

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>ASCENSUS SPECIALTIES LLC 401(K) 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>12/01/2017</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>47-2301200</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>425-448-1679</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2d Business code (see instructions) <u>325900</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>12/01/2017</u>		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>47-2301200</u>		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>425-448-1679</u>		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>325900</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>ASCENSUS SPECIALTIES LLC</u> <u>2821 NORTHUP WAY, SUITE 275</u> <u>BELLEVUE, WA 98004</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.	10/17/2022	LEAH BOYLE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	94
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)	87
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	248
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	27
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	275
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	275
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	267
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	5
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: 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3B 2E 3H 3D 2F			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ <u>0</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☐ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2021 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2021 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2021
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan ASCENSUS SPECIALTIES LLC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ASCENSUS SPECIALTIES LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-2301200	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	62187	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	-44717	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AB SM CAP GRTH K - ALLIANCEBERNSTE 18, RUE EUGNE RUPPERT LUXEMBOURG, LU L-245 LU	0.50%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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AS SPL MD CP VAL ADM - DST ASSET M 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.35%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
COLUMBIA DIV INC A - COLUMBIA MGT 14785 PRESTON ROAD, SUITE 1000 DALLAS, TX 75254	0.50%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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J H VENTURE T - JANUS SERVICES LLC 43-1804048	0.35%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
MFS MID CAP GRTH R3 - MFS SERVICE 04-2865649	0.50%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
MS W LARGE CAP GR A - NYLIM SERVIC 52-2206685	0.60%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
NORTHERN SM CAP VAL - THE NORTHERN 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TCHSTN LG CAP FOC A - BNY MELLON I 301 BELLEVUE PARKWAY WILMINGTON, DE 19809	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VRS PARTNERS A - FIS INVESTOR SERV FAITH INVESTOR SERVICES, LLC 14785 PRESTON ROAD, SUITE 1000 DALLAS, TX 75254	0.55%	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan ASCENSUS SPECIALTIES LLC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ASCENSUS SPECIALTIES LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-2301200	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	6399	1524619
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	344553	664340
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	10467325	44776248
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	0	0

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities.....	1d(1) 0	0
(2)	Employer real property.....	1d(2) 0	0
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e 0	0
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f 10818277	46965207
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g 0	0
h	Operating payables	1h 0	0
i	Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i 0	0
j	Other liabilities.....	1j 0	0
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k 0	0
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l 10818277	46965207

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	Contributions:		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A) 1139016	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B) 2251848	
	(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C) 12239139	
(2)	Noncash contributions.....	2a(2) 0	15630003
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	
b	Earnings on investments:		
(1)	Interest:		30494
(A)	Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A) 156	
(B)	U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B) 0	
(C)	Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C) 0	
(D)	Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D) 0	
(E)	Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E) 30338	
(F)	Other	2b(1)(F) 0	
(G)	Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)	30494
(2)	Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A) 0	3442971
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B) 0	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C) 3442971	
(D)	Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)	3442971
(3)	Rents	2b(3)	0
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A) 0	0
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B) 0	
	(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)	
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A) 0	0
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B) 0	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		1784802
c Other income.....	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		20888270
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	3514700	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		3514700
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		8844
h Interest expense.....	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	17470	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		17470
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		3541014
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		17347256
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		18799674
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: BDO USA, LLP

(2) EIN: 13-5381590

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m	X		
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n	X		
5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.			
5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)			
5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)	
5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.			

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

A Name of plan <u>ASCENSUS SPECIALTIES LLC 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ASCENSUS SPECIALTIES LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>47-2301200</u>

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>04-6568107</u>	
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.	
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2021
v. 201209

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 _____



October 16, 2022

BDO USA, LLP
601 Union Street, Suite 2300
Seattle, WA 98101

Ladies and gentlemen:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Ascensus Specialties LLC 401(K) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), which 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.

We elected to have the audit of the Plan's 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL's) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We acknowledge that the audit did 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 (qualified institution), that prepared and certified the investment information in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We have determined that an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances. We have also determined that the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described by 29 CFR 2520.103-8, that the certifications meet 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 ("U.S. GAAP").

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 U.S. GAAP 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.

We understand that, at our instruction, you did not perform any audit procedures with respect to the 2020 information prepared and certified to by a qualified institution, in accordance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (DOL Regulation 2520.103-8), other than compiling such information into the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020.



