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| <b>Form 5500</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security<br>Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b><br>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).<br><br><b>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b> | OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br>1210-0089<br><br><b>2021</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
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| <b>Part I</b>                                                                                             | <b>Annual Report Identification Information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>10/04/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>A</b> This return/report is for:                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) _____ |
| <b>B</b> This return/report is:                                                                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the first return/report <input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)                                                                     |
| <b>C</b> If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . .                                | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>D</b> Check box if filing under:                                                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558 <input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension <input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program<br><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>E</b> If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Part II</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |
| <b>1a</b> Name of plan<br><u>US SALT, LLC 401(K) PLAN</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>001</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br/><u>10/04/2021</u></td> </tr> </table>                             | <b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                            | <u>001</u>                                                       | <b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br><u>10/04/2021</u>       |  |
| <b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>001</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |
| <b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br><u>10/04/2021</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |
| <b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br><u>US SALT, LLC</u><br><br><u>3580 SALT POINT ROAD</u><br><u>WATKINS GLEN, NY 14891</u> | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/><u>59-3525498</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br/><u>607-535-2067</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br/><u>311900</u></td> </tr> </table> | <b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>59-3525498</u> | <b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br><u>607-535-2067</u> | <b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br><u>311900</u> |  |
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| <b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br><u>607-535-2067</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |
| <b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br><u>311900</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.

|                  |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 02/09/2023 | DREW FARREN                                                  |
|                  | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|                  | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|                  | Signature of DFE                                  | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |

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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |
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| <b>4</b> 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:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name                                                                                                                                     |  | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4d</b> PN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 0   |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |
| <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | <b>6a(1)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 0   |
| <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | <b>6a(2)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 158 |
| <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | <b>6b</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 0   |
| <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | <b>6c</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 9   |
| <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | <b>6d</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 167 |
| <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | <b>6e</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 0   |
| <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | <b>6f</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 167 |
| <b>g</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | <b>6g</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 167 |
| <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | <b>6h</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 0   |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |
| <b>8a</b> If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:<br>2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |
| <b>b</b> If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |
| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor                                                                                                                   |  | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |
| <b>10</b> Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |
| <b>a Pension Schedules</b><br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)<br><br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary<br><br>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary |  | <b>b General Schedules</b><br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>1</u> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information)<br>(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)<br>(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)<br>(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules) |     |

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

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**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.

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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| <div>SCHEDULE A<br/>(Form 5500)<br/><div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div><div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div><div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div></div> | <div>Insurance Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> <div>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2021</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
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| For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/04/2021 and ending 12/31/2021 |                                                      |
| A Name of plan<br>US SALT, LLC 401(K) PLAN                                                 | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>US SALT, LLC                     | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>59-3525498 |

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier  
PRUDENTIAL RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUITY COMPANY

| (b) EIN    | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year |            |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
|            |               |                                       |                                                                             | (f) From                | (g) To     |
| 06-1050034 | 93629         | 075748                                | 167                                                                         | 01/01/2021              | 12/31/2021 |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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|                                               | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**

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

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|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| <b>4</b> | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end ..... | <b>4</b> | 2443890 |
| <b>5</b> | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....    | <b>5</b> | 3497653 |

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

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

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

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

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

|          |                                               |           |   |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>b</b> | Balance at the end of the previous year ..... | <b>7b</b> | 0 |
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|          |                                                              |              |         |  |
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| <b>c</b> | Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year ..... | <b>7c(1)</b> | 50543   |  |
|          | (2) Dividends and credits.....                               | <b>7c(2)</b> |         |  |
|          | (3) Interest credited during the year.....                   | <b>7c(3)</b> | 9150    |  |
|          | (4) Transferred from separate account.....                   | <b>7c(4)</b> |         |  |
|          | (5) Other (specify below) .....                              | <b>7c(5)</b> | 2599293 |  |

▶ **FORFEITURE CREDITS, TRANSFERS IN LOAN REPAYMENTS PLAN ROLLOVER**

|                           |              |         |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------|
| (6) Total additions ..... | <b>7c(6)</b> | 2658986 |
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| <b>d</b> | Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) ..... | <b>7d</b> | 2658986 |
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**e** Deductions:

|  |                                                                                 |              |        |  |
|--|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|--|
|  | (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year ..... | <b>7e(1)</b> | 3587   |  |
|  | (2) Administration charge made by carrier.....                                  | <b>7e(2)</b> |        |  |
|  | (3) Transferred to separate account.....                                        | <b>7e(3)</b> |        |  |
|  | (4) Other (specify below) .....                                                 | <b>7e(4)</b> | 211509 |  |

▶ **FORFEITURES DEBITS MISCELLANEOUS OUT TRANSFERS OUT**

|                            |              |        |
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| (5) Total deductions ..... | <b>7e(5)</b> | 215096 |
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| <b>f</b> | Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ) ..... | <b>7f</b> | 2443890 |
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**Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information**

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

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

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| <div>SCHEDULE C<br/>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                       |
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| A Name of plan<br>US SALT, LLC 401(K) PLAN                             | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>US SALT, LLC | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>59-3525498 |     |

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 13 15 50 64            | NONE                                                                                              | 150                                                                    | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                            | 0                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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|                        |                                                                                                   |                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

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

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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**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<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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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. |                                           |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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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. |                                           |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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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. |                                           |
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (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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| (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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| (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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| (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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| (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)

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
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| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
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Explanation:

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| <div>SCHEDULE D<br/>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> |  | <div>DFE/Participating Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> |                                                                                                      | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2021</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div> |  |
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| A Name of plan<br>US SALT, LLC 401(K) PLAN                                                                                                                                            |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                      | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                                                            |  |
| C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>US SALT, LLC                                                                                                         |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                      | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>59-3525498                                            |  |
| Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)<br>(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)      |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                      |                                                                                                 |  |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRU DAY ONE IFX TRGT BAL                                                                                                                      |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                      |                                                                                                 |  |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRUDENTIAL RETIREMENT INS.                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                      |                                                                                                 |  |
| c EIN-PN 06-1050034-697                                                                                                                                                               |  | d Entity code P                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3497653 |                                                                                                 |  |
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**Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)**

