

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>401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING 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>03/01/1986</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>03/01/1986</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>EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.</u> <u>891 TWO RIVERS DRIVE</u> <u>DAKOTA DUNES, SD 57049</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>94-2740498</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>605-217-8144</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541990</u></td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>94-2740498</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>605-217-8144</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541990</u>	
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2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541990</u>					

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/12/2022	JENNIFER LETCH
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/12/2022	JENNIFER LETCH
	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	1202
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)	895
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	897
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	1
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	248
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	1146
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	2
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	1148
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	1058
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	129
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D 3H			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
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>1</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 A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	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 401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2740498

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
93-0242990	69019	811971	1148	01/01/2021	12/31/2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	6288962
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	0

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☒ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	5213051
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	542888
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)	
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3)	136145
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	
	(5) Other (specify below).....	7c(5)	2112995
	▶ INVESTMENT TRANSFER, FORFEITED AMOUNT,		
	(6) Total additions	7c(6)	2792028
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	8005079
e	Deductions:		
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	1703495
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	12622
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	
	(4) Other (specify below).....	7e(4)	
	▶		
	(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	1716117
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d).....	7f	6288962

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs.	10b	

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) 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
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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
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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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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41-1931920

(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?
17 38 50	CONSULTANT	49989	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	11	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	58798	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

FORVIS, LLP

44-0160260

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10 50	ACCOUNTANT	13318	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	5	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)

BAIRD HOLM, LLP

47-0389074

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 50	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	283	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	5	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

94-1347393

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 21 50 62 64	RECORDKEEPER /BOOKKEEPER	54232	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
HAYS COMPANIES	17 38 50	11
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	CONSULTING	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FORVIS, LLP	10 50	5
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	ACCOUNTANT	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
BAIRD HOLM, LLP	27 50	5
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	

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

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

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

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

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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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan 401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2740498	

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		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	177674	555246
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	6565902	12205780
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	49191890	51294472
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	5213051	6288962
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities.....	1d(1)	
(2)	Employer real property.....	1d(2)	
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	61148517 70344460
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	
h	Operating payables	1h	21156
i	Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	
j	Other liabilities.....	1j	
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	21156 0
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	61127361 70344460

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)	1987938
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	4200782
	(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	425924
(2)	Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	6614644
b	Earnings on investments:		
(1)	Interest:		
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	
	(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)	0
(2)	Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	794069
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)	794069
(3)	Rents	2b(3)	
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	
	(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)	0
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		2119874
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		5294426
c Other income.....	2c		91054
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		14914067
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	5520265	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	83	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		5520348
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	58798	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	30230	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	87592	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		176620
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		5696968
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		9217099
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

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

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

(1) Name: FORVIS, LLP

(2) EIN: 44-0160260

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			

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 401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2740498

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 42-0127290 41-6257133		
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

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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 _____



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Investment Committee and Management
401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan
Dakota Dunes, South Dakota

As part of our audit of the financial statements of 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan (Plan) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, we wish to communicate the following to you.

Management has elected to have the audit of the Plan's 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. An audit performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) does 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, a qualified institution, that prepared and certified the investment information in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Management has determined that an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances. Management has also determined that the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described by 29 CFR 2520.103-8, that the certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5 and, that the certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The purpose of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is to express an opinion on whether the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that the assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the certified investment information.

AUDIT SCOPE AND RESULTS

Auditor's Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America

An audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America is designed to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about the financial statements. In performing auditing procedures, we establish scopes of audit tests in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. Our engagement does not include a detailed audit of every transaction. Our contract more specifically describes our responsibilities.

These standards require communication of significant matters related to the financial statement audit that are relevant to the responsibilities of those charged with governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. Such matters are communicated in the remainder of this letter or have previously been communicated during other phases of the audit. The standards do not require the auditor to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to be communicated with those charged with governance.

An audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities. Our contract more specifically describes your responsibilities.

Qualitative Aspects of Significant Accounting Policies and Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

The Plan's significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 of the audited financial statements.

