

<p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: large;">2022</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information
 For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 01/01/2023

A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

B This return/report is: the first return/report the final return/report

an amended return/report a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.

D Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

<p>1a Name of plan <u>SILVA INTERNATIONAL 401(K) PLAN</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p>
<p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>SILVA INTERNATIONAL INC</u></p> <p><u>523 N. ASH ST.</u> <u>MOMENCE, IL 60954</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2011</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-3039735</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>815-472-3535</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>311400</u></p>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/02/2023	TIMOTHY NIEHOF
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/02/2023	TIMOTHY NIEHOF
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 189
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits..... d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)..... h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1) 0 6a(2) 0 6b 0 6c 0 6d 0 6e 0 6f 0 6g 0 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) <input type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) (4) <input type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

**SCHEDULE H
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

► **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2022

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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2023** and ending **01/01/2023**

A Name of plan SILVA INTERNATIONAL 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SILVA INTERNATIONAL INC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-3039735

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	0
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	0
(3) Other.....	1b(3)	
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)	
(2) U.S. Government securities.....	1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred.....	1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred.....	1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests.....	1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property).....	1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7)	
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10)	
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)	
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....	1c(12)	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	7358341 0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	7358341	0

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k		

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	7358341	0
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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.

Income

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

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)		
(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)		
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		7358341

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: **PLANTE & MORAN, PLLC**

(2) EIN: **38-1357951**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

		Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.).....	4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.).....	4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	4e	X		10000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?.....	4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?.....	4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	4i		X	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.).....	4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?.....	4k	X		
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?.....	4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....	4m	X		
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.....	4n	X		

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

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

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)
UNIVERSAL LEAF TOBACCO COMPANY INCORPORATED 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN	54-0741848	005

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 _____.

Silva International 401(k) Plan

Financial Report
December 31, 2022

Silva International 401(k) Plan

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Silva International 401(k) Plan

Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Silva International 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of January 1, 2023 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the one-day period then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (2023 financial statements).

In our opinion, the accompanying 2023 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of January 1, 2023 and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the period then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion on the 2023 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 2023 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As explained in Note 6 to the financial statements, the Plan was merged into the Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, Incorporated 401(k) Savings Plan effective January 1, 2023. Our opinion has not been modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2023 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

To the Plan Administrator
Silva International 401(k) Plan

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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.

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audits for the 2022 and 2021 Financial Statements

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Silva International 401(k) Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 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, 2022 and 2021 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the related notes to the financial statements (2022 and 2021 financial statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's 2022 and 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and for the year ended December 31, 2022 stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

To the Plan Administrator
Silva International 401(k) Plan

Opinion on the 2022 and 2021 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the 2022 and 2021 Financial Statements* section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2022 and 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 2022 and 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2022 and 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the 2022 and 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 2022 and 2021 Financial Statements

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

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

Management is 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 that may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the 2022 and 2021 Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audits for the 2022 and 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 audits 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.

To the Plan Administrator
Silva International 401(k) Plan

In performing audits in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.
- 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 audits in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information except for obtaining and reading the certifications, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2022 and 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 audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audits.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

Chicago, Illinois
September 21, 2023

Silva International 401(k) Plan

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	January 1, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Assets			
Participant-directed investments at fair value - Pooled separate accounts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,776,602
Participant-directed investments at contract value - Fully benefit-responsive group annuity contract	-	-	123,928
Total investments	-	-	8,900,530
Contributions receivable:			
Employee	-	-	41,701
Employer	-	-	33,145
Total contributions receivable	-	-	74,846
Transfer in transit (Note 6)	-	7,358,341	-
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ -	\$ 7,358,341	\$ 8,975,376

Silva International 401(k) Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Period Ended January 1, 2023	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Additions		
Contributions:		
Employee	\$ -	\$ 514,944
Employer	-	305,111
Total contributions	-	820,055
Investment income (loss):		
Interest and dividends	-	25,824
Net realized and unrealized losses on investments	-	(1,782,158)
Total investment loss - Net	-	(1,756,334)
Total additions - Net	-	(936,279)
Deductions		
Benefits paid directly to participants or beneficiaries	-	679,245
Administrative expenses	-	1,511
Total deductions	-	680,756
Net Decrease before Other Changes	-	(1,617,035)
Transfers Out (Note 6)	(7,358,341)	-
Net Decrease	(7,358,341)	(1,617,035)
Net Assets Available for Benefits		
Beginning of period	7,358,341	8,975,376
End of period	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,358,341</u>

January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2022

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of Silva International 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

Effective January 1, 2023, Silva International 401(k) Plan was merged (the "Merger") into the Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, Incorporated 401(k) Savings Plan. See Note 6 for further information.

