

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</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)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information										
1a Name of plan <u>STERLING ENGINEERING, INC. SALARY SAVINGS 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>001</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1984</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-2708254</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>630-993-3400</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541330</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1984</u>		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-2708254</u>		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>630-993-3400</u>		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541330</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>STERLING ENGINEERING, INC.</u> <u>TWO WESTBROOK CORP CENTER</u> <u>SUITE 300</u> <u>WESTCHESTER, IL 60154</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.	09/13/2022	JENNIFER MAHAR
	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		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	560
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)	447
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	463
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	3
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	105
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	571
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	571
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	207
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	18
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: 2T 2F 2G 2J 2K 3D			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (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 2021 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2021 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
		2021
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan STERLING ENGINEERING, INC. SALARY SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STERLING ENGINEERING, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-2708254	

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?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	4593	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 ☐

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

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			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)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
INVS DIVRS DIVD INV - INVESCO INVE 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	0.50%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PIF SMALL CAP R4 - PRINCIPAL SHARE 620 COOLIDGE DR FOLSOM, CA 95630-3183	0.35%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PIMCO TOT RETURN ADM - DST ASSET M 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan <u>STERLING ENGINEERING, INC. SALARY SAVINGS PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>STERLING ENGINEERING, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-2708254</u>	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	15270	14101
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	120488	138316
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	353261	449364
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	13217422	15601022
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	0	0

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities.....	1d(1) 0	0
(2)	Employer real property.....	1d(2) 0	0
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e 0	0
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f 13706441	16202803
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g 0	0
h	Operating payables	1h 0	0
i	Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i 0	0
j	Other liabilities.....	1j 32330	93062
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k 32330	93062
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l 13674111	16109741

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) 49783	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B) 853111	
	(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C) 151160	
(2)	Noncash contributions.....	2a(2) 0	1054054
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	
b	Earnings on investments:		
(1)	Interest:		
(A)	Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A) 0	
(B)	U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B) 0	
(C)	Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C) 0	
(D)	Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D) 0	
(E)	Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E) 6670	
(F)	Other	2b(1)(F) 0	
(G)	Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)	6670
(2)	Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A) 0	
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B) 0	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C) 1378774	
(D)	Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)	1378774
(3)	Rents	2b(3)	0
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A) 0	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B) 0	
	(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)	
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A) 0	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B) 0	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		874697
c Other income.....	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		3314195
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	871261	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		871261
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		0
h Interest expense.....	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	2721	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	4583	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		7304
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		878565
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		2435630
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		0

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: MILLER COOPER & CO., LTD

(2) EIN: 36-2897372

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		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		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.)	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.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c 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 _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan <u>STERLING ENGINEERING, INC. SALARY SAVINGS PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>STERLING ENGINEERING, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-2708254</u>

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	
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): <u>04-6568107</u>		
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.)
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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) 2021
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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).....

14a

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).....

14b

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).....

14c

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

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....

15a

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....

15b

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

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year.....

16a

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....

16b

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

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

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

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:

☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?

☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

**Sterling Engineering, Inc.
Salary Savings Plan**

**Financial Statements and
Independent Auditors' Report**

December 31, 2021 and 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Executive Committee
Sterling Engineering, Inc. Salary Savings Plan
Westchester, Illinois

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Sterling Engineering, Inc. Salary Savings Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, 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 (2021 financial statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

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Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements (Continued)

- The information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of U.S. GAAP.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements (Continued)

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter - 2021 Supplemental Information

The supplemental information as of December 31, 2021, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental information, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental information that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including the form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental information, other than the information in the supplemental information that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental information related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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Other Matter - Auditors' Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of the Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform and we did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by a qualified institution. In our report dated September 15, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements other than that derived from the certified information were presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

MILLER, COOPER & CO., LTD.