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

**a** Plan name**b** Name of  
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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br><b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2021</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
| For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>10/04/2021</b> and ending <b>12/31/2021</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                           |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>US SALT, LLC 401(K) PLAN</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>►</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>001</b>                                                                                |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>US SALT, LLC</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>59-3525498</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                           |

| Part I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Asset and Liability Statement |                       |                 |
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| <b>1</b> 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. <b>Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.</b> 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 |
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               | <b>1a</b>             |                 |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               | <b>1b(1)</b>          | 185120          |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                               | <b>1b(2)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               | <b>1b(3)</b>          |                 |
| <b>c</b> General investments:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               | <b>1c(1)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                               | <b>1c(2)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                               | <b>1c(3)(A)</b>       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> All other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                               | <b>1c(3)(B)</b>       |                 |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                               | <b>1c(4)(A)</b>       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               | <b>1c(4)(B)</b>       |                 |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               | <b>1c(5)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               | <b>1c(6)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                               | <b>1c(7)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                               | <b>1c(8)</b>          | 09175           |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                               | <b>1c(9)</b>          |                 |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                               | <b>1c(10)</b>         | 03497653        |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               | <b>1c(11)</b>         |                 |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                               | <b>1c(12)</b>         |                 |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                               | <b>1c(13)</b>         | 09254395        |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                               | <b>1c(14)</b>         | 2443890         |
| <b>(15)</b> Other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               | <b>1c(15)</b>         |                 |

|                    |                                                                  | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1d</b>          | Employer-related investments:                                    |                       |                 |
| (1)                | Employer securities.....                                         | <b>1d(1)</b>          |                 |
| (2)                | Employer real property.....                                      | <b>1d(2)</b>          |                 |
| <b>e</b>           | Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....        | <b>1e</b>             |                 |
| <b>f</b>           | Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....      | <b>1f</b>             | 0 15390233      |
| <b>Liabilities</b> |                                                                  |                       |                 |
| <b>g</b>           | Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b>             |                 |
| <b>h</b>           | Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b>             |                 |
| <b>i</b>           | Acquisition indebtedness.....                                    | <b>1i</b>             |                 |
| <b>j</b>           | Other liabilities.....                                           | <b>1j</b>             |                 |
| <b>k</b>           | Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b>             | 0 0             |
| <b>Net Assets</b>  |                                                                  |                       |                 |
| <b>l</b>           | Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....                 | <b>1l</b>             | 0 15390233      |

**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 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| <b>Income</b> |                                                                                                        |                 |           |
| <b>a</b>      | <b>Contributions:</b>                                                                                  |                 |           |
| (1)           | Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....                                        | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 242508    |
|               | <b>(B)</b> Participants .....                                                                          | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 184819    |
|               | <b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....                                                           | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> |           |
| (2)           | Noncash contributions.....                                                                             | <b>2a(2)</b>    |           |
| (3)           | Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    | 427327    |
| <b>b</b>      | <b>Earnings on investments:</b>                                                                        |                 |           |
| (1)           | Interest:                                                                                              |                 |           |
|               | <b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....    | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> |           |
|               | <b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                            | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> |           |
|               | <b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....                                                            | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> |           |
|               | <b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                    | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> |           |
|               | <b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....                                                                      | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> | 143       |
|               | <b>(F)</b> Other .....                                                                                 | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> | 9150      |
|               | <b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                          | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> | 9293      |
| (2)           | Dividends: <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....                                                             | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> |           |
|               | <b>(B)</b> Common stock .....                                                                          | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> |           |
|               | <b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....                               | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> | 61499     |
|               | <b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....              | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> | 61499     |
| (3)           | Rents .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(3)</b>    |           |
| (4)           | Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....                                 | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> |           |
|               | <b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....                                           | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> |           |
|               | <b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....              | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> | 0         |
| (5)           | Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: <b>(A)</b> Real estate .....                         | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> |           |
|               | <b>(B)</b> Other .....                                                                                 | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> |           |
|               | <b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....     | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> | 0         |

|                                                                                                |        | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....                              | 2b(6)  |            |           |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....                              | 2b(7)  |            | 129857    |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....                      | 2b(8)  |            |           |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....                            | 2b(9)  |            |           |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)..... | 2b(10) |            | 314934    |
| c Other income.....                                                                            | 2c     |            | -3        |
| d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....               | 2d     |            | 942907    |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                                                                |        |            |           |
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                            |        |            |           |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....                 | 2e(1)  | 76821      |           |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....                                   | 2e(2)  |            |           |
| (3) Other.....                                                                                 | 2e(3)  |            |           |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....                                   | 2e(4)  |            | 76821     |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....                                             | 2f     |            |           |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....                    | 2g     |            | 30000     |
| h Interest expense.....                                                                        | 2h     |            |           |
| i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....                                          | 2i(1)  |            |           |
| (2) Contract administrator fees.....                                                           | 2i(2)  |            |           |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees.....                                               | 2i(3)  |            |           |
| (4) Other.....                                                                                 | 2i(4)  | 175        |           |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....                            | 2i(5)  |            | 175       |
| j Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....            | 2j     |            | 106996    |
| <b>Net Income and Reconciliation</b>                                                           |        |            |           |
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....                                        | 2k     |            | 835911    |
| l Transfers of assets:                                                                         |        |            |           |
| (1) To this plan.....                                                                          | 2l(1)  |            | 14554322  |
| (2) From this plan.....                                                                        | 2l(2)  |            |           |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: CROWE LLP