Prior to the Merger, the Plan was a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Silva International Inc. (the "Company") who have completed 12 months of service and are age 21 or older. Certain nonresident alien employees and those covered by other collective bargaining agreements were not eligible for participation in the Plan. Employees were eligible to participate on the first day of the quarter coinciding with or following the date when plan eligibility criteria were met. The Plan was subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

The Plan provided for employee salary deferral contributions up to a maximum of 100 percent of annual compensation subject to maximum tax-deferred limitations established by the Internal Revenue Code. Participants who had attained age 50 before the end of the plan year were eligible to make catch-up contributions in addition to their regular deferral contributions. Participants may have designated all or a portion of their contributions as Roth 401(k) contributions. Participants may have also made contributions to the Plan in the form of a rollover of funds from another qualified plan.

The Company provided a safe harbor matching contribution equal to 100 percent of the first 3 percent of the participant's contribution and 50 percent of the next 2 percent of the participant's contribution.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account was credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the Company's contributions and plan earnings and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations were based on participants' compensation or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant was entitled was the benefit that could be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants may have directed the investments of their account balances into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Vesting

Participants were immediately 100 percent vested in all employee deferral and company safe harbor matching contributions, including any earnings thereon.

Benefit Payments

Distributions were payable upon retirement, death, disability, or termination of employment in the form of a lump-sum amount equal to the vested balance of a participant's account. Hardship distributions were not permitted.

After age 59½, a participant may have made withdrawals of 401(k) contributions, employer contributions, and/or rollover contributions and related investment earnings for which the participant was subject to income tax at ordinary tax rates.

Party-in-interest Transactions

Certain plan assets were in investment funds managed by Capital Bank and Trust Company or its affiliates. Capital Bank and Trust Company was the custodian of the Plan; therefore, these transactions qualified as party-in-interest transactions, as defined under ERISA guidelines.

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Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)

Termination

The Company had the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in the plan agreement and ERISA. See disclosures in Note 6 for information related to the Plan's merger into the Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, Incorporated 401(k) Savings Plan effective January 1, 2023.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Investment Valuation

The Plan's investments were stated at fair value except as noted below.

Pooled separate account investments were valued at net asset value (NAV) per share (or its equivalent) of the funds, which was based on the fair value of the funds' underlying net assets. There were no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments on these investments.

The fixed account investment was a fully benefit-responsive group annuity contract issued by Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company (Great-West). Great-West considers the fixed account to be benefit responsive. Contract value represents deposits made to the contract, plus earnings at guaranteed crediting rates, less withdrawals and fees.

Purchases and sales of securities were recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income was recorded as earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The methods described above may have produced fair value estimates that may not have been indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believed its valuation methods were appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could have resulted in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Benefit Payments

Benefits were recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Various administrative costs were paid by the Company.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America required management to make estimates and assumptions that affected the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could have differed from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invested in various investment securities. Investment securities were exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it was at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities would have occurred in the near term and that such changes could have materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Subsequent Events

The financial statements and related disclosures include evaluation of events up through and including September 21, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2022

Note 3 - Certified Information

Capital Bank and Trust Company (the "Custodian") held the Plan's investments and executed all related investment transactions. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and for the year ended December 31, 2022, the investment balances and related investment income and losses included in the accompanying financial statements were based solely on information certified by the Custodian.

Note 4 - Investment Contracts

The Plan had a benefit-responsive investment contract with Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company. Great-West maintained the contributions in a general account. The general account was credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Great-West was contractually obligated to repay principal and a specified interest rate that was guaranteed to the Plan. The minimum effective annual interest rate would not fall below 0 percent.

Great-West established interest rates for moneys invested in the investment contract that may have changed periodically. When establishing interest crediting rates for this contract, Great-West considered many factors, including current economic and market conditions, the general interest rate environment, and both the expected and actual experience of a reference portfolio within the issuer's general account.

Generally, there were no conditions, limits, or restrictions on the ability of the Plan's participants to transact at contract value. In conjunction with the plan merger further discussed in Note 6, the Plan's benefit-responsive investment contract was liquidated at contract value.

Note 5 - Tax Status

The Plan was a prototype plan. The prototype plan had received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) indicating that the Plan, as designed, was qualified for federal income tax-exempt status. The Plan has not individually sought its own determination letter.

Note 6 - Plan Merger

Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan merged and combined with the Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, Incorporated 401(k) Savings Plan (the "New Plan"). In preparation for the merger, all assets of the Plan were liquidated and a transfer initiated to the New Plan. All assets of the Plan were in transit to the New Plan at December 31, 2022 and are reflected as such on the statement of net assets available for benefits. Accordingly, all assets, participants, and their related account balances were transferred to the Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, Incorporated 401(k) Savings Plan in 2023.