Alternative Accounting Treatments

We had no discussions with management regarding alternative accounting treatments within accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for policies and practices for material items, including recognition, measurement, and disclosure considerations related to the accounting for specific transactions as well as general accounting policies.

Management Judgments and Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of financial statement preparation by management, based on its judgments. The following areas involve significant estimates for which we are prepared to discuss management's estimation process and our procedures for testing the reasonableness of those estimates:

No matters are reportable.

Significant Unusual Transactions

Significant unusual transactions represent significant transactions that are outside the normal course of business for the Plan or that otherwise appear to be unusual due to their timing, size, or nature. We have identified the following transactions that we consider to be significant and unusual.

- Third-party administrator of the Plan changed from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Principal

Financial Statement Disclosures

The following areas involve particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures for which we are prepared to discuss the issues involved and related judgments made in formulating those disclosures:

- Determination of fair values
- Parties-in-interest transactions
- Plan amendments
- Risks and uncertainties
- Subsequent events

Audit Adjustments

During the course of any audit, an auditor may propose adjustments to financial statement amounts. Management evaluates our proposals and records those adjustments which, in its judgment, are required to prevent the financial statements from being materially misstated. A misstatement is a difference between the amount, classification, presentation, or disclosure of a reported financial statement item and that which is required for the item to be presented fairly in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

Areas in which adjustments were proposed include:

Proposed Audit Adjustments Recorded

- Accrual of Employer Contribution Receivable
- Accrual of Administration Fees

Auditor's Judgments About the Quality of the Plan's Accounting Principles

During the course of the audit, we made the following observations regarding the Plan's application of accounting principles:

- No matters are reportable.

Other Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

The Plan's audited financial statements are included in the Form 5500, *Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan*, filed with the Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration. As part of our procedures, we read the draft Form 5500 that is substantially complete to determine if financial information discussed in sections outside the financial statements materially contradicts the audited financial statements. If we identify any such matters, we bring them to management's attention and review subsequent revisions.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

Other Material Communications

Listed below are other material communications between management and us related to the audit:

- Management representation letter (attached)

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Investment Committee, and others within the organization, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

FORVIS, LLP

October 10, 2022

Representation of:

401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan
891 Two Rivers Drive
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Provided to:

FORVIS, LLP

Certified Public Accountants
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The undersigned ("We") are providing this letter in connection with FORVIS' audits of the financial statements of 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and supplemental schedule as of December 31, 2021.

Our representations are current and effective as of the date of FORVIS' report: October 10, 2022.

Our engagement with FORVIS is based on our contract for services dated: January 31, 2022.

Our Responsibility and Consideration of Material Matters

We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements subject to FORVIS' report in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the fair presentation of the accompanying supplemental schedule in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations under the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA).

We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies; establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, operations, and compliance; and preventing and detecting fraud.

For the audit of the Plan's 2020 financial statements, we have instructed you not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to information prepared and certified by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., the trustee, in accordance with DOL Regulation 2520.103-5, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. Because of the significance of the information that you did not audit, we understand that you did not express an opinion on the financial statements and supplemental schedule as a whole. We understand the form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified or provided by the trustee, was audited by you in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and was subjected to tests of our accounting records and other procedures as you considered necessary to enable you to express an opinion as to whether they are presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

Confirmation of Matters Specific to the Subject Matter of FORVIS' Report

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following:

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of our contract, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
2. We acknowledge our responsibility for administering the Plan and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the ERISA plan 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.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of:
 - a. Internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
 - b. Internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
4. We have reviewed and approved a draft of the financial statements and related notes referred to above, which you prepared in connection with your audit of our financial statements. We acknowledge that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements and related notes.
5. We have everything we need to keep our books and records.
6. We have disclosed any significant unusual transactions the Plan has entered into during the period, including the nature, terms, and business purpose of those transactions and whether such transactions involved related parties.
7. We have provided you with:
 - a. Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
 - b. The most current Plan instrument for the audit period, including all Plan amendments.
 - c. A draft of the Form 5500 that is substantially complete.
 - d. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - e. Unrestricted access to persons within the Plan from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - f. All minutes of the Investment Committee meetings held through the date of this letter or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
 - g. All significant contracts.
8. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
9. We have informed you of all current risks of a material amount that are not adequately prevented or detected by our procedures with respect to:

