

**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**

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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 11/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

- A** This return/report is for:
  - a multiemployer plan
  - a single-employer plan
  - a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
  - a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- B** This return/report is:
  - the first return/report
  - an amended return/report
  - the final 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
  - special extension (enter description)
  - automatic extension
  - 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

<b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>HI-LEX EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>05/01/1992</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>HI-LEX</u>  <u>152 SIMPSON DR</u> <u>LITCHFIELD, MI 49252-9601</u>	<b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>38-2073086</u>
	<b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>517-542-2955</u>
	<b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>336300</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>10/16/2023</u>	<u>RIZWAN MIRZA</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>10/16/2023</u>	<u>RIZWAN MIRZA</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> 1635
<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> 1320 <b>6a(2)</b> 1245  <b>6b</b> 2 <b>6c</b> 291 <b>6d</b> 1538 <b>6e</b> 0 <b>6f</b> 1538  <b>6g</b> 1372 <b>6h</b> 34
<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 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D 3H  <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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>2</b> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information) (5) <input checked="" 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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<p><b>SCHEDULE A</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Insurance Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p><b>2022</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>HI-LEX</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>38-2073086</b></p>	

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

**1 Coverage Information:**

(a) Name of insurance carrier  
**PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	539814	1538	11/01/2022	12/31/2022

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

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

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

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**  
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

<b>4</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end.....	<b>4</b>	13366
<b>5</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	52145252

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

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

**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

**a** Type of contract: (1)  deposit administration (2)  immediate participation guarantee  
 (3)  guaranteed investment (4)  other ▶ FLEXIBLE INVESTMENT ANNUITY

**b** Balance at the end of the previous year ..... **7b**

<b>c</b>	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	855
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	<b>7c(2)</b>	
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	<b>7c(3)</b>	
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	<b>7c(4)</b>	
	(5) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7c(5)</b>	23841

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(6) Total additions..... **7c(6)** 24696

**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)..... **7d** 24696

**e** Deductions:

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

(5) Total deductions..... **7e(5)**

**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 24696

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

- 8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)
- |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Health (other than dental or vision)         | <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Dental               | <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Vision                    | <b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Life insurance     |
| <b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary disability (accident and sickness) | <b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term disability | <b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental unemployment | <b>h</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drug  |
| <b>i</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Stop loss (large deductible)                 | <b>j</b> <input type="checkbox"/> HMO contract         | <b>k</b> <input type="checkbox"/> PPO contract              | <b>l</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Indemnity contract |
| <b>m</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶                            |  |   |  |

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b> Premiums: (1) Amount received .....	<b>9a(1)</b>		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid .....	<b>9a(2)</b>		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve.....	<b>9a(3)</b>		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		<b>9a(4)</b>	
<b>b</b> Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	<b>9b(1)</b>		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....	<b>9b(2)</b>		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		<b>9b(3)</b>	
(4) Claims charged .....		<b>9b(4)</b>	
<b>c</b> Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions .....	<b>9c(1)(A)</b>		
(B) Administrative service or other fees .....	<b>9c(1)(B)</b>		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs.....	<b>9c(1)(C)</b>		
(D) Other expenses .....	<b>9c(1)(D)</b>		
(E) Taxes .....	<b>9c(1)(E)</b>		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies .....	<b>9c(1)(F)</b>		
(G) Other retention charges.....	<b>9c(1)(G)</b>		
(H) Total retention.....		<b>9c(1)(H)</b>	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.).....		<b>9c(2)</b>	
<b>d</b> Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement.....		<b>9d(1)</b>	
(2) Claim reserves .....		<b>9d(2)</b>	
(3) Other reserves .....		<b>9d(3)</b>	
<b>e</b> Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).).....		<b>9e</b>	
<b>10</b> Nonexperience-rated contracts:			
<b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....		<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount .....		<b>10b</b>	
Specify nature of costs.			