Certified Public Accountants

Deerfield, Illinois
September 12, 2022

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Sterling Engineering, Inc.
Salary Savings Plan
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Investments, at fair value	\$ 16,050,386	\$ 13,570,683
Receivables		
Employer contributions	14,101	15,270
Notes from participants	138,316	120,488
	<u>152,417</u>	<u>135,758</u>
Total assets	16,202,803	13,706,441
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Excess contributions payable	<u>93,062</u>	<u>32,330</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 16,109,741</u>	<u>\$ 13,674,111</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Sterling Engineering, Inc.
Salary Savings Plan

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Year ended December 31, 2021

Additions:	
Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 874,697
Interest and dividends	<u>1,378,774</u>
	<u>2,253,471</u>
 Interest income from notes receivable from participants	 <u>6,670</u>
 Contributions	
Participant	853,111
Employer	49,783
Rollover	<u>151,160</u>
	<u>1,054,054</u>
 Total additions	 <u>3,314,195</u>
 Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants	871,261
Administrative expenses	<u>7,304</u>
 Total deductions	 <u>878,565</u>
 NET INCREASE	 2,435,630
 Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	 <u>13,674,111</u>
 Net assets available for benefits, end of year	 <u>\$ 16,109,741</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statement.

Sterling Engineering, Inc.
Salary Savings Plan
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Sterling Engineering, Inc. Salary Savings Plan ("the Plan") provides only general information. Interested parties should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

1. General

The Plan is a defined contribution 401(k) plan covering eligible employees of Sterling Engineering, Inc. and Sterling Staffing, Inc. (collectively, the "Company"). Eligible classes of employees are able to participate in the Plan upon attaining age 20 ½. Employees participating in the Plan are eligible to receive discretionary Company matching contributions upon completion of one year of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

2. Contributions

The Plan is funded by voluntary contributions of participants and discretionary matching contributions of the Company. Participants may contribute to the Plan, through regular payroll deductions, and participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also roll over amounts representing distributions from other qualified employee benefit plans. The Company made or accrued discretionary matching contributions of \$49,783 to the Plan for the year ending December 31, 2021. Contributions are subject to certain IRS limitations.

3. Investment Options

Participants must direct their salary deferral contributions and the Company's contributions into a variety of investment funds made available and determined by the Executive Committee. Participants may change their investment options at any time.

4. Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, an allocation of the Company's discretionary matching contribution, and an allocation of plan earnings. The Company's discretionary matching contribution is allocated based on a percentage of the participant's contribution. Plan earnings are allocated to participants' accounts in direct proportion to their respective account balances, based on the performance of participants' investment selections. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

5. Vesting

Participants are immediately fully vested in participant and rollover contributions plus the actual earnings thereon. The portion of the participants' accounts attributable to the Company's contributions becomes 20% vested after two years of service and continues to vest at the rate of 20% for each successive year until 100% vested after six years of service. In the event of death, disability, or retirement at designated ages, participants become fully vested.

6. Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, a participant may elect to receive a single, lump-sum payment equal to the value of his or her vested account balance, or a direct rollover distribution. In-service withdrawals starting at age 59 1/2 and hardship withdrawals are also permitted by the Plan. Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"), participants who self-certify that they meet certain criteria of the CARES Act were eligible for in-service distributions up to \$100,000 without penalty through December 31, 2020. These distributions are taxed ratably over a three year period, but may be repaid by the participant over the same three year period to avoid such taxes. Under the CARES Act, provisions may be implemented prior to a formal amendment being executed. The Plan has until the last day of the Plan year in 2022 to amend the Plan for the provisions of the CARES Act.

7. Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Participants are permitted to take loans from the Plan up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balances. The loans are collateralized by the borrowers' respective vested account balances and bear interest at rates ranging from 4.25% to 6.50%. Principal and interest are paid through payroll deductions over a period not to exceed five years, unless for the purchase of a primary residence.

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

8. Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses incurred maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

9. Forfeitures

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, unallocated plan assets resulting from forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$2,772 and \$2,247 respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future discretionary Company contributions or pay the Plan's administrative expenses. Forfeitures of \$20,317 were used to reduce discretionary Company contributions during 2021. Subsequent to year-end, forfeitures of \$2,772 were used to fund discretionary Company contributions related to the Plan year ended December 31, 2021. The employer contribution receivable balance at December 31, 2021 is stated net of forfeitures.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

2. Fair Value Measurements

Current accounting standards establish a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include the following:
- * Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - * Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - * Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - * Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plan's investments measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Stable value collective trust fund: A stable value fund that is composed primarily of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts that is valued at the NAV of units of the bank collective trust. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to require 12 months' notification in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

