

**Form 5500**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security  
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan**

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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1210-0089

**2022**

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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

- 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

<b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>STEARNS VENTURES LLC MULTIPLE EMPLOYER 401K PLAN</u>	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan	<u>07/01/2020</u>
<b>2a</b> 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>STEARNS VENTURES LLC</u>  <u>401 E. CORPORATE DRIVE</u> <u>SUITE #150</u> <u>LEWISVILLE, TX 75057</u>	<b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)	<u>45-3682386</u>
	<b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number	<u>214-709-8250</u>
	<b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)	<u>523900</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>	<u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u>	<u>10/08/2023</u>	<u>KENNETH KANE</u>
	<b>Signature of plan administrator</b>	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>	<u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u>	<u>10/08/2023</u>	<u>KENNETH KANE</u>
	<b>Signature of employer/plan sponsor</b>	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	<b>Signature of DFE</b>	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
<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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN  <b>4d</b> PN
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b> 908
<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>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....  <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits ..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....  <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>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b> 694 <b>6a(2)</b> 0 <b>6b</b> 0 <b>6c</b> 0 <b>6d</b> 0 <b>6e</b> 0 <b>6f</b> 0 <b>6g</b> 0 <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: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 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) (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	<b>9b</b> 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
<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> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)  (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary  (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	<b>b General Schedules</b> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information) (5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (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

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

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<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2022</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>STEARNS VENTURES LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>45-3682386</u>	

**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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65-0608221

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 37 38 50	TPA	243918	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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)

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59-2749576

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 51	PORTFOLIO MGMT	5347	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of 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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name: CLIFRONLARSONALLEN LLP	<b>b</b> EIN: 41-0746749
<b>c</b> Position: PLAN AUDITOR	
<b>d</b> Address: 220 SOUTH SIXTH STREET SUITE 300 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402	<b>e</b> Telephone: 888-529-2648

Explanation: PLAN MERGED INTO AN EXISTING MEP AND WILL DO FINAL AUDIT WITH AUDITOR OF EXISTING PLAN.

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

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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Explanation:

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

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<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>	116072
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions.....	<b>1b(2)</b>	288884
<b>(3)</b> Other.....	<b>1b(3)</b>	11955
<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>	972653
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	<b>1c(9)</b>	0
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	<b>1c(10)</b>	
<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>	35158661
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>	0
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>	

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	36548225	0
<b>Liabilities</b>			
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	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	36548225	0

**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.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	1527023	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	3767968	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	498113	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		5793104
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(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)	43720	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		43720
(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)	971113	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		971113
(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)		-7328692
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d		-520755
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	5050810	
(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)		5050810
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f		93818
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees .....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	243918	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees .....	2i(3)	5347	
(4) Other .....	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		249265
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j		5393893
<b>Net Income and Reconciliation</b>			
<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		-5914648
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		30633577

**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: RICHEY MAY & CO

(2) EIN: 71-0911208

**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		458120

		Yes	No	Amount
<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		5000000
<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>	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 0.

**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)
RATE HOLDINGS CORP. MULTIPLE EMPLOYER 401K PLAN	30-1301067	001

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2022</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>STEARNS VENTURES LLC MULTIPLE EMPLOYER 401K PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>STEARNS VENTURES LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>45-3682386</u>	

<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.**

**1** Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions..... 

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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
EIN(s): 65-0708495

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

**3** Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year..... 

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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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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

**5** If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
**If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.**

<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.**

**7** Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....  Yes  No  N/A

**8** If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....  Yes  No  N/A

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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**9** If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....  Increase  Decrease  Both  No

<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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**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....  Yes  No

**11 a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?.....  Yes  No

**b** If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.).....  Yes  No

**12** Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?.....  Yes  No

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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:

<b>a</b> The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14a</b>	
<b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) .....	<b>14b</b>	
<b>c</b> The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14c</b>	

**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:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....	<b>15b</b>	

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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.....	<b>16b</b>	

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR  
STEARNS VENTURES LLC MULTIPLE EMPLOYER 401K PLAN  
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021**

**RICHEY  
MAY**

The logo for Richey May consists of the company name in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The word "RICHEY" is positioned above "MAY". To the right of the text is a vertical green line.