(2) EIN: 35-0921680

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 |
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| <b>b</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.) ..... |     |    |        |
| <b>4b</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | X  |        |
| <b>c</b> 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.) .....                                                                                                                             |     |    |        |
| <b>4c</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | X  |        |
| <b>d</b> 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.) .....                                                                                                                  |     |    |        |
| <b>4d</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | X  |        |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |    |        |
| <b>4e</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | X  |        |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....                                                                                                                                                                          |     |    |        |
| <b>4f</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | X  |        |
| <b>g</b> 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? .....                                                                                                                                       |     |    |        |
| <b>4g</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | X  |        |
| <b>h</b> 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? .....                                                                                                                             |     |    |        |
| <b>4h</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | X  |        |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) .....                                                                                                                                                   |     |    |        |
| <b>4i</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | X   |    |        |
| <b>j</b> 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.) .....                                                                                     |     |    |        |
| <b>4j</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | X  |        |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....                                                                                                                                              |     |    |        |
| <b>4k</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | X  |        |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |    |        |
| <b>4l</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | X  |        |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |    |        |
| <b>4m</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | X  |        |
| <b>n</b> 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. ....                                                                                                                         |     |    |        |
| <b>4n</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     |    |        |

**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) |
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**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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| <div>SCHEDULE R<br/>(Form 5500)<br/><br/>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service<br/><br/>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br/><br/>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2021</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div> |
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/04/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br>US SALT, LLC 401(K) PLAN                             | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶<br>001              |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>US SALT, LLC | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>59-3525498 |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Distributions</b> |
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

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| <b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....                                                                                                                       | <b>1</b> | 0 |
| <b>2</b> 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):<br><br>EIN(s): 22-1211670 |          |   |
| Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |   |
| <b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....                                                                                                                            | <b>3</b> |   |

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| <b>Part II</b> | <b>Funding Information</b> (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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| <b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>5</b> 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. <b>Date:</b> Month _____ Day _____ Year _____<br>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule. |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>6a</b>                    |                             |                              |
| <b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>6b</b>                    |                             |                              |
| <b>c</b> 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) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>6c</b>                    |                             |                              |
| If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>8</b> 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? .....                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

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| <b>Part III</b> | <b>Amendments</b> |
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| <b>9</b> 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..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| <b>Part IV</b> | <b>ESOPs</b> (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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| <b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....                                                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>b</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.) ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**US SALT, LLC 401(k) PLAN**  
Watkins Glen, New York

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US SALT, LLC 401(k) PLAN

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Participants and Plan Administrator  
US Salt, LLC 401(k) Plan  
Watkins Glen, New York

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of US Salt, LLC 401(k) (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the 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 period from October 4, 2021 (date of Plan inception) to December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements (2021 Financial Statements).

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2021 and for the period from October 4, 2021 to December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

***Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements***

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions 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 audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements***

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

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

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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.

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- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

### **Other Matter**

#### *2021 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA*

The supplemental schedule of 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 financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

*Crowe LLP*

Crowe LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana  
January 4, 2023

US SALT, LLC 401(k) PLAN  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
December 31, 2021

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**Assets**

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Investments, at fair value         | \$ 12,752,048  |
| Investments, at contract value     | 2,443,890      |
| Receivables:                       |                |
| Employer contributions             | 185,120        |
| Notes receivable from participants | <u>9,175</u>   |
|                                    | <u>194,295</u> |

|                                          |                             |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Net assets available for benefits</b> | <b><u>\$ 15,390,233</u></b> |
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See accompanying notes to the financial statements

US SALT, LLC 401(K) PLAN  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
For the period from October 4, 2021 (date of Plan inception) to December 31, 2021

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**Additions**

|                                                       |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments         | \$ 444,788     |
| Interest and dividends                                | 70,649         |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | 143            |
| Contributions:                                        |                |
| Participant                                           | 184,819        |
| Employer                                              | <u>242,508</u> |
|                                                       | <u>427,327</u> |
| Total additions                                       | <u>942,907</u> |

**Deductions**

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Benefits paid to participants | 106,821        |
| Administrative expenses       | <u>175</u>     |
| Total deductions              | <u>106,996</u> |

**Net increase prior to transfers** 835,911

Transfer from the Kissner Group Retirement Plan 14,554,322

**Net increase in net assets available for benefits** 15,390,233

**Net assets available for benefits**

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning of period | <u>-</u>             |
| End of period       | <u>\$ 15,390,233</u> |

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See accompanying notes to the financial statements

US SALT, LLC 401(k) PLAN  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the period from October 4, 2021 (date of Plan inception) to December 31, 2021

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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of the US Salt, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides general information about the Plan's provisions. US Salt, LLC (the Company) is the Plan sponsor. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement and the summary Plan description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, copies of which may be obtained from the plan sponsor.

General: The Plan was organized effective October 4, 2021, as a defined contribution plan covering substantially all non-union and union employees of US Salt, LLC (the "Company"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Non-union employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after 30 days of service. Union employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after 90 days of service. Both non-union and union employees must be at least 18 years old in order to participate in the Plan and enter the Plan immediately upon satisfaction of the eligibility requirements.

Contributions: Participants may contribute up to 75% of eligible compensation on a pre-tax basis but must defer at least 1% subject to maximum tax-deferred limitations established by the Internal Revenue Code. Participants may designate all or a portion of their contributions as Roth 401(k) contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Company may administratively impose a more restrictive maximum deferral limit applicable to only highly compensated employees. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans.

The Plan provides for non-union safe harbor matching contributions of 100% of the participant's contribution not to exceed 3% of the employee's eligible compensation plus 50% of the participant's contribution that exceeds 3% but does not exceed 5%. The plan also provides for a union employer matching contribution of 25% of the participant's contribution not to exceed 6% of the employee's eligible compensation and a union non-elective contribution of 2.5% of the employee's eligible compensation for the year. Eligibility for both the union employer matching and non-elective contributions require 6 months of service.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and an allocation of (a) the Company's contributions, (b) Plan earnings/(loss), and is charged with his or her withdrawals and an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant contributions, eligible compensation, participant 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. Each participant directs the investment of his or her account to any of the investment options available under the Plan.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, rollover contributions, non-union safe harbor match plus actual earnings thereon. Union participants are 100% vested in the employer match and non-elective contributions after one year of credited service.