	Plan Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 15,601,022	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,601,022
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 15,601,022	\$ -	\$ -	15,601,022
Investments measured at NAV*				449,364
Investments, at fair value				\$ 16,050,386

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

	Plan Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 13,217,422	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,217,422
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 13,217,422	\$ -	\$ -	13,217,422
Investments measured at NAV*				353,261
Investments, at fair value				\$ 13,570,683

* Certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in these tables for such investments are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the investments, at fair value line item presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following tables summarize investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2021, and 2020, respectively. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

	December 31, 2021			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Stable value collective trust fund	\$ 449,364	\$ -	None	12 Months
	December 31, 2020			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Stable value collective trust fund	\$ 353,261	\$ -	None	12 Months

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan Administrator determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the trustee. See Note B-2 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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 includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments purchased and sold as well as held during the year.

4. Use of Estimates

In preparing the Plan's financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

5. Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

NOTE C - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2021 and 2020, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, for the year ended December 31, 2021, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the trustee of the Plan).

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NOTE D - TAX STATUS

Effective May 5, 2015, the Plan adopted a volume submitter plan sponsored by Fidelity Management and Research Company. The volume submitter plan has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service as to the volume submitter plan's qualified status. The opinion letter has been relied upon by this Plan. The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability if the plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE E - PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants become fully vested in their respective account balances.

NOTE F - 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. Because of 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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE G - RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Plan investments are managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee and recordkeeper, as defined by the Plan; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each investment.

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NOTE G - RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

The Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the vested balance in the participant's accounts and certain administrative fees related to the administration of the Plan were paid by the Plan or by the Company. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Employees of the Company provide administrative services to the Plan for which no fees are charged.

NOTE H - PLAN EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE

Excess contributions payable represents amounts withheld from participants in excess of Internal Revenue Service limitations that are to be refunded at year end. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, \$93,062 and \$32,330, respectively, of excess contributions were required to be refunded in the subsequent year. Excess contributions are netted against contributions in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

NOTE I - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through September 12, 2022, the date that these financial statements were available to be issued. Plan management has determined that no events or transactions, other than those disclosed in Note A-9, have occurred subsequent to the statement of net assets available for benefits date that require disclosure in the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Sterling Engineering, Inc.
Salary Savings Plan

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

December 31, 2021

FEIN: 36-2708254

Plan Number: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Mutual funds (held by Fidelity Management Trust Company)			
	Pimco	Pimco Total Return Fund	** \$	557,032
	Invesco	Invesco Diversified Dividend Fund	**	115,516
	Principal	Small Cap R4 Fund		105,115
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Contrafund	**	1,681,050
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Growth and Income Fund	**	218,567
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Value Fund	**	116,521
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Blue Chip Growth Fund	**	3,266,902
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Low Priced Stock Fund	**	333,401
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Worldwide Fund	**	253,403
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Equity Dividend Income Fund	**	216,311
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Diversified International Fund	**	365,442
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Mid Cap Stock Fund	**	442,495
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Small Cap Stock Fund	**	134,378
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom Income Fund	**	36,732
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2010 Fund	**	59,239
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2015 Fund	**	305,624
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2020 Fund	**	465,163
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2025 Fund	**	1,573,726
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2030 Fund	**	1,628,226
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2035 Fund	**	522,601
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2040 Fund	**	752,169
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2045 Fund	**	340,088
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2050 Fund	**	307,276
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2055 Fund	**	167,069
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2060 Fund	**	116,652
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2065 Fund	**	25,631
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	U.S. Bond Index Fund	**	287,322
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	500 Index Fund	**	751,179

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Sterling Engineering, Inc.
Salary Savings Plan

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) (Continued)
December 31, 2021

FEIN: 36-2708254
Plan Number: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	* Mutual funds (held by Fidelity Management Trust Company) (Continued)			
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	International Index Fund	** \$	209,681
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Extended Market Index Fund	**	90,719
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Inflation Protected Bond Index	**	155,792
				15,601,022
	* Stable Value Collective Trust Fund (held by Fidelity Management Trust Company)			
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio	**	449,364
				16,050,386
*	Participant loans	Interest ranging from 4.25% - 6.50%	-	138,316
				<u>\$ 16,188,702</u>

* Represents a party in interest.