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	404121	0	11/01/2022	12/31/2022

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

<p><b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8994</b></p>	<p><b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>0</b></p>
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**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

**PRINCIPAL SECURITIES INC** **711 HIGH ST**  
**DES MOINES, IA 50392-0001**

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
8994	0		3

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**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

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

**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

**a** Type of contract: (1)  deposit administration (2)  immediate participation guarantee  
 (3)  guaranteed investment (4)  other ▶ FLEXIBLE INVESTMENT ANNUITY

**b** Balance at the end of the previous year ..... **7b** 22799

<b>c</b>	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	722
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	<b>7c(2)</b>	
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	<b>7c(3)</b>	1
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	<b>7c(4)</b>	
	(5) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7c(5)</b>	147

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(6) Total additions..... **7c(6)** 870

**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)..... **7d** 23669

**e** Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b>	
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	<b>7e(3)</b>	
(4) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7e(4)</b>	23669

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(5) Total deductions..... **7e(5)** 23669

**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 0

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

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Premiums: (1) Amount received .....	<b>9a(1)</b>	
	(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid .....	<b>9a(2)</b>	
	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve .....	<b>9a(3)</b>	
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) .....		<b>9a(4)</b>
<b>b</b>	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid .....	<b>9b(1)</b>	
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....	<b>9b(2)</b>	
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) .....		<b>9b(3)</b>
	(4) Claims charged .....		<b>9b(4)</b>
<b>c</b>	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --		
	(A) Commissions .....	<b>9c(1)(A)</b>	
	(B) Administrative service or other fees .....	<b>9c(1)(B)</b>	
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs .....	<b>9c(1)(C)</b>	
	(D) Other expenses .....	<b>9c(1)(D)</b>	
	(E) Taxes .....	<b>9c(1)(E)</b>	
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies .....	<b>9c(1)(F)</b>	
	(G) Other retention charges .....	<b>9c(1)(G)</b>	
	(H) Total retention .....		<b>9c(1)(H)</b>
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) .....		<b>9c(2)</b>
<b>d</b>	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement .....		<b>9d(1)</b>
	(2) Claim reserves .....		<b>9d(2)</b>
	(3) Other reserves .....		<b>9d(3)</b>
<b>e</b>	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) .....		<b>9e</b>
<b>10</b>	Nonexperience-rated contracts:		
<b>a</b>	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....		<b>10a</b>
<b>b</b>	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs.		<b>10b</b>

**Part IV Provision of Information**

- 11** Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?  Yes  No
- 12** If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

<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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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning **11/01/2022** and ending **12/31/2022**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>HI-LEX EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>HI-LEX</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>38-2073086</b>	

**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  
**PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	51260	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

PRINCIPAL SECURITIES INC

42-0941553

(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?
49 55 99	OTHER SERVICES	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1757	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
PRINCIPAL SECURITIES INC	49 55 99	1757
(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.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  42-0127290	COMMISSIONS AND REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	
(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.

<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

<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:	<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:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<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:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p>	<p><b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2022</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small; font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</p>
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning **11/01/2022** and ending **12/31/2022**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>HI-LEX EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>HI-LEX</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>38-2073086</b>
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**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)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **PRINCIPAL SMALLCAP SEP ACCT-Z**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>42-0127290-029</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>230112</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **PRIN MIDCAP SEP ACCT-Z**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>42-0127290-020</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>268034</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **PRIN GOVT & HQ BOND SA-Z**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>42-0127290-007</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>538410</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **PRINCIPAL U.S. PROPERTY SA-Z**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>42-0127290-027</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>3133527</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **PRIN CORE PLUS BOND SEP ACCT-Z**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>42-0127290-005</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>1528249</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **PRIN LGCP S&P 500 INDEX SA-Z**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>42-0127290-016</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>5259799</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **PRIN MIDCAP VALUE I SA-Z**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>42-0127290-043</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>1766308</b>
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN INTL I SEPARATE ACCT-Z				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-048	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	302058	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-Z				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-028	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	584617	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP S&P 400 IDX SA-Z				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-023	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	560676	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP GROWTH III SA-Z				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-026	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	2311453	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMCAP GROWTH I SEP ACCT-Z				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-070	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1065519	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LARGE CAP GROWTH I SA-Z				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-066	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1491	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LARGE CAP VALUE III SA-Z				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-068	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	798970	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETM 2010 SEP ACCT-Z				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-075	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	20131	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2020 SEP ACCT-Z				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-076	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1287900	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINL LIFETIME 2030 SEP ACCT-Z				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-077	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	4402022	

