

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
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☒ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☐ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) ____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	☐

Part II Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information		
1a Name of plan <u>SWEETENER PRODUCTS COMPANY AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES SECTION 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
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>VERNON CENTRAL WAREHOUSE, INC. DBA SWEETENER PRODUCTS COMPANY</u> <u>2050 EAST 38TH STREET</u> <u>VERNON, CA 90058</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1990</u>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>95-1921113</u>
		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>323-234-2000</u>
		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>311300</u>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/09/2023	JAMES BOLTINGHOUSE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/09/2023	JAMES BOLTINGHOUSE
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN
		3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5 189
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		6a(1) 123
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2) 124
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b 0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....		6c 61
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d 185
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f 185
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....		6g 181
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		6h 6
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: 2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D 3H		
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:		
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) ☐ Insurance	(1) ☐ Insurance	
(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	
(3) ☒ Trust	(3) ☒ Trust	
(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)		
a Pension Schedules		b General Schedules
(1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) ☒ H (Financial Information)	
(2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan)	
(3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) ☐ A (Insurance Information)	
	(4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information)	
	(5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)	
	(6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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 C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2022
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022	
A Name of plan SWEETENER PRODUCTS COMPANY AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES SECTION 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 VERNON CENTRAL WAREHOUSE, INC. DBA SWEETENER PRODUCTS COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-1921113

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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

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

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6455 IRVINE CENTER DRIVE
IRVINE, CA 92618

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	7688	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

THE ADVISORY GROUP

20955 PATHFINDER RD., STE 110
DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	28839	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

PINNACLE PLAN DESIGN, LLC

PO BOX 64130
TUCSON, AZ 85728

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	CONTRACT ADMIN	1575	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒		Yes ☐ No ☒

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 VERNON CENTRAL WAREHOUSE, INC. DBA SWEETENER PRODUCTS COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-1921113	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EB MAGIC 40 STABLE VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): KEYBANK, NA (EB MAGIC FUND)		
c EIN-PN 34-6903863-002	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 586608
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
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103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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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 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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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)	<u>373722</u>	<u>824492</u>
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)		
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	<u>521022</u>	<u>591258</u>
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	<u>1496651</u>	<u>586608</u>
(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)	<u>21693575</u>	<u>17696137</u>
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

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	24084970	19698495

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	36657	37090
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j	1151	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	37808	37090

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	24047162	19661405
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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)	1027673	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	812721	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1840394
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	24894	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		24894
(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)	760829	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		760829
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(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)		-4374481
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-1748364
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2600017	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		2600017
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		510
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	36866	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	0	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		36866
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2637393
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-4385757
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: PERRY HAY, LLP

(2) EIN: 46-2290413

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	X		440
4l	X		440
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			

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

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

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan SWEETENER PRODUCTS COMPANY AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES SECTION 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 VERNON CENTRAL WAREHOUSE, INC. DBA SWEETENER PRODUCTS COMPANY		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-1921113
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 20-3691658		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
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		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2022 v. 220413		

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:	
a	The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a
b	The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b
c	The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c
15	Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:	
a	The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....	15a
b	The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....	15b
16	Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:	
a	Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a
b	If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	16b
17	If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐	

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

Sweetener Products Co. & Affiliated Companies Section 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan

Financial Statements
December 31, 2022 and 2021

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Note: All other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Securities Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Participants in and Administrator of
Sweetener Products Co. & Affiliated Companies Section 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan
Vernon, California

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

We have performed an audit on the accompanying financial statements of Sweetener Products Co. & Affiliated Companies Section 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements 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.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment in 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 C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 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 (U.S. GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying 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

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 Financial Statements* section of this report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. 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 these financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 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 U.S. GAAP.

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 U.S. GAAP.

We are also 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 AUDITOR'S REPORT
(Continued)

Other Matters

2022 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of 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 supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

Auditor's Report on the 2021 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2021 financial statements of the Plan. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated October 2, 2022, indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and (b) the information in the 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). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2021 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2021 supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2021 supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Perry Hay LLP

Perry Hay LLP
Westlake Village, California
October 5, 2023

Sweetener Products Co. & Affiliated Companies Section 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value:		
Common collective trust	\$ 586,608	\$ 1,496,650
Mutual funds	<u>17,696,137</u>	<u>21,693,575</u>
Total Investments	18,282,745	23,190,225
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	824,492	373,723
Notes receivable from participants	<u>593,564</u>	<u>542,375</u>
Total Receivables	<u>1,418,056</u>	<u>916,098</u>
Total Assets	19,700,801	24,106,323
 LIABILITIES – Benefit claims and other payable	 <u>37,090</u>	 <u>37,808</u>
 NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	 \$ <u>19,663,711</u>	 \$ <u>24,068,515</u>

See accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

Sweetener Products Co. & Affiliated Companies Section 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2022

ADDITIONS

Investment income (loss):	
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ (4,374,481)
Interest and dividend income	<u>760,829</u>
Total Investment Income (Loss)	(3,613,652)
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	24,894
Contributions:	
Employer	1,027,673
Participant	812,721
Other including rollover	<u>-</u>
Total Contributions	<u>1,840,394</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS (REDUCTIONS)	(1,748,364)

DEDUCTIONS

Benefits paid to participants	2,619,574
Administrative expenses	<u>36,866</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>2,656,440</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	(4,404,804)

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>24,068,515</u>
END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 19,663,711</u>

See accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

Sweetener Products Co. & Affiliated Companies Section 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan
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NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Sweetener Products Co. & Affiliated Companies Section 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

History – The Plan became effective January 1, 1990 with approval of the Board of Directors of the following companies (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Company”):

- Sweetener Products, Inc.
- Vernon Central Warehouse, Inc.

General – The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of the Company that have completed at least one hour of service during eligibility computation period and are age twenty-one or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Board of Trustees is 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 Board of Trustees.

Contributions – Each year, participants may contribute pretax and/or Roth annual compensation (as defined in the Plan) up to the limits defined by law. Participants who have attained age 50 before year end of Plan are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into the investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers selected mutual funds and a common collective trust as investment options for participants. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 3% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in target date funds based on their date of birth until changed by the participant. The Company contributes a matching contribution election, matching 25% of employee contributions. The Company may also make discretionary profit-sharing contributions to the Plan. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company elected to make \$203,181 and \$824,492 in matching and profit-sharing contributions, respectively.

Participant Accounts – Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contribution and Company matching contributions and allocations of (a) the Company’s profit-sharing contribution and (b) Plan earnings (losses), and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

Vesting – Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and Company matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Company profit-sharing contributions are based on the following vesting schedule:

<u>Years</u>	<u>Employer Contributions</u>
1	0%
2	20%
3	40%
4	60%
5	80%
6	100%

Notes Receivable from Participant – Subject to certain limitations in the plan document, participants may borrow from their fund accounts 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 participant’s account and bear interest at rates which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. As of December 31, 2022 participant loans have maturities through 2026 at interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 8.00%.

Payment of Benefits – On termination of service due to reasons other than death, vested interest will be received by the participant as a lump distribution as soon as administratively feasible after employment is terminated. Distributions upon death can be elected, by the beneficiary, as lump sum payments.

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NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (continued)

Forfeited Accounts – As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$7,232 and \$37,109 respectively. These accounts will be used to pay administrative expenses then reduce future Company contributions. Also, in 2022 and 2021, Company contributions were reduced by \$7,045 and \$19,504, respectively, from forfeited nonvested accounts.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting – The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition – The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisers and custodian. See *Note D Fair Value Measurements* for discussion of fair value measurements. In accordance with the policy of stating investments at fair value, the Plan presents, in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits, the net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of its investments, which consists of the realized gains or losses and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Purchase and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis.

Notes Receivable from Participants – Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the Plan administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced, and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the plan agreement.

Payment of Benefits – Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses – General administrative expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses, which are mostly included in net appreciation (depreciation) of fair value of investments, distribution and loan transaction fees are paid by the Plan participants.

NOTE C – INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY CUSTODIAN

The Plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29-CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Capital Bank and Trust Company, the Trustee and the custodian of the Plan, who held the assets and executed investment transactions for the Plan has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Investments, at fair value:		
Common collective trusts	\$ 586,608	\$ 1,496,650
Mutual funds	\$ 17,696,137	\$ 21,693,575
Notes receivable from participants	\$ 593,564	\$ 542,375
Investment income (loss)	\$ (3,613,652)	
Interest income on notes receivable	\$ 24,894	

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NOTE D – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820 - *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820), provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1 Fair Value Measurements

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

Level 2 Fair Value Measurements

Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

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

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

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plan's assets measured at fair value, and there have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

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

Common Collective Trusts – Valued at the NAV as provided by the Trustee. The NAV per unit is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the trust less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchased and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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NOTE D – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 (no *Level 2* or *3* assets exist):

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 17,696,137	\$ 0	\$ 17,696,137
Total investments at fair value	\$ 17,696,137	\$ 0	17,696,137
Investments measured at NAV (Note E)			586,608
Total investments			\$ 18,282,745

