

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

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1210-0089

2022

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

- A** This return/report is for:
 - a multiemployer plan
 - a 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
 - automatic extension
 - the DFVC program
 - special extension (enter description)
- E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan <u>ELI RESEARCH, LLC PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2002</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>ELI RESEARCH, LLC</u> <u>2222 SEDWICK RD</u> <u>DURHAM, NC 27713</u>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-1356923</u>
	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>239-280-2301</u>
	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>511120</u>

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

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

SIGN HERE	<u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u>	<u>01/18/2024</u>	<u>LONNA CARTER</u>
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	<u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u>	<u>01/18/2024</u>	<u>LONNA CARTER</u>
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 2008
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). 6a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year 6a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits..... d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)..... h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1) 1424 6a(2) 1217 6b 0 6c 391 6d 1608 6e 0 6f 1608 6g 796 6h 41
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 3H b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (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	9b 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
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 A (Insurance Information) (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

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

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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A Name of plan ELI RESEARCH, LLC PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ELI RESEARCH, LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-1356923

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	613953	1560	01/01/2022	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 0	(b) Total amount of fees paid 851
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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
ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. **12150 TRIBUTARY POINT DR**
STE 200
GOLD RIVER, CA 95670-4531

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
	851	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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

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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.		
4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end.....	4 0
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5 0
6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:		
a State the basis of premium rates ▶		
b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c
d	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 ▶	6d
e Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶		
f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)		
a Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other ▶ CUSTODIAL GUARANTEED INTEREST CONTRACT		
b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b 1817269
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year		
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(1) 122912
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(2)
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(3) 26712
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(4)
	▶ LOAN PAYMENT, OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER	7c(5) 804941
(6) Total additions.....		
		7c(6) 954565
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))		
		7d 2771834
e Deductions:		
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1) 656291
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2) 10338
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4) 278348
	▶ OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER, 401(K) EXCESS DEFERRAL, LOAN WITHDRAWAL	
(5) Total deductions.....		
		7e(5) 944977
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)		
		7f 1826857

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

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

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. ▶

**SCHEDULE A
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				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	627685		01/01/2022	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
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STE 200
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660-2436

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
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Part II	Investment and Annuity Contract Information Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.
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4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end.....	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d 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 ▶	6d	

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 ▶

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b		
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)		
	7c(2)		
	7c(3)		
	7c(4)		
	7c(5)		
▶			
(6) Total additions.....	7c(6)		
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d		
e Deductions:			
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)		
▶			
(5) Total deductions.....	7e(5)		
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f		

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
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	10b	
	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. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... Yes No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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

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

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

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33-0785439

(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 49 50 99	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	35211	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16387	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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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	147868	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)

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13-5674085

(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?
17 27 50	CONSULTANT	108447	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	450	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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
ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.	13 49 50 99	16387

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

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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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c Position:	
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Explanation:

<p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p>	<p>DFE/Participating Plan Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</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-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</p>
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>		
A Name of plan <u>ELI RESEARCH, LLC PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ELI RESEARCH, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-1356923</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>PRIN REAL ESTATE SECS SA-Z</u>	
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-095</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>FEDERATED HER CAP PRES IP FUND</u>	
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>FEDERATED INVESTORS TRUST COMPANY</u>	
c EIN-PN <u>22-2712853-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

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**SCHEDULE H
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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

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A Name of plan ELI RESEARCH, LLC PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ELI RESEARCH, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-1356923

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	34408	35738
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities.....	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred.....	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred.....	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests.....	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property).....	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	563929	571822
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	0	
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10)	0	
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	41850063	28042397
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	1817269	1826857
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	44265669	30476814
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j	122745	10859
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	122745	10859
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	44142924	30465955

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	628080	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	3312657	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	836943	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		4777680
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	25323	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		25323
(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)	1290611	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		1290611
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B).....	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		-8289222
c Other income	2c		-155
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-2195763
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	5673389	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		5673389
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		45470
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	51509	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	183079	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	56938	
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		291526
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		6010385
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		-8206148
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		5470821

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: WILLIAMS OVERMAN PIERCE LLP

(2) EIN: 56-1031342

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

	Yes	No	Amount
4a	X		1798

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

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)
ENTRUST GLOBAL GROUP RETIREMENT PLAN	62-1462067	002
CREDIT MANAGEMENT COMPANY 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN	25-1155390	001
LARES, LLC	82-2709167	001

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ELI RESEARCH, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-1356923</u>	

Part I	Distributions
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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.....