We confirm that we are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation in the Plan's financial statements of net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits in conformity with U.S. GAAP.

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 the 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.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of this representation letter, as entered on the first page, the following representations made to you during your audit:

- (1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated July 21, 2022, for the preparation and fair presentation of the Plan's financial statements (including disclosures) in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The notes to the Plan's financial statements include all disclosures required by laws and regulations to which the Plan is subject. The Plan's supplemental schedule is fairly presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- (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 have fulfilled our responsibility, as set out in the terms of the aforementioned audit engagement letter, 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.
- (4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the ERISA-required supplemental schedule in accordance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

We believe that the ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



(5) We have made available to you all:

- (a) Financial records and related data, including the names of all related parties and all relationships and transactions with related parties, as agreed upon in the terms of the aforementioned audit engagement letter.
 - (b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - (c) Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, Investment Committee, Administrative Committee or other meetings pertaining to the Plan that were held from January 1, 2021 to the date of this letter, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
 - (d) The most current Plan instrument for the audit period, including all Plan amendments made to the Plan instrument, the trust agreement, insurance or other relevant contracts during the year, including amendments to comply with applicable laws.
 - (e) A draft of the Form 5500 that is substantially complete.
 - (f) Unrestricted access to persons within the Plan from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- (6) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- (7) There have been no known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements
- (8) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud. We have no knowledge of any:
- (a) Fraud or suspected fraud involving management or involving employees who have significant roles in the Plan's internal control, whether or not perceived to have a material effect on the financial statements.
 - (b) Fraud or suspected fraud involving others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.



- (c) Allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan's financial statements received in communications from employees, former employees, participants, beneficiaries, regulatory agencies, service providers, third-party administrators, law firms, predecessor accounting firms, or other professionals.
- (9) We have no:
 - (a) Plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
 - (b) Intentions to terminate the Plan.
- (10) The following, where applicable and material, have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements:
 - (a) The identity of all related parties and all related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware, including party-in-interest transactions, as defined in ERISA section 3(14) and regulations thereunder, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, (whether written or oral) and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.
 - (b) All derivative instruments and any embedded derivative instruments that require bifurcation, in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*.
 - (c) Arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances and line-of-credit or similar arrangements.
 - (d) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Plan is contingently liable.
 - (e) Significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with FASB ASC 275-10, *Risks and Uncertainties - Overall*. In that regard, all accounting estimates that could be material to the financial statements, including key factors and significant assumptions underlying those estimates, have been identified, and we believe the estimates are reasonable in the circumstances. The methods, significant assumptions, and the data used in making the accounting estimates and the related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, and disclosure that is in accordance with U.S. GAAP (Significant estimates are estimates at the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits that could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to the nature and type of



investments held by the Plan, or markets for which events could occur that would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year).

- (f) Amendments to the Plan instrument, if any .
- (g) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by FASB ASC 450, *Contingencies*, including:
 - Pending or anticipated tax assessments or refunds, other potential or pending claims, lawsuits by or against any branch of government or others;
 - Written or oral guarantees, endorsements, or unused letters of credits; or
 - Labor claims or negotiations.

FASB ASC 450-20, *Loss Contingencies*, requires loss contingencies to be accrued if it is probable an asset has been impaired or a liability incurred at the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. Such contingencies must be disclosed, but may not be accrued, if the loss is reasonably possible (but not probable) or the loss is probable but the amount of loss cannot be reasonably estimated.

- (h) Commitments, such as a pending sale or merger of all or a portion of the business or of an interest therein or acquisition of all or a portion of the business, assets, or securities of another entity, that would affect the Plan.
- (11) There are no:
- (a) Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations (including the failure to file reports required by regulatory bodies (e.g., DOL, IRS, Health and Human Services, state and municipal authorities) when the effects of failing to file could be material to the financial statements) whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.
 - (b) Unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with FASB ASC 450.
 - (c) Side agreements or other arrangements (either written or oral) that have not been disclosed to you.