**STEARNS VENTURES LLC MULTIPLE EMPLOYER 401K PLAN**  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Trustee and Plan Administrator  
Stearns Ventures LLC Multiple Employer 401K Plan  
Lewisville, Texas

***Opinion***

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Stearns Ventures LLC Multiple Employer 401K Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022, 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.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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 audit opinion.

***Emphasis of Matter – Plan Merger***

As discussed in Notes A and F to the financial statements, the Plan was merged with and into the Rate Holdings Corp. Multiple Employer 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2022, and ceased to exist as a separate plan as of that date. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

***Responsibilities of Management for the 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements (Continued)*

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 after the date the financial statements are issued.

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

### *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

### *Other Matter – Supplementary Information Required by ERISA*

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information, Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2022, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplementary 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.

In forming our opinion on the supplementary information, we evaluated whether the supplementary information, including their form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the form and content of the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

### *Other Matter – 2021 Financial Statements*

The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2021, were audited by predecessor auditors. Their report, dated September 26, 2022, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

*R. Chey, May & Co.*

Englewood, Colorado

October 3, 2023

**STEARNS VENTURES LLC MULTIPLE EMPLOYER 401K PLAN  
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments, at fair value	\$ -	\$ 35,158,661
Receivables-		
Notes receivable from participants	-	972,653
Participant contributions receivable	-	416,911
Total receivables	-	1,389,564
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	-	36,548,225
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	\$ -	\$ 36,548,225

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**STEARNS VENTURES LLC MULTIPLE EMPLOYER 401K PLAN  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

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**ADDITIONS TO (REDUCTIONS FROM) NET ASSETS**

Contributions-	
Participant	\$ 3,767,968
Participant, rollovers	498,113
Employer, net of forfeitures	1,527,023
Investment income (loss)-	
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(7,328,692)
Dividends and interest	971,113
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	43,720
Total reductions from net assets	<u>(520,755)</u>

**DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS**

Benefits paid to participants	5,144,628
Administrative expenses	249,265
Total deductions from net assets	<u>5,393,893</u>

**NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS** (5,914,648)

**TRANSFER OF ASSETS OUT OF PLAN** (30,633,577)

**NET DECREASE AND TRANSFER OUT OF PLAN** (36,548,225)

**NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS-  
BEGINNING OF YEAR** 36,548,225

**END OF YEAR** \$ -

**STEARNS VENTURES LLC MULTIPLE EMPLOYER 401K PLAN  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**A. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of the Stearns Ventures LLC Multiple Employer 401K Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan documents for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

**1. General**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of BKCO Mortgage, LLC, Compass Home Loans, LLC, KBHS Home Loans, LLC, Gibraltar Mortgage Services LLC, Home Mortgage Alliance, LLC, Premia Relocation Mortgage, Private Mortgage Advisors, LLC, Results Mortgage, LLC, and SoFi Mortgage, LLC, (collectively, the Company). All employees of the Company who have three months of service and are age 18 or older can participate in the Plan. Plan entry dates are the first day of the month coinciding with or following the fulfillment of the eligibility requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The internal trustee and Company management are responsible for oversight of the Plan. The investment committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's internal trustee.

**2. Plan Merger**

Effective December 31, 2022, all contributions to the Plan were suspended as the Plan was merged into the Rate Holdings Corp. Multiple Employer 401(k) Plan.

**3. Contributions**

Each year, participants may contribute pre-tax and qualified Roth deferrals to the Plan up to 98% of annual eligible compensation, as defined by the Plan documents. Participants who have attained age of 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company may elect to make discretionary matching and discretionary nonelective profit sharing contributions each year. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company did not make any discretionary contributions. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Services (IRS) limitations.

**4. Participant Accounts**

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and the Company's discretionary matching and discretionary nonelective profit sharing contributions, as well as allocations of the Plan's earnings and losses. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined in the Plan documents. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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**A. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

**5. Vesting**

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary matching contribution and discretionary nonelective profit sharing contributions portion of their accounts is based on elections made by the participating employer in their adoption agreement. The participating employers may elect either immediate 100% nonforfeitability, 100% nonforfeitability after two or three years of service, or a graded vesting schedule.