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2040 SEP ACCT-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-078	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2448008
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2050 SEP ACCT-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-079	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2153829
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME STRAT INC SA-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-080	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1041903
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN REAL ESTATE SECS SA-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-095	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 266777
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMCAP VALUE II SEP ACCT-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-096	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 983491
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SAM BALANCED SEP ACCT-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-105	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1040850
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SAM CONS BALANCED SA-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-106	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 345291
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SAM CONS GROWTH SA-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-107	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 984813
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SAM FLEXIBLE INCOME SA-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-108	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1335523
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SAM STRAT GROWTH SA-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-109	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 238159

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2015 SEP ACCT-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-110	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 99225
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2025 SEP ACCT-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-111	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2061862
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2035 SEP ACT-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-112	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3176422
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2045 SEP ACCT-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-113	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2383530
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2055 SEP ACCT-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-114	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2503618
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN CAPITAL APPR SA-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-119	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1133718
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN EQUITY INCOME SA-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-120	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 206563
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2060 SEP ACCT-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-130	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1274147
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN BLUE CHIP SA-Z		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-133	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2934383
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL STABLE VALUE Z FUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 93-6274328-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8949602

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2065 SEP ACCT-Z

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-173	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 324784
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN ORG EMG MKTS SEP ACCT-Z

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-178	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1149079
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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<b>SCHEDULE H</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>Financial Information</b>  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).  <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 **11/01/2022** and ending **12/31/2022**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>HI-LEX EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>HI-LEX</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>38-2073086</b>	

**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
<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>	39104
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions.....	<b>1b(2)</b>	81622
<b>(3)</b> Other.....	<b>1b(3)</b>	
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	<b>1c(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>1c(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred.....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> All other.....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred.....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> Common.....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests.....	<b>1c(5)</b>	
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property).....	<b>1c(6)</b>	
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>1c(7)</b>	
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>1c(8)</b>	2144896
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	<b>1c(9)</b>	8949602
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	<b>1c(10)</b>	52145252
<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>	1328701
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>	13366
<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	63495309	64702543
<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	63495309	64702543

**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
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	264779	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	794587	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	7433	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		1066799
<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)	77563	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	1	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	10882	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B).....	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>(6)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		32723
<b>(7)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		580772
<b>(8)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		111621
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		123404
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		2003765
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
<b>(1)</b> Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	738501	
<b>(2)</b> To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>	1211	
<b>(4)</b> Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		739712
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		5559
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses: <b>(1)</b> Professional fees .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> Contract administrator fees.....	<b>2i(2)</b>	51260	
<b>(3)</b> Investment advisory and management fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Other .....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(4)</b> .....	<b>2i(5)</b>		51260
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		796531
<b>Net Income and Reconciliation</b>			
<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		1207234
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
<b>(1)</b> To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> From this plan.....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**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: **MANER COSTERISAN**

**(2)** EIN: **38-2157642**

**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
<b>4a</b>	X		62631

		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		1000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....	<b>4f</b>		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....	<b>4g</b>		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?.....	<b>4h</b>		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	<b>4i</b>	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.).....	<b>4j</b>		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....	<b>4k</b>		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....	<b>4l</b>		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....	<b>4m</b>		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. ....	<b>4n</b>			

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

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

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

**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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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>HI-LEX EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SAVINGS 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>HI-LEX</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>38-2073086</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): 42-0127290

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

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**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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(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 \_\_\_\_\_

**HI-LEX EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

**REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(with supplemental schedules)**

**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022  
AND OCTOBER 31, 2022**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Plan Administration of  
Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings 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 October 31, 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period November 1, 2022 through 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 Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2022 and October 31, 2022 and for the period November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 7 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

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

- 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.
- 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 on the Financial Statements**