** Cost information omitted with respect to participant- or beneficiary-directed investments.

**Sterling Engineering, Inc.
Salary Savings Plan**

**Financial Statements and
Independent Auditors' Report**

December 31, 2021 and 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Executive Committee
Sterling Engineering, Inc. Salary Savings Plan
Westchester, Illinois

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Sterling Engineering, Inc. Salary Savings Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, 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 (2021 financial statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

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Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements (Continued)

- The information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of U.S. GAAP.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements (Continued)

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter - 2021 Supplemental Information

The supplemental information as of December 31, 2021, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental information, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental information that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including the form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental information, other than the information in the supplemental information that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental information related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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Other Matter - Auditors' Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of the Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform and we did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by a qualified institution. In our report dated September 15, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements other than that derived from the certified information were presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

MILLER, COOPER & CO., LTD.

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Certified Public Accountants

Deerfield, Illinois
September 12, 2022

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Sterling Engineering, Inc.
Salary Savings Plan
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Investments, at fair value	\$ 16,050,386	\$ 13,570,683
Receivables		
Employer contributions	14,101	15,270
Notes from participants	138,316	120,488
	<u>152,417</u>	<u>135,758</u>
Total assets	16,202,803	13,706,441
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Excess contributions payable	<u>93,062</u>	<u>32,330</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 16,109,741</u>	<u>\$ 13,674,111</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Sterling Engineering, Inc.
Salary Savings Plan

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Year ended December 31, 2021

Additions:	
Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 874,697
Interest and dividends	<u>1,378,774</u>
	<u>2,253,471</u>
 Interest income from notes receivable from participants	 <u>6,670</u>
 Contributions	
Participant	853,111
Employer	49,783
Rollover	<u>151,160</u>
	<u>1,054,054</u>
 Total additions	 <u>3,314,195</u>
 Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants	871,261
Administrative expenses	<u>7,304</u>
 Total deductions	 <u>878,565</u>
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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

5. Vesting

Participants are immediately fully vested in participant and rollover contributions plus the actual earnings thereon. The portion of the participants' accounts attributable to the Company's contributions becomes 20% vested after two years of service and continues to vest at the rate of 20% for each successive year until 100% vested after six years of service. In the event of death, disability, or retirement at designated ages, participants become fully vested.

6. Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, a participant may elect to receive a single, lump-sum payment equal to the value of his or her vested account balance, or a direct rollover distribution. In-service withdrawals starting at age 59 1/2 and hardship withdrawals are also permitted by the Plan. Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"), participants who self-certify that they meet certain criteria of the CARES Act were eligible for in-service distributions up to \$100,000 without penalty through December 31, 2020. These distributions are taxed ratably over a three year period, but may be repaid by the participant over the same three year period to avoid such taxes. Under the CARES Act, provisions may be implemented prior to a formal amendment being executed. The Plan has until the last day of the Plan year in 2022 to amend the Plan for the provisions of the CARES Act.

7. Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Participants are permitted to take loans from the Plan up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balances. The loans are collateralized by the borrowers' respective vested account balances and bear interest at rates ranging from 4.25% to 6.50%. Principal and interest are paid through payroll deductions over a period not to exceed five years, unless for the purchase of a primary residence.

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NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

8. Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses incurred maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

9. Forfeitures

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, unallocated plan assets resulting from forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$2,772 and \$2,247 respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future discretionary Company contributions or pay the Plan's administrative expenses. Forfeitures of \$20,317 were used to reduce discretionary Company contributions during 2021. Subsequent to year-end, forfeitures of \$2,772 were used to fund discretionary Company contributions related to the Plan year ended December 31, 2021. The employer contribution receivable balance at December 31, 2021 is stated net of forfeitures.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

2. Fair Value Measurements

Current accounting standards establish a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include the following:
- * Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - * Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - * Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - * Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plan's investments measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Stable value collective trust fund: A stable value fund that is composed primarily of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts that is valued at the NAV of units of the bank collective trust. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to require 12 months' notification in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