**6. Notes Receivable from Participants**

Participants may borrow from their accounts at a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participants' accounts. The loans bear interest at prime rate plus 1%. Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

**7. Payment of Benefits**

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or as installment payments over a specified period of time (annually, quarterly or monthly), not exceeding the participant's life expectancy or joint life expectancy with their designated beneficiary, or as part lump sum and part installment payments. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump sum distribution.

**8. Forfeited Accounts**

There were no forfeited non-vested accounts for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. All forfeited balances transferred to Rate Holdings Corp. Multiple Employer 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2022. These accounts will be used to pay future Plan expenses or meet future employer contribution obligations.

**9. Transfers Out of the Plan**

During 2022, participants account balances totaling \$30,633,577 were transferred from the Plan into Rate Holdings Corp. Multiple Employer 401(k) Plan, which is reflected as transfer of assets out of Plan on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

**B. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1. Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Certain adjustments have been made to the financial statements in order for them to conform to the accrual basis of accounting.

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**B. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**2. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**3. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

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

Purchases and sales of securities were recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends and interest were recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest is recorded on the accrual basis. Net depreciation in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

**4. Notes Receivable from Participants**

Notes receivable from participants were measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees were recorded as administrative expenses on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits and are expensed when incurred.

**5. Payments of Benefits**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

**6. Expenses**

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan were paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants were charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Investment related expenses are included in net depreciation in fair value of investments on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

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C. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standard Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurement* (ASC 820), defines fair value as the price that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid upon transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and in the principal or most advantageous market for that asset or liability. The fair value should be calculated based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, not assumptions specific to the entity.

ASC 820 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based upon whether the inputs to those valuation techniques reflect assumptions other market participants would use based upon the market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs). In accordance with ASC 820, the following summarizes the fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted market prices for identical assets in an active market that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs other than the quoted market prices in active markets that are observable either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 – Inputs based on prices or valuation techniques that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurements.

ASC 820 requires the use of observable market data, when available, in making fair value measurements. When inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the level within which the fair value measurement is categorized is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurements. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021. There were no assets measured at fair value as of December 31, 2022.

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily Net Asset Value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

*Collective investment trust:* Valued based on the NAV of units, which are based on observable prices for the underlying assets, held by the Plan at year-end. NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. This fund is included in Level 2.

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**C. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

**Assets Measured at Fair Value**

The following are the major categories of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2021:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 34,217,225	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,217,225
Collective investment trust	-	941,436	-	941,436
Total investments, at fair value	\$ 34,217,225	\$ 941,436	\$ -	\$ 35,158,661

**Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments**

Due to their short-term nature, the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents and short-term receivables approximate their fair value as of December 31, 2021. There were no short-term assets at December 31, 2022.

**D. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as risk of foreign currency fluctuations relative to the U.S. Dollar, interest rate risk, credit risk, issuer going concern risk, and overall market volatility. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the net depreciation in fair values of investments approximated \$7.3 million. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) contains various provisions impacting qualified retirement plans and their participants. These provisions may be adopted by plans immediately while implementing amendments at a later date. Where amendments to the Plan would be required, the CARES Act permits employers to formalize the amendments as late as the last day of the plan year beginning on or after January 1, 2022. All such amendments will be retroactively effective to March 27, 2020, or a later stated effective date.

On December 29, 2022, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) 2.0 Act of 2022 was signed into law. The SECURE 2.0 Act contains provisions designed to make retirement plans more accessible to employees and less complicated for employers to establish and administer. While plan amendments are not required immediately, they must be adopted by the end of the first plan year beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

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**E. PLAN TERMINATION**

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

**F. PLAN MERGER**

Effective December 31, 2022, the Plan merged into the Rate Holdings Corp. Multiple Employer 401(k) Plan. Plan assets were transferred to the Trustee of the Rate Holdings Corp. Multiple Employer 401(k) Plan subsequent to the plan merger.

**G. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments were managed by Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC (the Trustee) and therefore these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Effective May 29, 2020, Slavic Integrated Administration Inc. (Slavic) provides certain administrative services to the Plan pursuant to a Master Services Agreement (MSA) between the Company and Slavic. Slavic receives revenue from mutual fund service providers for services Slavic provides to the funds. This revenue is used to offset certain amounts owed to Slavic for its administrative services to the Plan.