We conducted our audits 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 our report. We are required to be independent of Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 the 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 Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

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

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

#### **Other Matter**

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

The supplemental schedules, as identified in the table of contents, as of December 31, 2022, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) 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 schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits 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 schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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

*Maney Costeiran PC*

October 16, 2023

**HI-LEX EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN  
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND OCTOBER 31, 2022**

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>October 31, 2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments, at fair value		
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 52,145,252	\$ 51,372,962
Collective trust	8,949,602	8,844,927
Insurance contract	13,366	11,648
Mutual funds	<u>1,328,701</u>	<u>1,196,884</u>
Total investments at fair value	<u>62,436,921</u>	<u>61,426,421</u>
Receivables		
Employer contribution	44,883	23,621
Participants' contribution	81,622	70,889
Notes receivable from participants	<u>2,144,896</u>	<u>1,983,313</u>
Total receivables	<u>2,271,401</u>	<u>2,077,823</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 64,708,322</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 63,504,244</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

**HI-LEX EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	2022
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS	
Investment income	
Interest and dividends	\$ 8,013
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	911,572
Net investment income	919,585
Contributions	
Employer	279,004
Participants	794,587
Rollovers	7,433
Total contributions	1,081,024
TOTAL ADDITIONS	2,000,609
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS	
Benefits paid and deemed distributions to participants	745,271
Administrative charges	51,260
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	796,531
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	1,204,078
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	
Beginning of period	63,504,244
End of period	\$ 64,708,322

See notes to financial statements.

**HI-LEX EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN**

The following brief description of the Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description and the Plan Document for more complete information.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution savings plan pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code covering all employees of Hi-Lex America, Inc., Hi-Lex Controls, Inc., and Daedong Hi-Lex of America, Inc. (collectively, the Company or employer). It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Plan management has elected to change the plan year from the fiscal year ended October 31, to the calendar year ended December 31, effective for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Contributions

Each employee who participates in the Plan is entitled to enter into a compensation reduction agreement with the employer. The amount of reduction shall be contributed by the employer on behalf of the participant into the Plan for allocation to the participant's account. These participant elective contributions are fully vested. Employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan at a 6% deferral rate and a 1% automatic annual increase until a deferral rate of 15% is obtained. Any employees that do not wish to participate in the Plan must opt out of the Plan. Catch-up contributions for those participants age 50 or older as well as rollover contributions from other qualified plans are accepted by the Plan.

After three months of service, the employer matches participant contributions on a payroll period basis, up to a percentage at the discretion of the employer.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, employer's matching contribution, and an allocation of plan earnings and expenses. Each participant shall direct his/her participant contribution and the employer's matching contribution to one or more funds, which are maintained by the Principal Life Insurance Company. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Hardship Withdrawals

A participant may elect to withdraw the balance of their account attributable to their salary reduction election provided such withdrawal is to meet the immediate and significant financial needs of the participant.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the employer's matching contributions account is based on number of years of service. A participant shall be vested on a schedule from 40% after two years of service to 100% after five years of service.

**HI-LEX EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN  
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**NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN (continued)**

Notes Receivable from Participants

Each participant shall be permitted to borrow from his or her account up to \$50,000 depending on the participant's total account balance. Such loans shall be charged an annual rate of interest to be fixed by the plan administrator. Interest rates on outstanding loans vary from 5.25% to 9.00%. Such loans shall be fully repaid on or before five years from the date of disbursement unless the loan proceeds are used in connection with the purchase of a principal residence. A participant can only have one loan at any one time.

Payment of Benefits

Upon attainment of age 59 1/2 or other separation of employment, because of death, disability or for other reasons, a participant may receive their benefits in the form of a lump-sum payment, a series of installments or in a joint survivor annuity. Early retirement benefits are available for participants age 55 with five years of vested service.

Upon termination of employment, if the vested participant account balance does not exceed \$5,000, the entire account balance will be distributed to the participant or rolled over to an IRA.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2022 and October 31, 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$112,265 and \$117,646, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce plan expenses and future employer contributions. Also, for the period November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, forfeitures used to reduce plan expense and employer contributions totaled \$27,766.