Participant Loans: Loans are not permitted in the Plan. However, loan provisions from any loan transferred into this Plan as a result of a plan merger, will follow the loan provisions in place on the plan from which the loan was initiated. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The interest rates on outstanding loans at December 31, 2021, ranged from 4.50% to 5.25%. Principal and interest are paid through payroll deductions.

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US SALT, LLC 401(k) PLAN  
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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Payment of Benefits: Participants become eligible for benefit payments upon death, disability, retirement, or termination. Participants may elect to receive either a lump-sum cash distribution equal to the value of the vested interest in his or her account, a direct rollover distribution, a nontransferable annuity payable over the lifetime of the participant or the joint lifetimes of the participant and a designated individual or defer receipt of their account balance until age 70  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Participants may also take distributions from the Plan upon attainment of age 59  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Participants may also receive a distribution for reasons of proven financial hardship, up to the amount the employee has deferred (excluding earnings thereon) under the Plan.

Forfeitures: Forfeitures of employer matching contributions and earnings on those contributions resulting from employees that leave the Company prior to vesting are retained in an unallocated forfeiture account. The Company may use forfeitures in any manner as the discretion of the Plan administrator. There were no forfeitures for the period ended December 31, 2021.

Administrative and Investment Management Expenses: Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Plan recordkeeping and trustee fees are paid by the Plan and are reflected in the financial statements as administrative expenses. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment management fees are charged to the Plan as a reduction of investment return and included in the investment income (loss) reported by the Plan.

Plan Termination: Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of the Plan's termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Accounting: The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

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

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants: Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures, and actual results may differ from these estimates.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: The Plan's investments, other than fully benefit responsive investment contracts, are reported at fair value as further described in Note 4. Fair value is the price that would be received by the Plan for an asset or paid by the Plan to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date in the Plan's principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Contract value is the relevant measure for the Plan's fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because contract value is the amount Plan participants generally receive when executing transactions under the terms of the contract and Plan provisions.

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

Subsequent Events: Management evaluated subsequent events for the Plan through January 4, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 3 - CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS**

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2021, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the period ended December 31, 2021, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Prudential Bank & Trust, FSB and Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company ("PRIAC").

**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Fair value measurements are determined by maximizing the use of observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy places the highest priority on unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and gives the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of inputs within the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

*Level 1:* Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

*Level 2:* Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

*Level 3:* Significant unobservable inputs that reflect the Plan's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

In some cases, a valuation technique used to measure fair value may include inputs from multiple levels of the fair value hierarchy. The lowest level of significant input determines the placement of the entire fair value measurement in the hierarchy.

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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS** (Continued)

The following presents the valuation methods and assumptions used by the Plan to estimate the fair values of investments.

Mutual Funds: The fair values of mutual fund investments are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs).

Pooled Separate Account: Participants may direct the investment of their accounts into a pooled separate account issued by Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company. The fair values of participation units held in the Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company Pooled Separate Account are based on the net asset values reported by the fund managers as of the financial statement dates and recent transaction prices. The pooled separate account provides for daily redemptions by the Plan with no advance notice requirements and has redemption prices that are determined by the fund's net asset value per unit.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021:

|                                | Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2021 |                     |                |                |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                | <u>Total</u>                                    | <u>Level 1</u>      | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> |
| Investments:                   |                                                 |                     |                |                |
| Mutual Funds                   | \$ 9,254,395                                    | \$ 9,254,395        | \$ -           | \$ -           |
| Pooled Separate Account*       | <u>3,497,653</u>                                | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>       |
| Total Investment at Fair Value | <u>\$ 12,752,048</u>                            | <u>\$ 9,254,395</u> | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ -</u>    |

\* Investments measured at fair value using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table for such investments are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the investments at fair value line item presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

**NOTE 5 - FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACTS**

The Plan holds a fully benefit-responsive investment contract that is reported at contract value, which is generally the amount a participant would receive if he or she would initiate a withdrawal or transfer from the contract under the provisions of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made to the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract value of the Plan's fully benefit-responsive investment contract (traditional guaranteed investment contract) was \$2,443,890 at December 31, 2021.

The Plan entered into a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with PRIAC via an investment in the Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company Guaranteed Income Fund (Guaranteed Income Fund). PRIAC maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with interest and charged for administrative expenses. In certain instances when total distributions or transfers in the Guaranteed Income Fund within a calendar year exceed predetermined thresholds (e.g., 10% of the balance of the Fund on the first day of the year), transactions in the Guaranteed Income Fund may face certain restrictions, in accordance with contract terms. The Plan administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants within 90 days, is probable. There are no events that allow the PRIAC to terminate the contract and which require the plan sponsor to settle at an amount different than contract value within 90 days.

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#### **NOTE 6 - PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the employer, and certain others. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Some administrative expenses of the Plan are paid directly by the Company. The Plan holds a pooled separate account as well as a guaranteed investment contract managed by PRIAC; therefore, these transactions and the Plan's payment of trustee and recordkeeping fees qualify as party-in-interest transactions. In addition, the Plan held party-in-interest transactions in the form of participant loans at December 31, 2021 of \$9,175.

#### **NOTE 7 - TAX STATUS**

The Internal Revenue Service issued an opinion letter dated April 29, 2014 indicating that the prototype adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, Plan management believes that the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021 there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan is subject to income tax examinations for the period for the period ended December 31, 2021.