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 21,693,575	\$ 0	\$ 21,693,575
Total investments at fair value	\$ 21,693,575	\$ 0	21,693,575
Investments measured at NAV (Note E)			1,496,650
Total investments			\$ 23,190,225

NOTE E – COMMON COLLECTIVE TRUST

The Plan invests in a fully benefit-responsive common collective trust. The fair value of the common collective trust is based on the NAV per share. The following table summarizes this investment for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021:

Year	Fair Value	Uncommitted Funds	Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
December 31, 2022	\$ 586,608	n/a	Daily	n/a
December 31, 2021	\$ 1,496,650	n/a	Daily	n/a

NOTE F – RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by American Funds. American Funds and Capital Bank and Trust Company are related parties. Capital Bank and Trust Company is the Trustee and the custodian. Fees paid for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each respective fund. The Plan also issues loans to participants, which are secured by the vested balances in the participants' accounts. All these transactions are considered exempt.

NOTE G – PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of whole or partial plan termination; participants would become fully vested as to the amount credited to their accounts after deductions for estimated liquidation and distribution expenses.

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NOTE H – TAX STATUS

The Plan uses a volume submitter plan document sponsored by Pinnacle Plan Design, LLC and has received a letter dated June 7, 2021 from the Internal Revenue Service which states that the volume submitter plans' form satisfies the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. The volume submitter letter has been relied upon by the Plan. And although the Plan may have been amended since receiving this letter, the Plan's administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirement of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires the Plan's administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Department of Labor or IRS. The Plan's administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2022, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any open tax periods in progress.

NOTE I – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities which are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market fluctuations, and credit risks. Due to the risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in market values, interest rates, or other factors in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances. In addition, because the COVID-19 pandemic was a major disruption to the entire world and now we are all reeling from the more recent Russia-Ukraine conflict (the Plan is not immune to a significant downturn when the economy slows or worse goes into a recession because of worldwide emergencies like these), significant changes may or have occurred. Accordingly, such changes could and have materially affected participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022.

NOTE J – RECONCILIATION OF FORM 5500 TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following is a reconciliation of financial information per the financial statements to Schedule H of Form 5500:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Net assets available for benefits per financial statements	\$ 19,663,711	\$ 24,068,515
Less: Defaulted notes receivable from participants	(2,306)	(21,353)
Net assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 19,661,405</u>	<u>\$ 24,047,162</u>
 Net decrease in net assets per 2022 financial statements		 \$ 4,404,804
Less: 2021 defaulted notes receivable		(21,353)
Add: 2022 defaulted notes receivable		<u>2,306</u>
 Net decrease in net assets per 2022 Schedule H of Form 5500		 <u>\$ 4,385,757</u>

Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants are recorded on the Form 5500 for benefit claims that have been processed and approved for payment prior to year-end, but not yet as of that date.

NOTE K – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 5, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Sweetener Products Co. & Affiliated Companies Section 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan
EIN: 95-1921113 Plan Number: 002
Schedule H, Line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2022

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost **	(e) Current Value
	Investments, at Fair Value:			
	Common collective trust:			
	EB MaGIC 40 Stable Value Fund	KeyBank		\$ 586,608
	Mutual funds:			
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	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund		1,415,426
	Vanguard GNMA Fund	Mutual Fund		125,138
	Vanguard Health Care Fund	Mutual Fund		225,004
	Vanguard High-Yield Corp Fund	Mutual Fund		7,800
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	Vanguard Strategic Equity Inv Fund	Mutual Fund		368,265
	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Fund	Mutual Fund		29,844
	Vanguard Total Bond Mkt Index Fund	Mutual Fund		687
	Western Core Bond Fund	Mutual Fund		287,198
	Total mutual funds			17,696,137
*	Participant Loans	Interest rates from 4.25% to 8.00%		593,564
	Total assets			\$ 18,876,309

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Multiple Employer Plan Participating Employer Information

For the plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

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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
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information		
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>		
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan; ☒ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)	
B This return/report is:	☐ a single-employer plan;	☐ a DFE (specify) _____
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C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here	☐	
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	☐ special extension (enter description)	☐ the DFVC program;
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here	☐	

Part II Basic Plan Information --- enter all requested information		
1a Name of plan Sweetener Products Company and Affiliated Companies Section 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
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) VERNON CENTRAL WAREHOUSE, INC. DBA SWEETENER PRODUCTS COMPANY 2050 EAST 38th STREET US VERNON CA 90058	1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1990	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-1921113 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (323) 234-2000 2d Business code (see instructions) 311300

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		10/9/23	JAMES BOLTINGHOUSE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		10/9/23	JAMES BOLTINGHOUSE
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