2021</u>	<u>September 30, 2020</u>
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value		
Cash equivalents	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 464,657</u>
Receivables		
Accrued interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>11</u>
Total assets	<u>-</u>	<u>464,668</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accrued expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>8,092</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 456,576</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS IN LIQUIDATION

	Period From October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021	Year Ended September 30, 2020
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ -	\$ 5,079,972
Dividends	<u>56</u>	<u>35,453</u>
	56	5,115,425
COMPANY CONTRIBUTIONS	-	15,650,000
REFUND FROM INSURANCE COMPANY FOR ANNUITY CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPANTS	<u>349,868</u>	<u>-</u>
Total additions	<u>349,924</u>	<u>20,765,425</u>
BENEFITS PAID TO PARTICIPANTS	15,290	36,961,145
PAYMENTS TO INSURANCE COMPANY FOR ANNUITY CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPANTS	-	69,078,739
TRANSFER OUT TO PLAN SPONSOR	494,254	-
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	<u>296,956</u>	<u>1,421,453</u>
Total deductions	<u>806,500</u>	<u>107,461,337</u>
NET DECREASE	(456,576)	(86,695,912)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of year	<u>456,576</u>	<u>87,152,488</u>
End of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 456,576</u>

See notes to financial statements.

ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS
September 30, 2019

ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF
ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS

Vested benefits

Participants currently receiving benefits

\$ 53,615,678

Participants with deferred benefits

24,471,511

Active employees

19,622,922

Total vested benefits

97,710,111

Nonvested benefits

95,620

TOTAL ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF
ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS

\$ 97,805,731

See notes to financial statements.

ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS
Year Ended September 30, 2019

ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS, Beginning	<u>\$ 86,990,716</u>
CHANGE FROM	
Actuarial losses	696,877
Decrease in the discount period	3,518,953
Actual benefits paid	(4,438,442)
Changes in plan assumptions	<u>11,037,627</u>
NET INCREASE	<u>10,815,015</u>
ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS, Ending	<u><u>\$ 97,805,731</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
April 7, 2021 and September 30, 2020

NOTE 1 — DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the ESCO Technologies Inc. Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan was adopted effective October 1, 1990 and is a defined benefit noncontributory pension plan. The Plan is sponsored by ESCO Technologies Inc. (the Company) covering certain employees at Doble Engineering Company; ETS-Lindgren Inc.; PTI Technologies Inc.; VACCO Industries; and employees at the corporate headquarters of the Company. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Commerce Bank, N.A. (Commerce) serves as the trustee of the Plan.

The Plan is administered by the Company's Human Resources and Compensation Committee (Committee). The Committee has overall responsibility for the operation and administration of the Plan. In addition, the Company's Audit and Finance Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment policy and monitors investment performance. The Human Resources and Compensation Committee and the Audit and Finance Committee report to the Company's Board of Directors.

On November 14, 2019, the Board of Directors elected to terminate the plan effective February 29, 2020. As of April 7, 2021, plan assets were fully distributed as lump-sum payments to participants or payments to insurance company for the purchase of an annuity contract on behalf of participants.

Funding Policy

The Company's funding policy is to contribute an amount equal to the minimum required contribution under ERISA. The Company may contribute more than the minimum. The required minimum contributions were \$-0- for the period from October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021 and year ended September 30, 2020. The Company authorized contributions of \$-0- and \$15,650,000 for the period from October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021 and year ended September 30, 2020, respectively.

Vesting

Effective November 14, 2019, all participants are 100% vested.

Retirement Benefits

The Plan was amended to freeze benefit accruals (for both pay and pension credited service) at December 31, 2008 for Doble Engineering Company and December 31, 2003 for all other participating subsidiaries.

Under terms of the Plan, participants are eligible for monthly benefit payments upon reaching the normal retirement age. Monthly benefit payments are determined by application of a benefit formula times the participant's years of pension credited service. The Plan contains provisions for early retirement, postponed retirement, death and automatic survivor benefits.

ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
April 7, 2021 and September 30, 2020

NOTE 1 — DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Retirement Benefits (Continued)

Terminated participants may elect, after attaining the age required by the Plan, with ten years of vesting service, to begin receiving the benefits provided under the terms of the Plan based on the participants' pension credited service. All active and terminated vested participants were offered a lump-sum distribution as part of the Plan liquidation.