#### **NOTE 8 - TRANSFER**

During October 2021, two subset plans of the Kissner Group Retirement Plan transferred into the Plan. The transfers are included at "Transfer from the Kissner Group Retirement Plan" on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. The net assets transferred to the Plan were \$14,554,322.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

US SALT, LLC 401(k) PLAN  
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
December 31, 2021

Name of Plan Sponsor: US Salt, LLC  
Employer Identification Number: 59-3525498  
Three-Digit Plan Number: 001

| (a)                             | (b)<br>Identity of Issue, Borrower,<br>Lessor, or Similar Party | (c)<br>Description of Investment<br>Including Maturity Date,<br>Rate of Interest, Collateral,<br>Par or Maturity Value | (d)<br>Cost | (e)<br>Current<br>Value |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Mutual Funds</b>             |                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | US Growth Admiral                                                                                                      | #           | \$ 820,108              |
|                                 | American Funds                                                  | Fundamental Inv R6                                                                                                     | #           | 755,238                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | Small Cap Index Admiral                                                                                                | #           | 331,857                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | 500 Index Admiral                                                                                                      | #           | 1,261,749               |
|                                 | Metropolitan                                                    | West Total                                                                                                             | #           | 734,472                 |
|                                 | Columbia                                                        | Small Cap Val I Institutional 3                                                                                        | #           | 278,365                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | Explorer Admiral                                                                                                       | #           | 342,566                 |
|                                 | American Funds                                                  | American Balanced R6                                                                                                   | #           | 3,904                   |
|                                 | MFS                                                             | International Intrinsic Value R6                                                                                       | #           | 678,748                 |
|                                 | Columbia                                                        | Div Inc Institutional 3                                                                                                | #           | 694,995                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | Re Index Admiral                                                                                                       | #           | 8,223                   |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | International Growth Fund Admiral                                                                                      | #           | 766,465                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | Mid Cap Index Fund                                                                                                     | #           | 320,285                 |
|                                 | Doubleline                                                      | Core FI R6                                                                                                             | #           | 731,038                 |
|                                 | Virtus                                                          | Kar Mid Cap Growth R6                                                                                                  | #           | 320,382                 |
|                                 | Victory                                                         | Sycamore Established Value R6                                                                                          | #           | 378,307                 |
|                                 | Invesco                                                         | Dev Markets R6                                                                                                         | #           | 827,693                 |
|                                 |                                                                 | Total mutual funds                                                                                                     |             | 9,254,395               |
| <b>Pooled Separate Accounts</b> |                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
| *                               | Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company             | Day One IFX Target Balanced                                                                                            | #           | 3,497,653               |
| <b>Guaranteed Income Fund</b>   |                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
| *                               | Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company             | Guaranteed Income Fund                                                                                                 | #           | 2,443,890               |
| <b>Notes Receivable</b>         |                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
| *                               | Notes receivable from participants                              | Varying maturity dates through November 2022 and interest rates of 4.50%-5.25%                                         |             | 9,175                   |
|                                 |                                                                 | Total investments                                                                                                      |             | <u>\$ 15,205,113</u>    |

\* Denotes party-in-interest

# Investment is participant directed; therefore, historical data is not required

See Independent Auditor's Report.

**US SALT, LLC 401(k) PLAN**  
Watkins Glen, New York

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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US SALT, LLC 401(k) PLAN

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Participants and Plan Administrator  
US Salt, LLC 401(k) Plan  
Watkins Glen, New York

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of US Salt, LLC 401(k) (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the 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 period from October 4, 2021 (date of Plan inception) to December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements (2021 Financial Statements).

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2021 and for the period from October 4, 2021 to December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

***Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements***

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions 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 audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements***

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

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

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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.

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- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of the US Salt, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides general information about the Plan's provisions. US Salt, LLC (the Company) is the Plan sponsor. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement and the summary Plan description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, copies of which may be obtained from the plan sponsor.

General: The Plan was organized effective October 4, 2021, as a defined contribution plan covering substantially all non-union and union employees of US Salt, LLC (the "Company"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Non-union employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after 30 days of service. Union employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after 90 days of service. Both non-union and union employees must be at least 18 years old in order to participate in the Plan and enter the Plan immediately upon satisfaction of the eligibility requirements.

Contributions: Participants may contribute up to 75% of eligible compensation on a pre-tax basis but must defer at least 1% subject to maximum tax-deferred limitations established by the Internal Revenue Code. Participants may designate all or a portion of their contributions as Roth 401(k) contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Company may administratively impose a more restrictive maximum deferral limit applicable to only highly compensated employees. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans.

The Plan provides for non-union safe harbor matching contributions of 100% of the participant's contribution not to exceed 3% of the employee's eligible compensation plus 50% of the participant's contribution that exceeds 3% but does not exceed 5%. The plan also provides for a union employer matching contribution of 25% of the participant's contribution not to exceed 6% of the employee's eligible compensation and a union non-elective contribution of 2.5% of the employee's eligible compensation for the year. Eligibility for both the union employer matching and non-elective contributions require 6 months of service.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and an allocation of (a) the Company's contributions, (b) Plan earnings/(loss), and is charged with his or her withdrawals and an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant contributions, eligible compensation, participant 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. Each participant directs the investment of his or her account to any of the investment options available under the Plan.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, rollover contributions, non-union safe harbor match plus actual earnings thereon. Union participants are 100% vested in the employer match and non-elective contributions after one year of credited service.

Participant Loans: Loans are not permitted in the Plan. However, loan provisions from any loan transferred into this Plan as a result of a plan merger, will follow the loan provisions in place on the plan from which the loan was initiated. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The interest rates on outstanding loans at December 31, 2021, ranged from 4.50% to 5.25%. Principal and interest are paid through payroll deductions.

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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN** (Continued)

Payment of Benefits: Participants become eligible for benefit payments upon death, disability, retirement, or termination. Participants may elect to receive either a lump-sum cash distribution equal to the value of the vested interest in his or her account, a direct rollover distribution, a nontransferable annuity payable over the lifetime of the participant or the joint lifetimes of the participant and a designated individual or defer receipt of their account balance until age 70 ½. Participants may also take distributions from the Plan upon attainment of age 59 ½. Participants may also receive a distribution for reasons of proven financial hardship, up to the amount the employee has deferred (excluding earnings thereon) under the Plan.

Forfeitures: Forfeitures of employer matching contributions and earnings on those contributions resulting from employees that leave the Company prior to vesting are retained in an unallocated forfeiture account. The Company may use forfeitures in any manner as the discretion of the Plan administrator. There were no forfeitures for the period ended December 31, 2021.

Administrative and Investment Management Expenses: Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Plan recordkeeping and trustee fees are paid by the Plan and are reflected in the financial statements as administrative expenses. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment management fees are charged to the Plan as a reduction of investment return and included in the investment income (loss) reported by the Plan.