3	
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Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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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.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....	6a	
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....	6b	
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c	

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

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

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

Part III	Amendments
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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

Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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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 _____

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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:

a 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).....	14a	
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)	14b	
c 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).....	14c	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

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

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

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	16b	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes.

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

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

No. Other. Provide explanation _____

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Participants of the
Eli Research, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Eli Research, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

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

Opinion

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

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



Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our 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 the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of 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 auditors' 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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.



In performing audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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 audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

2022 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules 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 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 audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. 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).

Williams Dyerman Pierce, LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina
December 22, 2023

ELI RESEARCH, LLC
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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2022 and 2021

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	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>ASSETS:</u>		
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ <u>28,042,397</u>	\$ <u>41,850,063</u>
Investments, at contract value:		
Guaranteed investment account	<u>1,826,857</u>	<u>1,817,269</u>
Receivables:		
Participant contributions	35,738	34,408
Notes receivable from participants	<u>571,822</u>	<u>563,929</u>
Total assets	<u>30,476,814</u>	<u>44,265,669</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES:</u>		
Excess contributions payable	<u>89,692</u>	<u>122,745</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ <u><u>30,387,122</u></u>	\$ <u><u>44,142,924</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Years Ending December 31, 2022 and 2021

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	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>ADDITIONS:</u>		
Additions to net assets attributable to:		
Investment income:		
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ (8,289,377)	\$ 4,311,309
Interest and dividends	<u>1,290,611</u>	<u>1,943,121</u>
	<u>(6,998,766)</u>	<u>6,254,430</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>25,323</u>	<u>26,920</u>
Contributions:		
Employer	628,080	832,401
Participant	3,312,657	4,367,081
Rollover	<u>836,943</u>	<u>1,377,366</u>
	<u>4,777,680</u>	<u>6,576,848</u>
Total additions	<u>(2,195,763)</u>	<u>12,858,198</u>
<u>DEDUCTIONS:</u>		
Deductions from net assets attributable to:		
Benefits paid to participants	5,797,692	4,236,398
Administrative expenses	<u>291,526</u>	<u>404,145</u>
Total deductions	<u>6,089,218</u>	<u>4,640,543</u>
Net (decrease) increase in net assets available for benefits	(8,284,981)	8,217,655
Transfer of assets from plan	(5,470,821)	(144,878)
<u>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:</u>		
Beginning of year	<u>44,142,924</u>	<u>36,070,147</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 30,387,122</u>	<u>\$ 44,142,924</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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1. Description of the Plan:

The following description of the Eli Research, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General - The Plan is a defined contribution plan, effective January 1, 2002, sponsored by Eli Research, LLC (the "Company" or "Plan Sponsor"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Eligibility - There are no eligibility service requirements to make elective deferrals if an employee is age twenty-one or older. After completing one year of service, an employee will be eligible for matching contributions and employer profit sharing contributions.

Contributions - The Plan allows participants to contribute 100% of their compensation, as defined by the Plan, not to exceed the limits of the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). The Plan permits participants over the age of 50 to make additional contributions, known as catch-up contributions, to the maximum amount allowed by IRS regulations as defined by the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. The Company may choose to provide discretionary matching, profit sharing, and qualified non-elective contributions.