	Plan Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 15,601,022	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,601,022
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 15,601,022	\$ -	\$ -	15,601,022
Investments measured at NAV*				449,364
Investments, at fair value				\$ 16,050,386

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

	Plan Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 13,217,422	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,217,422
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 13,217,422	\$ -	\$ -	13,217,422
Investments measured at NAV*				353,261
Investments, at fair value				\$ 13,570,683

* Certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in these tables for such investments are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the investments, at fair value line item presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following tables summarize investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2021, and 2020, respectively. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

	December 31, 2021			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Stable value collective trust fund	\$ 449,364	\$ -	None	12 Months
	December 31, 2020			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Stable value collective trust fund	\$ 353,261	\$ -	None	12 Months

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan Administrator determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the trustee. See Note B-2 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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 includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments purchased and sold as well as held during the year.

4. Use of Estimates

In preparing the Plan's financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

5. Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

NOTE C - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2021 and 2020, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, for the year ended December 31, 2021, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the trustee of the Plan).

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NOTE D - TAX STATUS

Effective May 5, 2015, the Plan adopted a volume submitter plan sponsored by Fidelity Management and Research Company. The volume submitter plan has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service as to the volume submitter plan's qualified status. The opinion letter has been relied upon by this Plan. The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability if the plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE E - PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants become fully vested in their respective account balances.

NOTE F - 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. Because of 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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE G - RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Plan investments are managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee and recordkeeper, as defined by the Plan; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each investment.

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NOTE G - RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

The Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the vested balance in the participant's accounts and certain administrative fees related to the administration of the Plan were paid by the Plan or by the Company. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Employees of the Company provide administrative services to the Plan for which no fees are charged.

NOTE H - PLAN EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE

Excess contributions payable represents amounts withheld from participants in excess of Internal Revenue Service limitations that are to be refunded at year end. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, \$93,062 and \$32,330, respectively, of excess contributions were required to be refunded in the subsequent year. Excess contributions are netted against contributions in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

NOTE I - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through September 12, 2022, the date that these financial statements were available to be issued. Plan management has determined that no events or transactions, other than those disclosed in Note A-9, have occurred subsequent to the statement of net assets available for benefits date that require disclosure in the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

December 31, 2021

FEIN: 36-2708254

Plan Number: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Mutual funds (held by Fidelity Management Trust Company)			
	Pimco	Pimco Total Return Fund	** \$	557,032
	Invesco	Invesco Diversified Dividend Fund	**	115,516
	Principal	Small Cap R4 Fund		105,115
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Contrafund	**	1,681,050
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Growth and Income Fund	**	218,567
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Value Fund	**	116,521
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Blue Chip Growth Fund	**	3,266,902
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Low Priced Stock Fund	**	333,401
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Worldwide Fund	**	253,403
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Equity Dividend Income Fund	**	216,311
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Diversified International Fund	**	365,442
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Mid Cap Stock Fund	**	442,495
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Small Cap Stock Fund	**	134,378
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom Income Fund	**	36,732
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2010 Fund	**	59,239
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2015 Fund	**	305,624
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2020 Fund	**	465,163
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2025 Fund	**	1,573,726
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2030 Fund	**	1,628,226
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2035 Fund	**	522,601
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2040 Fund	**	752,169
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2045 Fund	**	340,088
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2050 Fund	**	307,276
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2055 Fund	**	167,069
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2060 Fund	**	116,652
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Freedom 2065 Fund	**	25,631
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	U.S. Bond Index Fund	**	287,322
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	500 Index Fund	**	751,179

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(a)	(b) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
* Mutual funds (held by Fidelity Management Trust Company) (Continued)				
* Fidelity Management Trust Company		International Index Fund	** \$	209,681
* Fidelity Management Trust Company		Extended Market Index Fund	**	90,719
* Fidelity Management Trust Company		Inflation Protected Bond Index	**	155,792
				15,601,022
* Stable Value Collective Trust Fund (held by Fidelity Management Trust Company)				
* Fidelity Management Trust Company		Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio	**	449,364
				16,050,386
* Participant loans		Interest ranging from 4.25% - 6.50%	-	138,316
				<u>\$ 16,188,702</u>

* Represents a party in interest.

** Cost information omitted with respect to participant- or beneficiary-directed investments.