If the revenue received by Slavic from such mutual fund service providers exceeds the amount owed under the MSA, the Trustee remits the excess to the Plan's trust on a quarterly basis. Such amounts may be applied to pay Plan administrative expenses or allocated to the accounts of the participants. During 2022 there were no excess amounts. The Plan or the Company may make a payment to the Trustee for administrative expenses not covered by revenue sharing.

Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net depreciation in fair value of investments on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. The Company pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations. These party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transactions rules of ERISA.

The Company pays certain Plan accounting and administrative fees. The Company incurred \$22,635 for accounting and administrative fees during the year ended December 31, 2022. These fees are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

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**H. TAX STATUS**

The Plan uses a prototype plan document sponsored by Slavic. Slavic received an opinion letter from the IRS, dated June 30, 2020, which states the prototype document satisfies the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan itself has not received a determination letter from the IRS. Although the Plan has been amended since the prototype plan received a determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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

**I. PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS**

As required by ERISA Section 2510.3-102, the plan sponsor is required to segregate employee contributions to the Plan from its general assets as soon as practicable but in no event more than 15 business days following the end of the month in which amounts are withheld from wages. Due to an administrative change, employee contributions of \$458,120 on one payroll were not remitted in a timely manner and were subsequently corrected. Employee contributions for this pay period are considered a prohibited transaction. There were no prohibited transactions during the year ended 2021.

**J. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Plan's management has evaluated subsequent events through October 3, 2023, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**STEARNS VENTURES LLC MULTIPLE EMPLOYER 401K PLAN**  
**EMPLOYER ID #45-3682386, PLAN #001**  
**SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4(a)**  
**SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Full Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
\$ 458,120	\$ -	\$ 458,120	\$ -	\$ -

## Multiple-Employer Plan Participating Employer Information

**Stearns Ventures LLC Multiple Employer 401k Plan**

**PLAN # 001**

**EIN #**

**45-3682386**

( a ) Name of participating employer	( b ) EIN	( d ) Percent of total contributions	( c ) Balance at the end of the year
BKCO Mortgage, LLC	36-4917779	2.05%	-
Compass Home Loans, LLC	46-4770767	3.45%	-
Gibraltar Mortgage Services LLC	47-2137405	4.24%	-
Home Mortgage Alliance, LLC	46-3986756	10.28%	-
KBHS Home Loans, LLC	81-3798202	60.77%	-
Premia Relocation Mortgage	26-3780954	14.03%	-
Private Mortgage Advisors, LLC	20-0013136	0.00%	-
Results Mortgage, LLC	81-1250682	5.18%	-
SoFi Mortgage, LLC	81-2156653	0.00%	-

**Form 5500**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security  
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan**

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110  
1210-0089

**2022**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**

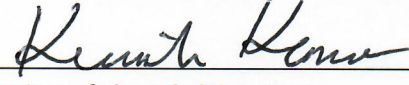
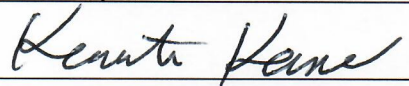
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

- 1** 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2** 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)
- 3** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . .
- 4** Check box if filing under:
  - Form 5558
  - automatic extension
  - special extension (enter description)
  - the DFVC program
- 5** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . .

**Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information**

<b>1a</b> Name of plan Stearns Ventures LLC Multiple Employer 401k Plan	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan	07/01/2020
<b>2a</b> 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) Stearns Ventures LLC	<b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)	45-3682386
	<b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number	(214) 709-8250
401 E. Corporate Drive Suite #150 Lewisville TX 75057	<b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)	523900

**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>		10-9-2023	Kenneth Kane
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>		10-9-2023	Kenneth Kane
	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

<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
<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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN  <b>4d</b> PN
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b> 908
<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>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <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>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested .....	<b>6a(1)</b> 694 <b>6a(2)</b> 0 <b>6b</b> 0 <b>6c</b> 0 <b>6d</b> 0 <b>6e</b> 0 <b>6f</b> 0 <b>6g</b> 0 <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: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 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) (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	<b>9b</b> 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
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**10** 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> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)  (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary  (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	<b>b General Schedules</b> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information) (5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)
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