Participant accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the Company's contributions and Plan earnings. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Notes receivable from participants - Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan transactions are treated as a transfer to (from) the investment fund from (to) the loan fund. The repayment period for loans will not be longer than five years unless the loan was used to purchase a primary residence. The loans are collateralized by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the Plan Administrator. Current participant loans bear an interest rate between 4.25% and 8.00%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Vesting - Participants are immediately vested in their deferrals plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching and discretionary contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after 6 years of credited service, or upon disability or death.

Payment of benefits - On termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or monthly installments for life or for a fixed period of time (not less than 60 months). For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

Investment options - Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employee contributions in any of the various options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers various mutual funds and a guaranteed investment account as investment options for participants.

Forfeited accounts - Benefit payments to terminated employees partially vested in the Plan include their vested portion of employer contributions. The nonvested portion of terminated participants' account balances is used to pay Plan expenses. The forfeiture balance as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 was \$255,865 and \$225,487, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, forfeitures of \$728 and \$975, respectively, were used to pay Plan expenses.

Transfer of assets from Plan - During the 2022 and 2021 Plan years, assets totaling \$5,470,821 and \$144,878, respectively, were transferred out of the Plan.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Basis of accounting - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

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

Notes receivable from participants - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants, if deemed to be in default, are reclassified as distributions in accordance with terms of the Plan document.

Investment valuation and income recognition - Investments, with the exception of the guaranteed investment account, 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. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurement.

The Plan's guaranteed investment account is valued at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measurement for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined-contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less withdrawals and administrative expenses. See Note 5 for further discussion.

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

Payment of benefits - Benefit payments to participants are recorded when paid.

Administrative expenses - The Plan's administrative expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Plan Sponsor, as provided by the Plan document. The Plan Sponsor provides certain accounting, administrative, and investment management services to the Plan for which no fees are charged.

Income taxes - The IRS determined and informed the Plan's volume submitter on June 30, 2020 that the prototype non-standardized Profit Sharing Plan with cash or deferred arrangement, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

The Plan is a qualified plan as described in Section 401(a) of the IRC and is therefore exempt from federal and state income taxes. Income generated by activities that would be considered unrelated to the Plan's purpose would be subject to tax which, if incurred, would be recognized as a current expense. No such tax has been recognized as of December 31, 2022 and 2021.

U.S. GAAP requires management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, there were 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 files annual returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction. The statute of limitations for returns filed within this jurisdiction is generally three years after the return is due or filed, whichever is later. As of December 31, 2022, the Plan's annual returns for their 2019 through 2021 tax years remain subject to examination by tax authorities.

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3. Information Certified by the Custodian:

The financial information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedules have been derived from information certified as complete and accurate by the Custodian, in accordance with Section 2520.103-5(c) of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. The following information included in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits was certified by the Custodian as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$ 28,042,397	\$ 41,850,063
Guaranteed investment account, at contract value	\$ 1,826,857	\$ 1,817,269
Notes receivable from participants	\$ 571,822	\$ 563,929
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ (8,289,377)	\$ 4,311,309
Interest and dividends	\$ 1,290,611	\$ 1,943,121
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	\$ 25,323	\$ 26,920

4. Fair Value Measurements:

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

Fair values are based on inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurements.

The asset and 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.

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

Mutual funds: Mutual funds represent investments with various investment managers. The mutual funds are valued at the daily closing net asset value as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

The preceding method 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 method 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.

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The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2022 and 2021:

Fair Value Measurements Using:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<u>December 31, 2022:</u>				
Mutual funds	\$ <u>28,042,397</u>	\$ <u>28,042,397</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
<u>December 31, 2021:</u>				
Mutual funds	\$ <u>41,850,063</u>	\$ <u>41,850,063</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

Gains and losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are reported in net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments on the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

5. Investment Contract with Insurance Company:

The Plan has a traditional fully benefit-responsive investment contract with Principal Life Insurance Company who maintains the contributions in the general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for the Plan withdrawals and transaction fees charged by the Custodian. The guaranteed investment contract is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified rate that is guaranteed by the Plan.