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

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual method of accounting.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments, other than fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, 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 the investment advisor. See Note 8 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

**HI-LEX EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2022 and October 31, 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced, and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Use of Estimates

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

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are 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 are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) of fair value of investments.

Date of Management's Review

The Plan evaluates events and transactions that occur after period end for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. These subsequent events have been considered through October 16, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 3 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. 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 participant's account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

**HI-LEX EMPLOYEES  
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**NOTE 4 - INCOME TAX STATUS**

The Company adopted a Prototype Non-standardized Profit Sharing Plan with a cash or deferral arrangement which received a determination letter on March 31, 2014, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more than likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2022, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax period in progress. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

**NOTE 5 - PLAN TERMINATION**

Although they have not expressed any intent to do so, the Company reserves the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan in whole or in part, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their account balances.

**NOTE 6 - TRANSACTIONS WITH PARTIES-IN-INTEREST**

Fees paid during the period for administrative services rendered by parties-in-interest are, in the opinion of the Trustees, based on customary and reasonable rates for such services.

The Plan's investments are managed by the Principal Life Insurance Company. Principal Life Insurance Company is a custodian as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of the investment, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment.

The plan sponsor absorbs certain administrative costs incurred by the Plan.

**HI-LEX EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN  
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**NOTE 7 - CERTIFIED FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)**

The following is a summary of Plan financial information and data certified by Principal Life Insurance Company in accordance with Section 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosures under ERISA.

Statements of net assets available for benefits:

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>October 31, 2022</u>
Investments, at fair value		
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 52,145,252	\$ 51,372,962
Collective trust	8,949,602	8,844,927
Insurance contract	13,366	11,648
Mutual funds	<u>1,328,701</u>	<u>1,196,884</u>
Total investments	62,436,921	61,426,421
Notes receivable	<u>2,144,896</u>	<u>1,983,313</u>
	<u>\$ 64,581,817</u>	<u>\$ 63,409,734</u>

Statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022:

Interest and dividends	\$ 8,013
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>911,572</u>
	<u>\$ 919,585</u>

The supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) and delinquent participant contributions are derived from such certified information.

**NOTE 8 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The framework for measuring fair value 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).

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**NOTE 8 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)**

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

The assets 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 used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2022 and October 31, 2022.

- *Insurance Contract:* The Principal Pension Builder account is reported at fair value based on the lower of contract value (return of premiums) or an adjusted contract value that takes into account the current interest rate and mortality factors.
- *Pooled Separate Accounts:* Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of the units of each pooled separate account. The NAV, as provided by the custodian, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the pooled separate account 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 (purchases and sales) may occur daily. There are no restrictions for a full redemption of each pooled separate account.
- *Collective Trust (Stable Value Fund):* Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of the units of the collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the custodian, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the collective 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 (purchases and sales) may occur daily. There are no restrictions for a full redemption of each pooled separate account. The Stable Value Fund is designed to remain stable regardless of stock and bond fluctuations.

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**NOTE 8 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)**

- *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 U.S. 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.

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

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 October 31, 2022.

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets in the fair value hierarchy				
Mutual funds	\$ 1,328,701	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,328,701
Insurance contract	-	-	13,366	13,366
	<u>\$ 1,328,701</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 13,366</u>	<u>\$ 1,342,067</u>
Investments measured at net asset value				61,094,854
Total investments, at fair value				<u>\$ 62,436,921</u>
	Assets at Fair Value as of October 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets in the fair value hierarchy				
Mutual funds	\$ 1,196,884	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,196,884
Insurance contract	-	-	11,648	11,648
	<u>\$ 1,196,884</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,648</u>	<u>\$ 1,208,532</u>
Investments measured at net asset value				60,217,889
Total investments, at fair value				<u>\$ 61,426,421</u>

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**NOTE 8 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)**

Changes in Fair Value of Level 3 Assets and Related Gains and Losses

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 assets for the period November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