- (d) Other matters (e.g., breach of fiduciary responsibilities, nonexempt transactions, loans or loans in default, or events that may jeopardize the tax status) that legal counsel have advised us that must be disclosed.
- (12) Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims against debtors for charges arising on or before the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits and have been appropriately reduced to their estimated net realizable value.
- (13) The Plan has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements, including debt covenants, that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- (14) We are responsible for the estimation methods and assumptions used in measuring assets and liabilities reported or disclosed at fair value, including information obtained from brokers, pricing services, or other third parties. Our valuation methodologies have been consistently applied from period to period. The fair value measurements reported or disclosed represent our best estimate of fair value as of the measurement date in accordance with the requirements of FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*. In addition, our disclosures related to fair value measurements are consistent with the objectives outlined in FASB ASC 820.
- (15) Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable. For any financial instruments, including non-readily marketable securities, we concur with and accept responsibility for the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate fair value of financial instruments and/or the approach used by the appraiser. The methods and significant assumptions used result in a measure of fair value appropriate for financial measurement and disclosure purposes.
- (16) All required filings of Plan and trust documents with the appropriate agencies have been made.
- (12) The Plan is qualified under the appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code and intends to continue as a qualified plan. The Plan sponsor has operated the Plan in a manner that did not jeopardize this tax status.
- (17) We intend to formally amend the Plan to incorporate the provisions under which the Plan is currently operating, that were adopted to comply with new laws or regulations.
- (18) The Plan has complied with the DOL's regulations concerning the timely remittance of participants' contributions to trusts and/or custodial accounts containing assets for the Plan. The Plan has established a remittance policy in accordance with the DOL's regulations.
- (19) The Plan is responsible for the performance of the nondiscrimination tests and assures that the Plan has passed such tests or appropriate action has been taken to rectify any areas of noncompliance.



- (20) The Plan has complied with the fidelity bonding requirements of ERISA.
- (21) The Plan has satisfactory title to all owned assets, which are recorded at fair value, and there are no liens, encumbrances, or security interest on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- (22) There are no:
 - (a) Nonexempt party-in-interest transactions (as defined in ERISA section 3(14) and regulations under that section) that were not disclosed in the supplemental schedule or financial statements.
 - (b) Investments in default or considered to be uncollectible that were not disclosed in the supplemental schedule.
 - (c) Reportable transactions (as defined in ERISA section 103(b)(3)(H) and regulations under that section) that were not disclosed in the supplemental schedule.
- (23) We have apprised you of all communications, whether written or oral, with regulatory agencies concerning the operation of the Plan.
- (24) No discussions have taken place with your firm's personnel regarding employment with the Plan or the Plan sponsor.
- (25) We have not engaged you to prepare or review the Plan's Form 5500 filing with the DOL and IRS; however, the audited financial statements and supplemental schedule of the Plan are required to be filed with the Form 5500. We acknowledge that professional standards require you to obtain and read a substantially complete draft of the Plan's Form 5500 prior to the dating of the auditor's report. The purpose of this procedure is for you to consider whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or the manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements; and that these procedures are not sufficient nor are they intended for you to ensure that the Form 5500 is completely and accurately prepared.
- (26) The version of the Plan's 2021 audited financial statements that we will file with the DOL using the EFAST2 system will be identical to the copy containing your manually-signed report provided to us.



(27) In connection with any electronic presentation of the financial statements, supplemental schedule and your audit report thereon on our website or the DOL website related to the EFAST2 filing, we acknowledge that:

- We are responsible for the preparation, presentation, and content of the financial statements and supplemental schedule in the electronic format.
- In connection with the presentation of your audit report on the DOL's website and if your audit report is presented on our website, the full financial statements and supplemental schedule upon which you reported and to which you appended your signed report will be presented.
- We will clearly indicate in the electronic presentation on our website the financial information that is subject to your audit report. We will clearly differentiate any information that may also be presented by us on or in connection with our website that was contained in the published version of the financial statements and other supplementary information, but which is not part of the audited financial statements or other financial information covered by your audit report. No such changes will be made to the version filed with the Form 5500.
- We have assessed the security over financial statement information and the audit report presented on our website, and are satisfied that procedures in place are adequate to ensure the integrity of the information provided. We understand the risk of potential misrepresentations inherent in publishing financial information on our website through internal failure or external manipulation.
- If the electronic financial statements are generally made available to the public on our web site, we will include a notification to the reader that such financial statements are presented for convenience and information purposes only, and while reasonable efforts have been made to ensure the integrity of such information, they should not be relied on. A copy of the printed financial statements will be provided on request.