- a. Misappropriation of assets.
 - b. Misrepresented or misstated assets or liabilities.
10. We have no knowledge of any known or suspected fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets involving:
- a. Management or employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - b. Others, where activities of others could have a material effect on the financial statements.
11. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan received in communications from participants, former participants, regulators, third-party servicers, or others.
12. We have assessed the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud and disclosed to you any such risk identified.
13. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Plan's related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions of which we are aware. Related-party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We understand that the term related party refers to an affiliate; principal owners, management, and members of their immediate families; subsidiaries accounted for by the equity method; and any other party with which the Plan may deal if the Plan can significantly influence, or be influenced by, the management or operating policies of the other. The term affiliate refers to a party that directly or indirectly controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Plan.

14. Except as reflected in the financial statements, there are no:
- a. Plans or intentions that may materially affect carrying values of assets and liabilities.
 - b. Material transactions omitted or improperly recorded in the financial records.
 - c. Material gain/loss contingencies requiring accrual or disclosure, including those arising from environmental remediation obligations.
 - d. Events occurring subsequent to the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits through the date of this letter requiring adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.
 - e. Agreements to purchase assets previously sold.
 - f. Reportable transactions as defined in Section 103(b)(3)(H) of ERISA.
15. We acknowledge the Plan does not meet the definition of a "public entity" under generally accepted accounting principles.
16. We have disclosed to you all known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
17. Neither the Plan nor the Plan Sponsor are aware of any pending or threatened litigation or claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements. Neither the Plan nor the Plan Sponsor have sought or received attorney's services related to pending or threatened

litigation or claims during or subsequent to the audit period. Also, we are not aware of any litigation or claims, pending or threatened, for which legal counsel should be sought.

18. Adequate allowances have been accrued for any material losses from uncollected receivables.
19. Except as disclosed in the financial statements, the Plan has:
 - a. Satisfactory title to all recorded assets, and they are not subject to any liens, pledges, or other encumbrances.
 - b. Complied with all aspects of contractual agreements, for which noncompliance would materially affect the financial statements.
20. The financial statements disclose all significant estimates known to us. Significant estimates are estimates at the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits that could change materially within the next year. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
21. The fair values of financial assets recognized in the financial statements or disclosed in the notes thereto are reasonable estimates based on the methods and assumptions used. The methods and significant assumptions used result in measurements of fair value appropriate for financial statement recognition and disclosure purposes and have been applied consistently from period to period, taking into account any changes in circumstances. The significant assumptions appropriately reflect market participant assumptions.
22. The Plan and the trust established under the Plan are qualified under the appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code, and we intend to continue them as a qualified Plan and trust. We do not have any intention at present to terminate the Plan. Required nondiscrimination testing under the appropriate Code Sections has been completed for the Plan, and any excess contributions have been disposed of in accordance with regulations.
23. The adoption date of the most recent plan amendment was January 1, 2022 as provided to you.
24. The Plan operates under a volume submitter adoption agreement sponsored by Principal. This plan document has been filed with the appropriate agency. The plan administrator believes the Plan and related trust are currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.
25. The Plan has complied with the fidelity bonding requirements of ERISA.
26. The Plan has made no investments during the year that violate the terms of the Plan or Trust Agreement.
27. We have informed you of the existence of any unrecorded transactions, side agreements, or other arrangements (either written or oral).
28. With respect to any nonattest services you have provided us during the year, including assisting with the preparation of financial statements and related disclosures:
 - a. We have designated a qualified management-level individual to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the nonattest services.
 - b. We have established and monitored the performance of the nonattest services to ensure they meet our objectives.