	Insurance Contract
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 11,648
Total gains (losses) (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets available for benefits	(22,978)
Purchases	24,696
Balance, end of period	\$ 13,366
The amount of total gains (losses) for the year included in changes in net assets attributable to the change in realized and unrealized gains (losses) relating to assets still held at period-end.	
	\$ (22,978)

Quantitative Information about Significant Unobservable Inputs Used in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following table represents the Plan's level 3 financial instruments, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of those financial instruments as of December 31, 2022 and October 31, 2022, respectively, and the significant unobservable inputs and the ranges of values for those inputs:

December 31, 2022					
Instrument	Fair Value	Principal Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range of Significant Input Values	Weighted Average
Insurance contract	\$ 13,366	Discounted cash flow	Long duration interest rate Mortality rate	5.66%	n/a
October 31, 2022					
Instrument	Fair Value	Principal Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range of Significant Input Values	Weighted Average
Insurance contract	\$ 11,648	Discounted cash flow	Long duration interest rate Mortality rate	6.00%	n/a

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**NOTE 8 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)**

In estimating fair value of the investments in level 3, the Plan Sponsor may use third-party pricing sources or appraisers.

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value Per Share Practical Expedient

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2022 and October 31, 2022, respectively. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is only applicable to the Plan.

<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 52,145,252	n/a	Daily	None
Collective trust	8,949,602	n/a	Daily	None
<u>October 31, 2022</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 51,372,962	n/a	Daily	None
Collective trust	8,844,927	n/a	Daily	None

**NOTE 9 - RECONCILIATION TO THE FORM 5500**

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>October 31, 2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per financial statements	\$ 64,708,322	\$ 63,504,244
Employer contribution receivable	<u>(5,779)</u>	<u>(8,935)</u>
Net assets per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 64,702,543</u>	<u>\$ 63,495,309</u>
	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	
Increase in net assets per financial statements	\$ 1,204,078	
Employer contribution receivable	<u>3,156</u>	
Increase in net assets per Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,207,234</u>	

## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**HI-LEX EMPLOYEES  
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SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

(a)	(b) Identity of Party	(c) Description	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Fidelity Investments	Advantage International Small Cap Z Fund	N/R	\$ 1,328,701
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	U.S. Property Separate Account	N/R	3,133,527
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Core Plus Bond Separate Account	N/R	1,528,250
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Equity Income Separate Account	N/R	206,563
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Governmental & HQ Bonds Separate Account	N/R	538,410
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Large Capital S&P 500 Index	N/R	5,259,799
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime Str Inc. Separate Account	N/R	1,041,903
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime 2010 Separate Account	N/R	20,131
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime 2015 Separate Account	N/R	99,225
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime 2020 Separate Account	N/R	1,287,900
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime 2025 Separate Account	N/R	2,061,862
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime 2030 Separate Account	N/R	4,402,022
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime 2035 Separate Account	N/R	3,176,422
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime 2040 Separate Account	N/R	2,448,008
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime 2045 Separate Account	N/R	2,383,530
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime 2050 Separate Account	N/R	2,153,829
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime 2055 Separate Account	N/R	2,503,618
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime 2060 Separate Account	N/R	1,274,147
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Lifetime 2065 Separate Account	N/R	324,784
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Capital Appreciation Separate Account	N/R	1,133,718
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Large Cap Value III Separate Account	N/R	798,970
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Large Cap Growth Separate Account	N/R	1,491
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	International Separate Account	N/R	302,058
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	International Emerging Markets Separate Account	N/R	1,149,079

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SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