(28) There have been no known or suspected breaches of sensitive information (e.g., personnel files) caused by cyber-attack or other means, or other cybersecurity incidents, where the breach or other incident could have a material effect on the financial statements.

(29) Regarding the financial statement preparation performed by you, we have: (1) made all management decisions and performed all management functions, (2) designated individuals (Leah Boyle and Evelyn Garcia) with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services, (3) evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed, and (4) accepted responsibility for the results of the services.



- (30) The Summary Annual Report will be completed and communicated timely in accordance with the DOL's Regulations.
- (31) We have obtained copies of the relevant SOC 1 reports that cover the year under audit, related to significant processes and transactions that have been outsourced to those service organizations. In connection with those SOC 1 reports, we have read the reports, evaluated the impact of the exceptions to relevant tests, identified the complementary controls listed under the user entity controls section of the report, and have determined that those user entity controls have been designed appropriately and have been implemented.
- (32) The accounting policies reflected in the opening balances have been consistently applied in the current period's financial statements.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, no events have occurred subsequent to the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits and through the date of this representation letter, as entered on the first page, that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements and supplemental schedule.

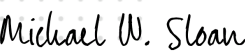
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Ascensus Specialties LLC 401(k) Plan

**Financial Statements and
Supplemental Schedule**
As of December 31, 2021 and 2020,
and for the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020,
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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Ascensus Specialties LLC 401(k) Plan
Bellevue, Washington

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Ascensus Specialties LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, 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 Plan's 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). 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 (qualified institution), provided that the investment information is prepared and certified to by the qualified institution in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2021, and for the year then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the 2021 financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report:

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



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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 the 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 Financial Statements

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

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

Management is responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments. Management is also responsible for 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 2021 financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.



In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, 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 GAAP.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the 2021 financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.

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

Other Matter – 2021 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at end of Year) as of December 31, 2021 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 2021 financial statements but is supplemental information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2021 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 2021 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2021



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financial statements or to the 2021 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 DOL'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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the certified investment information in the supplemental schedule agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by a qualified institution that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Other Matter - 2020 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the accompanying 2020 financial statements of the Plan, which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not audit or review the 2020 financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the 2020 financial statements.

BDO USA, LLP

October 17, 2022
Seattle, WA

Financial Statements

Ascensus Specialties LLC 401(k) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>December 31,</i>	2021	(unaudited) 2020
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 46,300,867	\$ 10,473,724
Total Investments	46,300,867	10,473,724
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	664,340	344,553
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 46,965,207	\$ 10,818,277

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Ascensus Specialties LLC 401(k) Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2021

Additions

Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 1,784,802
Interest and dividends	3,443,127
Total net investment income	5,227,929
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	30,338
Contributions	
Employer	1,139,016
Participants	2,251,848
Rollover	12,239,139
Total contributions	15,630,003
Total Additions	20,888,270
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries	3,523,544
Administrative expenses	17,470
Total Deductions	3,541,014
Net Increase	17,347,256
Transfer from other qualified plan	18,799,674
Net Assets Available for Benefits, beginning of year	10,818,277
Net Assets Available for Benefits, end of year	\$ 46,965,207

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Ascensus Specialties LLC 401(k) Plan

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1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Ascensus Specialties LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of Plan provisions.

General

The Plan is a 401(k) and profit-sharing plan established for eligible employees of Ascensus Specialties LLC (the Company or Employer). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

Effective May 13, 2022, the Plan was amended and restated to, among other things, incorporate prior Plan amendments and reflect statutory changes to the IRC. The Plan adopted a Pre-Approved Defined Contribution Plan, issued by Fidelity Management & Research, LLC (FMR).

Plan Mergers and Acquisitions

Effective January 1, 2021, the Company acquired Ascensus Callery and the Plan merged the Ascensus Callery 401k Savings Plan into this Plan (the Callery Merger). The net assets of the Ascensus Callery 401k Savings Plan totaling \$18,799,674 were transferred, which included \$256,174 of outstanding loans. Ascensus Specialties Callery LLC (Ascensus Callery) became a participating employer.

Effective May 1, 2021, the Company also acquired Strem Chemicals Inc. (Strem) and participants of the Strem Chemicals Inc. 401k and ESOP were given the option to roll their vested balances into the Plan. Strem Chemicals Inc. also became a participating employer.