Plan Termination: Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of the Plan's termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Accounting: The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

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

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants: Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures, and actual results may differ from these estimates.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: The Plan's investments, other than fully benefit responsive investment contracts, are reported at fair value as further described in Note 4. Fair value is the price that would be received by the Plan for an asset or paid by the Plan to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date in the Plan's principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Contract value is the relevant measure for the Plan's fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because contract value is the amount Plan participants generally receive when executing transactions under the terms of the contract and Plan provisions.

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

Subsequent Events: Management evaluated subsequent events for the Plan through January 4, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 3 - CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS**

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2021, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the period ended December 31, 2021, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Prudential Bank & Trust, FSB and Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company ("PRIAC").

**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Fair value measurements are determined by maximizing the use of observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy places the highest priority on unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and gives the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of inputs within the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

*Level 1:* Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

*Level 2:* Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

*Level 3:* Significant unobservable inputs that reflect the Plan's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

In some cases, a valuation technique used to measure fair value may include inputs from multiple levels of the fair value hierarchy. The lowest level of significant input determines the placement of the entire fair value measurement in the hierarchy.

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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS** (Continued)

The following presents the valuation methods and assumptions used by the Plan to estimate the fair values of investments.

**Mutual Funds:** The fair values of mutual fund investments are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs).

**Pooled Separate Account:** Participants may direct the investment of their accounts into a pooled separate account issued by Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company. The fair values of participation units held in the Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company Pooled Separate Account are based on the net asset values reported by the fund managers as of the financial statement dates and recent transaction prices. The pooled separate account provides for daily redemptions by the Plan with no advance notice requirements and has redemption prices that are determined by the fund's net asset value per unit.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021:

|                                | Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2021 |                     |                |                |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                | <u>Total</u>                                    | <u>Level 1</u>      | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> |
| Investments:                   |                                                 |                     |                |                |
| Mutual Funds                   | \$ 9,254,395                                    | \$ 9,254,395        | \$ -           | \$ -           |
| Pooled Separate Account*       | <u>3,497,653</u>                                | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>       |
| Total Investment at Fair Value | <u>\$ 12,752,048</u>                            | <u>\$ 9,254,395</u> | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ -</u>    |

\* Investments measured at fair value using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table for such investments are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the investments at fair value line item presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

**NOTE 5 - FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACTS**

The Plan holds a fully benefit-responsive investment contract that is reported at contract value, which is generally the amount a participant would receive if he or she would initiate a withdrawal or transfer from the contract under the provisions of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made to the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract value of the Plan's fully benefit-responsive investment contract (traditional guaranteed investment contract) was \$2,443,890 at December 31, 2021.

The Plan entered into a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with PRIAC via an investment in the Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company Guaranteed Income Fund (Guaranteed Income Fund). PRIAC maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with interest and charged for administrative expenses. In certain instances when total distributions or transfers in the Guaranteed Income Fund within a calendar year exceed predetermined thresholds (e.g., 10% of the balance of the Fund on the first day of the year), transactions in the Guaranteed Income Fund may face certain restrictions, in accordance with contract terms. The Plan administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants within 90 days, is probable. There are no events that allow the PRIAC to terminate the contract and which require the plan sponsor to settle at an amount different than contract value within 90 days.

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#### **NOTE 6 - PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the employer, and certain others. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Some administrative expenses of the Plan are paid directly by the Company. The Plan holds a pooled separate account as well as a guaranteed investment contract managed by PRIAC; therefore, these transactions and the Plan's payment of trustee and recordkeeping fees qualify as party-in-interest transactions. In addition, the Plan held party-in-interest transactions in the form of participant loans at December 31, 2021 of \$9,175.

#### **NOTE 7 - TAX STATUS**

The Internal Revenue Service issued an opinion letter dated April 29, 2014 indicating that the prototype adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, Plan management believes that the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021 there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan is subject to income tax examinations for the period for the period ended December 31, 2021.

#### **NOTE 8 - TRANSFER**

During October 2021, two subset plans of the Kissner Group Retirement Plan transferred into the Plan. The transfers are included at "Transfer from the Kissner Group Retirement Plan" on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. The net assets transferred to the Plan were \$14,554,322.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

US SALT, LLC 401(k) PLAN  
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
December 31, 2021

Name of Plan Sponsor: US Salt, LLC  
Employer Identification Number: 59-3525498  
Three-Digit Plan Number: 001

| (a)                             | (b)<br>Identity of Issue, Borrower,<br>Lessor, or Similar Party | (c)<br>Description of Investment<br>Including Maturity Date,<br>Rate of Interest, Collateral,<br>Par or Maturity Value | (d)<br>Cost | (e)<br>Current<br>Value |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Mutual Funds</b>             |                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | US Growth Admiral                                                                                                      | #           | \$ 820,108              |
|                                 | American Funds                                                  | Fundamental Inv R6                                                                                                     | #           | 755,238                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | Small Cap Index Admiral                                                                                                | #           | 331,857                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | 500 Index Admiral                                                                                                      | #           | 1,261,749               |
|                                 | Metropolitan                                                    | West Total                                                                                                             | #           | 734,472                 |
|                                 | Columbia                                                        | Small Cap Val I Institutional 3                                                                                        | #           | 278,365                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | Explorer Admiral                                                                                                       | #           | 342,566                 |
|                                 | American Funds                                                  | American Balanced R6                                                                                                   | #           | 3,904                   |
|                                 | MFS                                                             | International Intrinsic Value R6                                                                                       | #           | 678,748                 |
|                                 | Columbia                                                        | Div Inc Institutional 3                                                                                                | #           | 694,995                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | Re Index Admiral                                                                                                       | #           | 8,223                   |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | International Growth Fund Admiral                                                                                      | #           | 766,465                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | Mid Cap Index Fund                                                                                                     | #           | 320,285                 |
|                                 | Doubleline                                                      | Core FI R6                                                                                                             | #           | 731,038                 |
|                                 | Virtus                                                          | Kar Mid Cap Growth R6                                                                                                  | #           | 320,382                 |
|                                 | Victory                                                         | Sycamore Established Value R6                                                                                          | #           | 378,307                 |
|                                 | Invesco                                                         | Dev Markets R6                                                                                                         | #           | 827,693                 |
|                                 |                                                                 | Total mutual funds                                                                                                     |             | 9,254,395               |
| <b>Pooled Separate Accounts</b> |                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
| *                               | Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company             | Day One IFX Target Balanced                                                                                            | #           | 3,497,653               |
| <b>Guaranteed Income Fund</b>   |                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
| *                               | Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company             | Guaranteed Income Fund                                                                                                 | #           | 2,443,890               |
| <b>Notes Receivable</b>         |                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
| *                               | Notes receivable from participants                              | Varying maturity dates through November 2022 and interest rates of 4.50%-5.25%                                         |             | 9,175                   |
|                                 |                                                                 | Total investments                                                                                                      |             | <u>\$ 15,205,113</u>    |