- c. We have made any and all decisions involving management functions with respect to the nonattest services and accept full responsibility for such decisions.
 - d. We have evaluated the adequacy of the services performed and any findings that resulted.
29. We have reviewed the reports of all transactions processed by third-party servicers, and, based on our review, we believe the transactions shown in the reports are valid and in accordance with our instructions to the third-party processor. We also have had no communications from any of the Plan's service organizations regarding any fraud, noncompliance with laws and regulations, or uncorrected misstatements.
30. We have complied with the Department of Labor's regulations concerning the timely remittance of participant contributions.
31. We have apprised you of all communications, written or oral, with regulatory agencies concerning the operation of the plan.
32. As applicable, we have complied with the Department of Labor's regulations concerning the services provider fee disclosures in accordance with Sec. 408(b)(2).
33. With regard to supplementary information:
- a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the supplementary information, including its form and content, in conformity with relevant regulatory requirements or other applicable criteria.
 - b. We believe the supplementary information is fairly presented, both in form and content, in accordance with relevant regulatory requirements or other applicable criteria, in material respects.
 - c. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information are unchanged from those used in the prior period.
 - d. We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and/or presentation of the supplementary information are reasonable and appropriate.
 - e. The supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
 - f. If the supplementary information is not presented with the audited financial statements, we acknowledge we will make the audited financial statements readily available to intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date such information and the related auditor's report are issued.
34. We understand the values of the assets and liabilities recorded in the financial statements could change rapidly, resulting in material future adjustments to investment values that could negatively impact the Plan. We acknowledge that you have no responsibility for future changes caused by the current economic environment and the resulting impact on the Plan's financial statements. Further, the plan sponsor is solely responsible for all aspects of managing the Plan, including questioning the quality and valuation of investments.

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401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan

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Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

December 31, 2021 and 2020

401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan

December 31, 2021 and 2020

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Independent Auditor's Report

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of 401(k) and Profit Sharing 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 statement 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 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 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 Auditor's 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.
- 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that these financial statements are available to be issued or within one year after the date that these financial statements are 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.

Auditor's 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 401(k) and Profit Sharing 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 401(k) and Profit Sharing 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 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 Matters

2021 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor'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 schedule, 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 schedule 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 schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

- The information in the supplemental schedule 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).

Auditor's Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor'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 October 8, 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations under ERISA.

FORVIS,LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska
October 10, 2022

Federal Employer Identification Number: 44-0160260

401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2021 and 2020

Assets

	2021	2020
Investments, At Fair Value		
At fair value	\$ 63,500,252	\$ 55,757,792
At contract value	<u>6,288,962</u>	<u>5,213,051</u>
Total investments	<u>69,789,214</u>	<u>60,970,843</u>
Employer's Contribution Receivable	<u>555,246</u>	<u>177,674</u>
Total assets	<u>70,344,460</u>	<u>61,148,517</u>

Liabilities

Accrued Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>21,156</u>
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Net Assets Available for Benefits

<u>\$ 70,344,460</u>	<u>\$ 61,127,361</u>
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401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Investment Income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 7,414,300	\$ 8,236,564
Interest and dividends	885,123	616,381
	<u>8,299,423</u>	<u>8,852,945</u>
Contributions		
Employer	1,987,938	1,581,137
Participants	4,200,782	3,832,171
Rollovers	425,924	155,946
	<u>6,614,644</u>	<u>5,569,254</u>
Total additions	<u>14,914,067</u>	<u>14,422,199</u>
Deductions		
Benefits paid directly to participants	5,520,265	4,056,506
Administrative expenses	176,620	162,197
Other	83	-
Total deductions	<u>5,696,968</u>	<u>4,218,703</u>
Net Increase	9,217,099	10,203,496
Net Assets Available for Benefits, Beginning of Year	<u>61,127,361</u>	<u>50,923,865</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 70,344,460</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 61,127,361</u></u>

401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2021 and 2020

Note 1: Description of the Plan

General

The following description of 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by empirical technology, inc., (the Company) for the benefit of its employees who are immediately eligible upon date of hire. Related employers who also participate in the Plan include empirical foods, inc. and empirical innovations, inc., Dakota Cold Storage, LLC, Two Rivers Transportation, LLC, and Heinold Hog Markets, LLC. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA). Principal is the trustee and custodian of the Plan.