Matching and profit-sharing contributions made to the Ascensus Callery 401k Savings Plan and related net earnings (Callery Match and Profit-Sharing Contributions) that were merged into this Plan as part of the Callery Merger are 100% vested to participants who transferred into the Ascensus Callery 401k Savings Plan from BASF Corporation with a hire date on or prior to March 1, 2017 and became a participant in the Plan as part of the Callery Merger. Callery Match and Profit-Sharing Contributions become 100% vested to participants who were hired on or after March 1, 2017 and became a participant in the Plan as part of the Callery Merger after three years of service. Callery Match and Profit-Sharing Contributions are 100% vested to all other participants hired prior to March 1, 2017 and became a participant in the Plan as part of the Callery Merger.

Trustee and Administration of the Plan

The trustee and recordkeeper of the Plan is Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity). The administrator of the Plan is the Company. The trustee and recordkeeper holds all assets of the Plan in accordance with the service provider contract with the Company. Management determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitors investment performance.

Eligibility

All full-time employees of the Company, except nonresident aliens, student interns, co-ops, temporary or seasonal employees, who are 21 years of age are eligible to participate in the Plan. All eligible employees can enter the Plan on the first day of each month.

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Contributions

Participant Contributions - In general, eligible employees may elect to contribute up to 100% of eligible compensation (as defined in the Plan document) to the Plan. The Plan allows for traditional pre-tax and Roth deferrals. When eligible to participate in the Plan, if an employee does not make an election otherwise, he or she will be automatically enrolled in the Plan initially at a pre-tax deferral rate of 3%. Effective March 8, 2021, an eligible employee will be automatically enrolled in the Plan initially at a pre-tax deferral rate of 5% if the employee does not make an election otherwise. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollovers from other qualified plans).

Employer Contributions - The Employer makes safe harbor matching contributions at 100% of the first 3% of a participant's eligible compensation (as defined in the Plan document), then 70% of the next 3% of the participant's eligible compensation (as defined in the Plan document). Total matching contributions made by the Employer for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$1,139,016. The Plan provides that the Company may also make discretionary non-elective contributions to the Plan each year in an amount determined by the Company. Any discretionary non-elective contribution is allocated based upon the ratio of eligible compensation earned by the participant compared to total compensation earned by participants in the same employment group, as defined by the Plan. No discretionary non-elective contributions were made to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Contributions are subject to certain limitations of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and Company safe harbor matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company's discretionary non-elective contribution and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants may direct the investment of their account balances into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Vesting

Participants are 100% vested in their own contributions, safe harbor matching, discretionary non-elective contributions from the Employer to the Plan, and related earnings at all times.

Additionally, a participant becomes 100% vested when the participant reaches normal retirement age (62), dies, or becomes disabled while in the service of the Company.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loans are secured by the balance of the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate of interest plus 1%. The maximum loan term is five years, unless the loan term qualifies as a home loan, in which case the Plan administrator

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may permit a longer repayment term up to ten years. A participant cannot have more than two loans outstanding at any given time. Principal and interest are typically paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service, a participant or the participant's beneficiary, upon their consent, will receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account provided the vested account balance is in excess of \$5,000. For participants whose vested account balance is less than \$5,000, a participant, with or without his or her consent, will receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution or, if the balance is between \$1,000 and \$5,000, as a rollover to an individual retirement account. Distributions are generally only allowed after termination of employment with the Company; however, distributions can be made during a participant's employment upon attainment of age 59½ or under certain hardship provisions as defined within the Plan document.

Forfeitures

The portion of a terminated participant account that is not vested (forfeitures) will be used first to reduce employer contributions and then to pay expenses of the Plan. \$7,922 of forfeitures were used to reduce employer contributions and no forfeitures were used to pay expenses of the Plan during the year ended December 31, 2021. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, there were \$6,092 and \$4,298, respectively, of forfeitures included with net assets available for benefits to be used to reduce future employer contributions or pay expenses of the Plan.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), using the accrual method of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP required management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Company determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisor and Trustee. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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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 in the fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are stated at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. No allowance for credit losses had been recorded as of December 31, 2021 or 2020. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses and Revenue Credit Account

Administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company, except for certain expenses that are charged to participant accounts, including loan initiation and maintenance, plan administrative, recordkeeping, and investment management fees. Certain investment expenses which are charged within the investments are presented net of the appreciation in fair value of investments. All other expenses of the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2021 were paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements.