\* Denotes party-in-interest

# Investment is participant directed; therefore, historical data is not required

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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Watkins Glen, New York

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Participants and Plan Administrator  
US Salt, LLC 401(k) Plan  
Watkins Glen, New York

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of US Salt, LLC 401(k) (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the 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 period from October 4, 2021 (date of Plan inception) to December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements (2021 Financial Statements).

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2021 and for the period from October 4, 2021 to December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

***Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements***

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions 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 audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements***

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

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

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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.

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- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

### **Other Matter**

#### *2021 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA*

The supplemental schedule of 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 financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

Crowe LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana  
January 4, 2023

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**Assets**

|                                    |                |
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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of the US Salt, LLC 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides general information about the Plan's provisions. US Salt, LLC (the Company) is the Plan sponsor. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement and the summary Plan description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, copies of which may be obtained from the plan sponsor.

General: The Plan was organized effective October 4, 2021, as a defined contribution plan covering substantially all non-union and union employees of US Salt, LLC (the "Company"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Non-union employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after 30 days of service. Union employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after 90 days of service. Both non-union and union employees must be at least 18 years old in order to participate in the Plan and enter the Plan immediately upon satisfaction of the eligibility requirements.

Contributions: Participants may contribute up to 75% of eligible compensation on a pre-tax basis but must defer at least 1% subject to maximum tax-deferred limitations established by the Internal Revenue Code. Participants may designate all or a portion of their contributions as Roth 401(k) contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Company may administratively impose a more restrictive maximum deferral limit applicable to only highly compensated employees. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans.

The Plan provides for non-union safe harbor matching contributions of 100% of the participant's contribution not to exceed 3% of the employee's eligible compensation plus 50% of the participant's contribution that exceeds 3% but does not exceed 5%. The plan also provides for a union employer matching contribution of 25% of the participant's contribution not to exceed 6% of the employee's eligible compensation and a union non-elective contribution of 2.5% of the employee's eligible compensation for the year. Eligibility for both the union employer matching and non-elective contributions require 6 months of service.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and an allocation of (a) the Company's contributions, (b) Plan earnings/(loss), and is charged with his or her withdrawals and an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant contributions, eligible compensation, participant 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. Each participant directs the investment of his or her account to any of the investment options available under the Plan.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, rollover contributions, non-union safe harbor match plus actual earnings thereon. Union participants are 100% vested in the employer match and non-elective contributions after one year of credited service.

Participant Loans: Loans are not permitted in the Plan. However, loan provisions from any loan transferred into this Plan as a result of a plan merger, will follow the loan provisions in place on the plan from which the loan was initiated. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The interest rates on outstanding loans at December 31, 2021, ranged from 4.50% to 5.25%. Principal and interest are paid through payroll deductions.

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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Payment of Benefits: Participants become eligible for benefit payments upon death, disability, retirement, or termination. Participants may elect to receive either a lump-sum cash distribution equal to the value of the vested interest in his or her account, a direct rollover distribution, a nontransferable annuity payable over the lifetime of the participant or the joint lifetimes of the participant and a designated individual or defer receipt of their account balance until age 70  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Participants may also take distributions from the Plan upon attainment of age 59  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Participants may also receive a distribution for reasons of proven financial hardship, up to the amount the employee has deferred (excluding earnings thereon) under the Plan.

Forfeitures: Forfeitures of employer matching contributions and earnings on those contributions resulting from employees that leave the Company prior to vesting are retained in an unallocated forfeiture account. The Company may use forfeitures in any manner as the discretion of the Plan administrator. There were no forfeitures for the period ended December 31, 2021.

Administrative and Investment Management Expenses: Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Plan recordkeeping and trustee fees are paid by the Plan and are reflected in the financial statements as administrative expenses. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment management fees are charged to the Plan as a reduction of investment return and included in the investment income (loss) reported by the Plan.

Plan Termination: Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of the Plan's termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Accounting: The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

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

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants: Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures, and actual results may differ from these estimates.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: The Plan's investments, other than fully benefit responsive investment contracts, are reported at fair value as further described in Note 4. Fair value is the price that would be received by the Plan for an asset or paid by the Plan to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date in the Plan's principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Contract value is the relevant measure for the Plan's fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because contract value is the amount Plan participants generally receive when executing transactions under the terms of the contract and Plan provisions.

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

Subsequent Events: Management evaluated subsequent events for the Plan through January 4, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 3 - CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS**

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2021, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the period ended December 31, 2021, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Prudential Bank & Trust, FSB and Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company ("PRIAC").

**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Fair value measurements are determined by maximizing the use of observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy places the highest priority on unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and gives the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of inputs within the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

*Level 1:* Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

*Level 2:* Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

*Level 3:* Significant unobservable inputs that reflect the Plan's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

In some cases, a valuation technique used to measure fair value may include inputs from multiple levels of the fair value hierarchy. The lowest level of significant input determines the placement of the entire fair value measurement in the hierarchy.