Death and Disability Benefits

If a participant dies after becoming vested, the participant's surviving spouse shall be paid an annuity for the life of the surviving spouse equal to 50% of the participant's retirement commencing at the date the participant would have become eligible for retirement benefit had the participant lived.

Active employees who become totally disabled receive monthly disability benefits as described in the Plan document. Disability benefits are paid until normal retirement age at which time disabled participants begin receiving normal retirement benefits computed as though they had been employed to normal retirement age. The disability benefit was terminated prospectively effective November 14, 2019.

NOTE 2 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan as of April 7, 2021 and for the period from October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021, and for the year ended and as of September 30, 2020, have been prepared on the liquidation basis of accounting. There were no material changes to the financial statements of the Plan as a result of the change to the liquidation basis of accounting from the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

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

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are 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 period.

ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
April 7, 2021 and September 30, 2020

NOTE 2 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses are generally paid directly from Plan assets. In addition, certain investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments presented in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets in liquidation.

Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

As a result of the Plan's termination, all benefits were settled in 2020 and 2021. Distributions include the monthly annuities prior to the settlement of the Plan as well as the distributions arising from the Plan termination, which include lump-sum payments for participants who elected a lump-sum distribution and the annuity payment purchases for participants who elected or were already enrolled for annuity payments. As a result, there was no actuarial valuation performed as of October 1, 2020.

Prior to the Plan's termination, the Plan elected to present its actuarially computed present value of accumulated plan benefits as of the beginning of the Plan year. Accumulated plan benefits were those future payments, including lump-sum distributions, which are attributable under the Plan's provisions to the service, which employees have rendered to the valuation date. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated participants with vested rights or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of vested participants who have died, and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries based upon service rendered to the valuation date.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits was determined by the Plan's consulting actuaries and is that amount which results from applying actuarial assumptions to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, and withdrawal, or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

The computation of the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits was made as of October 1, 2019. Had the valuation been performed as of September 30, there would be no material differences.

The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation as of September 30, 2019 are as follows:

Mortality:	RP-2014 Table
Average Retirement Age:	63
Discount Rate	3.05%
Rate of Return on Assets:	5.75%
Salary Increase Rate:	Due to benefit freeze, the salary increase is no longer applicable

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NOTE 2 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits (Continued)

There were three key actuarial assumption changes from prior year in preparation of the September 30, 2019 valuation: the discount rate used to value the pension obligations decreased from 4.15% to 3.05%; the expected long-term return on plan assets was decreased from 6.00% to 5.75%, and the mortality table was updated to reflect one additional year of projected mortality improvement. These changes have been reflected in the statement of changes in accumulated plan benefits as “changes in plan assumptions” for the year ended September 30, 2019.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through July 12, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 — FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value 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) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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 and liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted market 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.

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 fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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NOTE 3 — FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at April 7, 2021 and September 30, 2020.

Money Market Fund: valued based on available quoted market prices.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value are as follows:

	Investments at Fair Value as of April 7, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money Market Fund	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> -</u>

	Investments at Fair Value as of September 30, 2020			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money Market Fund	\$ <u> 464,657 </u>	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> 464,657 </u>

NOTE 4 — RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments. In addition AHGT and related entities (Aon), received direct payments from the Plan for investment management services of \$-0- and \$135,790 for the period October 1, 2020 to April 7, 2021 and the year ended September 30, 2020, respectively. Aon provides investment management services to the Plan and therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

NOTE 5 — TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed the Company by letter dated September 27, 2016, that the Plan and the related trust are designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. The plan administrator believes that the Plan was operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

The Plan received a favorable determination letter dated April 29, 2020, relative to the resolution to terminate the Plan effective February 29, 2020.

NOTE 6 — CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE

Information regarding investments held at September 30, 2020, and net appreciation in fair value of investments and dividends for the year then ended, disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules, was obtained or derived from data provided to the plan administrator and certified to as complete and accurate by Commerce, the trustee of the Plan.