(a)	(b) Identity of Party	(c) Description	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Mid-Cap Separate Account	N/R	\$ 268,034
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Mid-Cap Growth III Separate Account	N/R	2,311,453
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Mid-Cap Value I Separate Account	N/R	1,766,308
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Small Cap Growth I Separate Account	N/R	1,065,519
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Small Cap Value II Separate Account	N/R	983,491
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Small Cap Separate Account	N/R	230,112
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Real Estate Secs	N/R	266,777
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Mid-Cap S&P 400 Index	N/R	560,676
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Small Cap S&P 600 Index	N/R	584,617
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Blue Chip Separate Account	N/R	2,934,383
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	SAM Balanced Separate Account	N/R	1,040,850
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	SAM Conservative Balanced Separate Account	N/R	345,291
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	SAM Conservative Growth Separate Account	N/R	984,813
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	SAM Flexible Income Separate Account	N/R	1,335,523
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	SAM Strategic Growth Separate Account	N/R	238,159
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Guaranteed Interest Contract Pension Builder (Sm) Z	N/R	13,366
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Stable Value Fund	N/R	8,949,602
*	Participants	Notes receivable, interest range from 5.25% to 9.00%	0	<u>2,144,896</u>
Total assets held for investment purposes per financial statements				<u><u>\$ 64,581,817</u></u>

\* - Denotes party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

N/R = Not required since all investments are self-directed by the participants.

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SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
	\$ 37,550	\$ -		\$ 25,081

**SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**

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 EIN 38.2073086  
 PLAN NUMBER 001  
 PLAN YEAR 11/01/2022 TO 12/31/2022

(A) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(B) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
	Fidelity Investments	Registered Investment Company FIDELITY ADV INTL SM CP Z FD	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,328,700.76
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN BLUE CHIP SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,934,383.25
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN CAPITAL APPR SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,133,717.73
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN CORE PLUS BOND SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,528,248.83
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN EQUITY INCOME SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 206,562.96
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN GOVT & HO BOND SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 538,410.19
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN INTL I SEPARATE ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 302,058.49
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LARGE CAP GROWTH I SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,491.33
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LARGE CAP VALUE III SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 798,969.58
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN IGCP S&P 500 INDEX SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,259,798.51
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFETIME STRAT INC SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,041,903.11
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFETIME 2015 SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 99,224.94
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFETIME 2020 SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,287,899.82
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFETIME 2025 SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,061,862.34
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFETIME 2035 SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,176,422.18

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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 PLAN YEAR 11/01/2022 TO 12/31/2022

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFETIME 2040 SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,448,007.52
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFETIME 2045 SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,383,529.77
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFETIME 2050 SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,153,829.08
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFETIME 2055 SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,503,618.34
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFETIME 2060 SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,274,147.19
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFETIME 2065 SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 324,783.83
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFETIM 2010 SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,131.32
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN MIDCAP GROWTH III SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,311,453.49
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN MIDCAP S&P 400 IDX SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 560,676.08
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN MIDCAP SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 268,033.65
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN MIDCAP VALUE I SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,766,308.42
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN ORG EMG MKTS SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,149,079.46
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN REAL ESTATE SECS SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 266,777.35
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SAM BALANCED SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,040,850.02
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SAM CONS BALANCED SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 345,290.76

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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**SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**

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 PLAN NUMBER 001  
 PLAN YEAR 11/01/2022 TO 12/31/2022

(A) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(B) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
* Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SAM CONS GROWTH SA-Z	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SAM CONS GROWTH SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 984,812.73
* Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SAM FLEXIBLE INCOME SA-Z	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SAM FLEXIBLE INCOME SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,335,523.15
* Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SAM STRAT GROWTH SA-Z	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SAM STRAT GROWTH SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 238,159.37
* Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SMCAP GROWTH I SEP ACCT-Z	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SMCAP GROWTH I SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,065,518.83
* Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-Z	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 584,616.68
* Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SMCAP VALUE II SEP ACCT-Z	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN SMCAP VALUE II SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 983,491.01
* Principal Life Insurance Company	Insurance Company General PRINCIPAL PENSION BUILDER(SM)Z	Insurance Company General PRINCIPAL PENSION BUILDER(SM)Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,366.00
* Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL SMALLCAP SEP ACCT-Z	Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL SMALLCAP SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 230,111.50
* Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust PRINCIPAL STABLE VALUE Z FUND	Common/Collective Trust PRINCIPAL STABLE VALUE Z FUND	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,949,602.00
* Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL U.S. PROPERTY SA-Z	Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL U.S. PROPERTY SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,133,526.77
* Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRINL LIFETIME 2030 SEP ACCT-Z	Pooled Separate Accounts PRINL LIFETIME 2030 SEP ACCT-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,402,022.07
* Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 0.00% To 10.50%	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 0.00% To 10.50%	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,144,896.00