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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS** (Continued)

The following presents the valuation methods and assumptions used by the Plan to estimate the fair values of investments.

**Mutual Funds:** The fair values of mutual fund investments are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs).

**Pooled Separate Account:** Participants may direct the investment of their accounts into a pooled separate account issued by Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company. The fair values of participation units held in the Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company Pooled Separate Account are based on the net asset values reported by the fund managers as of the financial statement dates and recent transaction prices. The pooled separate account provides for daily redemptions by the Plan with no advance notice requirements and has redemption prices that are determined by the fund's net asset value per unit.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021:

|                                | Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2021 |                     |                |                |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                | <u>Total</u>                                    | <u>Level 1</u>      | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> |
| Investments:                   |                                                 |                     |                |                |
| Mutual Funds                   | \$ 9,254,395                                    | \$ 9,254,395        | \$ -           | \$ -           |
| Pooled Separate Account*       | <u>3,497,653</u>                                | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>       |
| Total Investment at Fair Value | <u>\$ 12,752,048</u>                            | <u>\$ 9,254,395</u> | <u>\$ -</u>    | <u>\$ -</u>    |

\* Investments measured at fair value using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table for such investments are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the investments at fair value line item presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

**NOTE 5 - FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACTS**

The Plan holds a fully benefit-responsive investment contract that is reported at contract value, which is generally the amount a participant would receive if he or she would initiate a withdrawal or transfer from the contract under the provisions of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made to the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract value of the Plan's fully benefit-responsive investment contract (traditional guaranteed investment contract) was \$2,443,890 at December 31, 2021.

The Plan entered into a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with PRIAC via an investment in the Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company Guaranteed Income Fund (Guaranteed Income Fund). PRIAC maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with interest and charged for administrative expenses. In certain instances when total distributions or transfers in the Guaranteed Income Fund within a calendar year exceed predetermined thresholds (e.g., 10% of the balance of the Fund on the first day of the year), transactions in the Guaranteed Income Fund may face certain restrictions, in accordance with contract terms. The Plan administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants within 90 days, is probable. There are no events that allow the PRIAC to terminate the contract and which require the plan sponsor to settle at an amount different than contract value within 90 days.

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#### **NOTE 6 - PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the employer, and certain others. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Some administrative expenses of the Plan are paid directly by the Company. The Plan holds a pooled separate account as well as a guaranteed investment contract managed by PRIAC; therefore, these transactions and the Plan's payment of trustee and recordkeeping fees qualify as party-in-interest transactions. In addition, the Plan held party-in-interest transactions in the form of participant loans at December 31, 2021 of \$9,175.

#### **NOTE 7 - TAX STATUS**

The Internal Revenue Service issued an opinion letter dated April 29, 2014 indicating that the prototype adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, Plan management believes that the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021 there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan is subject to income tax examinations for the period for the period ended December 31, 2021.

#### **NOTE 8 - TRANSFER**

During October 2021, two subset plans of the Kissner Group Retirement Plan transferred into the Plan. The transfers are included at "Transfer from the Kissner Group Retirement Plan" on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. The net assets transferred to the Plan were \$14,554,322.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

US SALT, LLC 401(k) PLAN  
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
December 31, 2021

Name of Plan Sponsor: US Salt, LLC  
Employer Identification Number: 59-3525498  
Three-Digit Plan Number: 001

| (a)                             | (b)<br>Identity of Issue, Borrower,<br>Lessor, or Similar Party | (c)<br>Description of Investment<br>Including Maturity Date,<br>Rate of Interest, Collateral,<br>Par or Maturity Value | (d)<br>Cost | (e)<br>Current<br>Value |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Mutual Funds</b>             |                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | US Growth Admiral                                                                                                      | #           | \$ 820,108              |
|                                 | American Funds                                                  | Fundamental Inv R6                                                                                                     | #           | 755,238                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | Small Cap Index Admiral                                                                                                | #           | 331,857                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | 500 Index Admiral                                                                                                      | #           | 1,261,749               |
|                                 | Metropolitan                                                    | West Total                                                                                                             | #           | 734,472                 |
|                                 | Columbia                                                        | Small Cap Val I Institutional 3                                                                                        | #           | 278,365                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | Explorer Admiral                                                                                                       | #           | 342,566                 |
|                                 | American Funds                                                  | American Balanced R6                                                                                                   | #           | 3,904                   |
|                                 | MFS                                                             | International Intrinsic Value R6                                                                                       | #           | 678,748                 |
|                                 | Columbia                                                        | Div Inc Institutional 3                                                                                                | #           | 694,995                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | Re Index Admiral                                                                                                       | #           | 8,223                   |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | International Growth Fund Admiral                                                                                      | #           | 766,465                 |
|                                 | Vanguard                                                        | Mid Cap Index Fund                                                                                                     | #           | 320,285                 |
|                                 | Doubleline                                                      | Core FI R6                                                                                                             | #           | 731,038                 |
|                                 | Virtus                                                          | Kar Mid Cap Growth R6                                                                                                  | #           | 320,382                 |
|                                 | Victory                                                         | Sycamore Established Value R6                                                                                          | #           | 378,307                 |
|                                 | Invesco                                                         | Dev Markets R6                                                                                                         | #           | 827,693                 |
|                                 |                                                                 | Total mutual funds                                                                                                     |             | 9,254,395               |
| <b>Pooled Separate Accounts</b> |                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
| *                               | Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company             | Day One IFX Target Balanced                                                                                            | #           | 3,497,653               |
| <b>Guaranteed Income Fund</b>   |                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
| *                               | Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company             | Guaranteed Income Fund                                                                                                 | #           | 2,443,890               |
| <b>Notes Receivable</b>         |                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
| *                               | Notes receivable from participants                              | Varying maturity dates through November 2022 and interest rates of 4.50%-5.25%                                         |             | 9,175                   |
|                                 |                                                                 | Total investments                                                                                                      |             | <u>\$ 15,205,113</u>    |

\* Denotes party-in-interest

# Investment is participant directed; therefore, historical data is not required

See Independent Auditor's Report.