The Plan has a revenue sharing agreement with Fidelity. Fidelity receives revenue from certain investments and this revenue is used to offset certain amounts owed to Fidelity or other service providers for its administrative services to the Plan. The amount allocated for the year ended December 31, 2021 was \$85,829. Administrative expenses are presented net of revenue credits in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan holds various investment securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, credit risk and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and participant account balances.

Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through the date these financial statements were available to be issued, which was October 17, 2022.

3. Fair Value Measurements

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides for a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for

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identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described as follows:

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

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

Money Market Fund - Reported at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value.

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

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

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 44,776,248	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,776,248
Money market fund	1,524,619	-	-	1,524,619
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$ 46,300,867	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,300,867

<i>(unaudited)</i>	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 10,467,325	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,467,325
Money market fund	6,399	-	-	6,399
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$ 10,473,724	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,473,724

4. Certified Investment Information

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, Fidelity, a qualified institution, has certified that the following investment information included in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

- Investments and notes receivable from participants as shown in the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021.
- Investment income, net and interest income on notes receivable from participants as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021.
- Investment information included in Note 3 and the schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2021, as shown on the ERISA-required supplemental schedule.

At the request of the Plan administrator, the Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this certified investment information, except for comparing such certified investment information to the related information included in the financial statements and ERISA-required supplement schedule.

5. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provision of ERISA and its related regulations. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in any employer contributions.

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6. Income Tax Status

The Plan uses a volume submitter defined contribution plan document sponsored by FMR, which received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated March 31, 2014. Effective January 1, 2021, the Plan was amended and restated to, among other things, incorporate prior Plan amendments and reflect statutory changes to the IRC. The Plan adopted a Volume Submitter Defined Contribution Plan, issued by FMR, which received a favorable opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator believes the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income tax has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no IRS examinations for any tax periods in progress.

7. Related Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments consist of assets managed or sponsored by Fidelity or its affiliates. Participant loan and distribution processing fees are paid to Fidelity by participants. The Plan pays fees for third-party administrator fees and investment advisory fees which qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan also issues loans to participants which are secured by the vested balance of the participants' accounts. Certain management fees in the form of an expense ratio charged to each investment option are paid by the Plan and deducted from earnings on investments. These transactions are party-in-interest transactions, which are exempt from prohibited transaction rules.

ERISA-Required Supplemental Schedule

Ascensus Specialties LLC 401(k) Plan

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021 EIN\PN: 47-2301200\001

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost**	(e) Current Value
Mutual Funds				
	AB	Sm Cap Grth K		\$ 392,165
	AS	SPL MD CP VAL ADM		506,632
	Columbia	DIV INC A		1,800,917
*	Fidelity	Balanced		730,402
*	Fidelity	Contrafund		1,477,602
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2015		105,003
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2020		1,027,190
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2025		4,494,193
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2030		3,007,944
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2035		5,085,315
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2040		3,470,195
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2045		3,315,623
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2050		1,180,155
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2055		943,511
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2060		398,372
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2065		13,963
*	Fidelity	Freedom Income		14,729
*	Fidelity	Intl Cap Apprec		1,317,526
*	Fidelity	Intl Index		480,464
*	Fidelity	Intl Small Cap		243,900
*	Fidelity	Total Bond		1,372,466
	MFS	Mid Cap Grth R3		1,704,416
	MS	W Large Cap Gr A		3,449,389
	Northern	Sm Cap Val		170,268
	Tchstn	Lg Cap Foc A		187,439
	Vanguard	500 Index Adm		4,585,106
	Vanguard	Midcap Idx Adm		1,529,479
	Vanguard	Sm Cap Idx Adm		978,320
	Vanguard	Tot Bd Mkt Adm		793,564
Total Mutual Funds				44,776,248
Money Market Fund				
*	Fidelity	Treasury Only MM		1,524,619
Total Investments per Financial Statements				46,300,867
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates between 3.25% and 6.50%	-0-	664,340
Total Investments per Form 5500				\$ 46,965,207

* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

** The cost of participant-directed investments is not required to be disclosed.