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October 16, 2023

To the Plan Administration of  
Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan

We have audited the financial statements of Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings 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) for the period November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and we will issue our report thereon dated October 16, 2023. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by Principal Life Insurance Company, the custodian, which is a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. 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 supplemental schedules, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP. Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### Significant Audit Matters

##### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2022. We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the period for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. We did not identify any sensitive estimates.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. We did not identify any sensitive disclosures.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### *Form 5500 Procedures*

We are required to obtain and read a substantially complete draft of Form 5500 prior to dating our auditor's report. The purpose of this procedure is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft Form 5500 and the Plan's financial statements. We identified no material inconsistencies in performing and completing our audit.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No misstatements were noted as corrected or uncorrected.

#### *Reportable Findings*

For purposes of this letter, a reportable finding is a matter that includes one or more of the following: (1) noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations, (2) a finding that in our professional judgment is significant and relevant to you regarding your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process, and (3) an indication of internal control deficiencies identified during the audit that have not been previously communicated to management by other parties that we determined are sufficiently important to merit management's attention.

Through the course of our audit, we have identified and communicated various issues that are considered to be reportable findings.

Please see the separate AUC Section 265 letter, commonly referred to as the management letter, for communicated reportable findings related to the Plan compliance and internal control deficiencies.

#### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 16, 2023.

#### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Plan's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Plan's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

*Other Matters*

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of Plan administration and management of Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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October 16, 2023

To the Plan Management of  
Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, in planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as of and for the period November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan's system of internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of issuing our report on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control.

We were engaged to perform an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of those financial statements as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by Principal Life Insurance Company and Principal Trust Company, the trustees, that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit also did not include a consideration of internal control relating to the investment information.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraphs and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Plan's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A reportable finding is an indication of deficiencies in internal control identified during the audit that have not been communicated to management by other parties and that, in the auditor's professional judgment, are of sufficient importance to merit management's attention. We consider the following comments to be reportable findings.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the following deficiencies in Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan's internal control to be significant deficiencies:

It was noted during our audits that the treatment of various pay codes (Misc. Pay; Gift Cards; GTL) were not consistent with the definition of eligible compensation per the Plan Document. Based upon the current definition, the treatment of these codes caused various participants to be under deferred and/or under matched. We have identified a couple of participants affected and a couple of pay dates where additional amounts were remitted for participants.

There were also several pay periods identified that contributions were remitted to the plan over 15 days later than the pay date when the average is 1-3 days. Anything remitted past the pay date could be considered late by the IRS and Department of Labor. We recommend that contributions be consistently remitted to avoid any late contributions or lost earnings.

We would recommend amending the plan document to the intended definition of eligible compensation, remitting lost earnings on the contributions that were considered delinquent, reviewing all participants for overpayment in November and forfeiting those funds from the participant's accounts.

We noted certain matters involving the internal control and other operational matters that are presented for your consideration. This letter does not affect our report dated October 16, 2023 on the financial statements of Hi-Lex Employees Retirement Savings Plan. We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement.

Our comments and recommendations, all of which have been discussed with appropriate members of management, are intended to improve the internal control, or result in other operating efficiencies. We will be pleased to discuss these comments in further detail at your convenience, perform any additional study of these matters, or assist you in implementing the recommendations. Our comments are summarized as follows:

The balance in the forfeitures account is about \$112,000 and should be used to offset administrative expenses or employer contributions each year in accordance with the plan document. We would recommend that Plan Administration use these funds annually.

During the audit, it was noted that there are retirement plan committee meetings held twice a year to discuss the Plan and review the plan activity, investments, allocations, and other investment related topics. However, meeting minutes were not kept. We would recommend Plan Administration maintain minutes to reflect the discussions pertaining to the Plan.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the Company and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We appreciate the cooperation we received from your staff during our engagement and the opportunity to be of service.

Very truly yours,

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