Contributions

The Plan permits eligible employees through a salary deferral election to make annual contributions of up to 100% of eligible compensation. Employee rollover contributions are also permitted. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Company makes discretionary matching contributions of 50% of employees' salary deferral amounts up to 6% of employees' compensation. Company profit-sharing contributions are discretionary as determined by the Company's Board of Directors. Contributions are subject to certain limitations. Forfeitures are used to reduce Company contributions. The discretionary profit sharing contribution totaled \$546,703 and \$176,815 in 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Participant Investment Account Options

Each participant has the option of directing his or her contributions into any of the various investment options offered by the Plan and may change the allocation daily.

The Plan document also includes an automatic deferral feature whereby a participant is treated as electing to defer 4% of eligible compensation unless the participant made an affirmative election otherwise. The automatic deferral feature also provides for an annual increase in the percentage deferred and is ultimately capped at 10%.

401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2021 and 2020

Note 1: Description of the Plan - Continued

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's or its affiliated companies' contributions and plan earnings and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on either participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefits to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contributions portion of their accounts plus earnings thereon is based on years of service, as defined. A participant is fully vested in profit-sharing contributions after 5 years of service, as defined, and is fully vested in the matching contributions after 6 years of service, as defined. The nonvested balance is forfeited upon termination of service and distribution of funds.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service, an employee may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of his or her account or monthly, quarterly, or annual installments over a period of not more than the assumed life expectancy of the employee or beneficiary. The Plan also allows in-service distributions to any active participant once they attain an age of 65. Vested account balances are immediately distributable after severance.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$125,498 and \$115,803, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions. Also, employer contributions were reduced by \$41,874 and \$47,305 from forfeited non-vested accounts in 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2021 and 2020

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

Use of Estimates

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Quoted market prices, if available, are used to value investments. Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the plan at year-end.

The Plan's interest in the collective trust is valued based on information reported by the investment advisory using the audited financial statements of the collective trust at year end.

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

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

In May 2020, the Company implemented the CARES Act provision allowing the suspension of required minimum distributions during 2020.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses may be paid by the Company or the Plan, at the Company's discretion.

Note 3: Certification of Plan Custodian

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., the trustee of the Plan through June 18, 2021 and Principal, the trustee of the Plan beginning June 18, 2021, have certified the following investment information included in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

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Note 3: Certification of Plan Custodian - Continued

- Investments as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits and related disclosures as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.
- Investment income as shown in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.
- Investment information and notes receivable included in the accompanying schedule of assets (held at year-end) as of December 31, 2021.

The Plan's independent auditor did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this certified investment information, except for comparing such certified investment information to the related investment information included in the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule.

Note 4: Party-in-Interest Transactions

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50 percent or more of such an employer or employee association, or relatives of such persons.

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Principal. Principal is the trustee and custodian as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan Sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

The Plan incurred \$113,030 and \$99,974 of recordkeeping fees to Principal and Wells Fargo during 2021, and Wells Fargo during 2020, respectively. The Company provides certain administrative services at no cost to the Plan. The Plan also incurred \$50,000 and \$53,594 of investment advisory fees to Hays Investment Group during 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Note 5: Disclosures About Fair Value of Plan Assets and Liabilities

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. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities

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Note 5: Disclosures About Fair Value of Plan Assets and Liabilities - Continued

Level 3 Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

Recurring Measurements

The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at December 31, 2021 and 2020:

		Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
2021	Fair Value			
Mutual funds				
Intermediate Bond Mutual Funds	\$ 3,357	\$ 3,357	\$ -	\$ -
High Yield Bond Mutual Funds	5,700,089	5,700,089	-	-
Large Value Mutual Funds	12,524,981	12,524,981	-	-
Large Growth Mutual Funds	7,678,537	7,678,537	-	-
Small Value Mutual Funds	3,071,139	3,071,139	-	-
Small Growth Mutual Funds	2,179,684	2,179,684	-	-
Foreign Small Cap Mutual Funds	5,094,317	5,094,317	-	-
Foreign Large Blend Funds	9,662,103	9,662,103	-	-
Foreign Emerging Markets Mutual Funds	5,380,265	5,380,265	-	-
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	51,294,472	<u>\$ 51,294,472</u>		
Investment measured at net asset value (A)				
Common collective trust fund	12,205,780			
	<u>\$ 63,500,252</u>			

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Note 5: Disclosures About Fair Value of Plan Assets and Liabilities - Continued

		Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
2020	Fair Value			
Mutual funds				
Intermediate Bond Mutual Funds	\$ 1,969,672	\$ 1,969,672	\$ -	\$ -
High Yield Bond Mutual Funds	4,680,846	4,680,846	-	-
Large Value Mutual Funds	6,402,005	6,402,005	-	-
Large Growth Mutual Funds	10,791,826	10,791,826	-	-
Small Value Mutual Funds	5,251,816	5,251,816	-	-
Small Growth Mutual Funds	5,698,174	5,698,174	-	-
Foreign Large Cap Mutual Funds	1	1	-	-
Foreign Small Cap Mutual Funds	4,180,440	4,180,440	-	-
Foreign Large Blend Funds	6,880,448	6,880,448	-	-
Foreign Emerging Markets Mutual Funds	3,336,662	3,336,662	-	-
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	49,191,890	<u>\$ 49,191,890</u>		
Investment measured at net asset value (A)				
Common collective trust fund	<u>6,565,902</u>			
	<u>\$ 55,757,792</u>			

(A) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, the common collective trust funds measured at net asset value per share have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line item presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020. The Plan had no liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. In addition, the Plan had no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

Investments

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. The Plan did not hold any Level 2 or Level 3 securities.

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Note 5: Disclosures About Fair Value of Plan Assets and Liabilities - Continued

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient

The following table summarizes the common collective trust funds for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2021 and 2020. There are no participant redemption restrictions for the common collective trust fund; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
December 31, 2021				
Common collective trust funds	\$ 12,205,780	\$ -	Daily	0-12 months
December 31, 2020				
Common collective trust fund	\$ 6,595,902	\$ -	Daily	0-12 months

Note 6: Investment Contract with Insurance Company

The Plan has a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with Standard Insurance Company. Standard Insurance Company maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate guaranteed to the Plan.

The guaranteed investment contract is fully benefit responsive; therefore, contract value is the relevant measurement. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Standard Insurance Company, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

There are no reserves against the contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

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Note 6: Investment Contract with Insurance Company - Continued

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan Documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan Administrator does not believe the occurrence of any such value event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants, is probable.

The guaranteed investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

Note 7: Plan Amendment

Effective June 18, 2021, the Plan was amended and restated ("Plan Amendment") and a new trustee, of the Plan was appointed. Plan assets transferred to the new Trustee were transferred into funds comparable to those offered by the previous trustee.

The Plan amended its eligibility conditions regarding employee and employer matching contributions to after completion of 90 days of employment for employees of empirical technology, inc., empirical foods, inc., empirical innovations, inc., Dakota Cold Storage, LLC, and Two Rivers Transportation, LLC, effective April 1, 2021.

The Plan amended its eligibility conditions regarding employer matching contributions, effective January 1, 2020. Prior to January 1, 2020 participants at the Heinold Hog Markets, LLC had to complete one year of service to be eligible for employer matching contributions. Effective January 1, 2020, participants are eligible for the employer matching contributions at the date of hire. Prior to January 1, 2020 participants in all companies were required to have worked 1,000 hours and be employed on the last day of the plan year in order to be eligible for employer matching contributions. Effective January 1, 2020, these restrictions have been removed and participants are eligible for the employer matching contributions at the date of hire.

The Plan was amended to permit Roth deferrals, in-plan Roth rollover contributions, and in-plan Roth transfers effective January 1, 2020. The Plan also amended its Plan to implement the Hardship Distribution Provisions of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.

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Note 8: Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed an intention 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 will become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

Note 9: Plan Tax Status

The Plan operates under a volume submitter adoption agreement sponsored by Principal. This plan document has been filed with the appropriate agency. The plan administrator believes the Plan and related trust are currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Note 10: Risks and Uncertainties

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

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020, has led to adverse impacts on the U.S. and global economies. Economic uncertainties have arisen, which have resulted in significant volatility in the investment markets and may continue to impact the value of Plan assets. The duration of these uncertainties and the ultimate financial effects cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

Note 11: Subsequent Events

The Plan amended its vesting schedules for employer matching contributions and profit-sharing contributions, effective January 1, 2022. Prior to January 1, 2022, participants vested in employer matching contributions over 6 years of service. Effective January 1, 2022, participants are fully vested after 5 years of service. Additionally, Effective January 1, 2022, participants vesting percentages for profit-sharing contributions was changed to the following schedule: Less than 0 years of service 0%, 1 year of service 0%, 2 years of service 25%, 3 years of service 50%, 4 years of service 75%, and 5 years of service 100%.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 10, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplemental Schedule

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EIN: 94-2740498 PN 001

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

December 31, 2021

Identity of Issuer	Description of Investment	Current Value
Alger Capital Appreciation Institutional Fund Class I	Mutual Funds	\$ 7,678,537
American Beacon Small Cap Value Fund R6	Mutual Funds	3,071,139
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund	Mutual Funds	3,357
Columbia Dividend Income Fund I3	Mutual Funds	12,524,981
Columbia Total Return Bond Fund I3	Mutual Funds	2,065,995
Conestoga Small Cap Institutional Fund	Mutual Funds	2,179,684
Fidelity International Index	Mutual Funds	9,662,103
MFS International New Discovery Fund R3	Mutual Funds	5,094,317
Pimco Income Fund	Mutual Funds	3,634,094
VanEck Emerging Markets Fund Class I	Mutual Funds	5,380,265
		<u>51,294,472</u>
Standard Insurance Company Stable Asset Fund II	Guaranteed Investment Contract	6,288,962
*Wells Fargo Blackrock S & P 500 Index Fund Class N	Common Collective Trust	<u>12,205,780</u>
		<u>\$ 69,789,214</u>

* Party-in interest

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

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EIN 94 2740498
 PLAN NUMBER 001
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2021 TO 12/31/2021

(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
	Alger	Registered Investment Company Alger Capital App Instl I Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,678,537.32
	American Beacon Funds	Registered Investment Company Amer Beacon Sm Cp Val R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,071,138.52
	Baird	Registered Investment Company Baird Aggregate Bond Inst Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,357.14
	Conestoga Capital Advisors	Registered Investment Company Conestoga Small Cap Instl Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,179,683.86
	Columbia Funds	Registered Investment Company COLUMBIA DIV INCOME I3 FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,524,981.25
	Columbia Funds	Registered Investment Company COLUMBIA TOTAL RET BOND I3 FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,065,995.28
	Fidelity Investments	Registered Investment Company Fidelity International Idx Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,662,103.19
	MFS Investment Management	Registered Investment Company MFS Intl New Discovery R3 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,094,316.51
	PIMCO Funds	Registered Investment Company PIMCO Income Institutional Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,634,094.44
	STANDARD	Insurance Company General STANDARD STABLE ASSET II FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,288,962.00
	Van Eck	Registered Investment Company Van Eck Emerg Markets Inst Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,380,264.85
	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	Common/Collective Trust Wells Fargo BlackRock SP 500 N	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,205,779.81

Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for all participating employers

Multiple Employer Plan Participating Employer Information (Insert Name of Plan and EIN/PN as shown on the Form 5500)		
empirical technology, inc.	94-2740498	94.59
Heinold Hog Markets, LLC	47-2298724	5.41

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