As described in Note 2, because the guaranteed investment account is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the guaranteed investment account. The guaranteed investment account is presented on the face of the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits at contract value. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by the Custodian, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

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Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include termination of the contract, partial or total Plan termination without prior notice to the Custodian, and the liberalization of Plan withdrawal or transfer rules. The Plan Administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such value event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants, is probable.

The Custodian may terminate the contract on the last day of the month specified in a written notice to the contract owner for reasonable cause, which includes the contract owner's failure to abide by state or federal law, failure to render performance necessary to comply with the terms of the contract, failure to maintain assets held or participants covered less than the amount or number required by the state of North Carolina, Plan disqualification, or if the contract owner is charged such that the Plan Sponsor would no longer be considered an eligible sponsoring organization for this type of contract.

6. Party-In-Interest Transactions:

The Plan's Custodian receives a pro-rata fee paid by Plan participants for custodial services provided during the year. Fees paid using Plan assets during 2022 and 2021 for administrative record keeping, accounting, and other professional services were \$291,526 and \$404,145, respectively, and were based on customary and reasonable rates for such services provided by the third-party administrator and Custodian. The Plan Sponsor directly pays any other fees related to the Plan's operations. The Plan Sponsor provides certain accounting and administrative services to the Plan for which no fees are charged.

Certain participants of the Plan have outstanding loans (notes receivable from participants) totaling \$571,822 and \$563,929 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. These loans are considered party-in-interest transactions.

7. Plan Termination:

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

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8. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500:

The following is a reconciliation of the net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2022 and 2021 to Form 5500:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 30,387,122	\$ 44,142,924
Excess contributions payable excluded from Form 5500	<u>78,833</u>	<u> </u>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 30,465,955</u>	<u>\$ 44,142,924</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the net (decrease) increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 to Form 5500:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Net (decrease) increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ (8,284,981)	\$ 8,217,655
Deemed distributions		26,680
Change in excess contributions payable excluded from Form 5500	<u>78,833</u>	<u>(11,196)</u>
Net (decrease) increase in net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ (8,206,148)</u>	<u>\$ 8,233,139</u>

9. 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 participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

10. Non-Exempt Party-In-Interest Transactions:

During the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, there were unintentional delays by the Company in remitting participant contributions to the Custodian in the amount of \$94 and \$1,704, respectively. These delinquent contributions constitute prohibited transactions. The Company corrected the prohibited transactions related to the year ended December 31, 2021, including lost earnings remitted to the affected participants, during the year ended December 31, 2022. The Company is in the process of calculating the lost earnings related to the 2022 prohibited transactions.

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11. Subsequent Events:

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through December 22, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. No significant subsequent events have been identified by management, other than those noted below.

Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to change the Plan name to the Global Growth Holdings, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, change the Plan Sponsor to Global Growth Holdings, Inc. and add an automatic contribution arrangement. As part of the automatic contribution arrangement, employees who become eligible to participate in the Plan will be automatically enrolled with a 4% deferral rate.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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 SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
 SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT YEAR END), FORM 5500 - SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i

EIN 26-1356923
 PLAN NUMBER 001
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2022 TO 12/31/2022

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of Investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity date	Cost	Current Value
	BlackRock	iShares S&P 500 Index Fund Mutual Fund		\$ 3,390,921
	American Funds	Growth Fund of America Mutual Fund		1,119,260
	American Funds	American Funds 2010 Target Date Retirement Fund Mutual Fund		466,414
	American Funds	American Funds 2015 Target Date Retirement Fund Mutual Fund		27,552
	American Funds	American Funds 2020 Target Date Retirement Fund Mutual Fund		668,626
	American Funds	American Funds 2025 Target Date Retirement Fund Mutual Fund		1,870,287
	American Funds	American Funds 2030 Target Date Retirement Fund Mutual Fund		2,110,898
	American Funds	American Funds 2035 Target Date Retirement Fund Mutual Fund		2,560,258
	American Funds	American Funds 2040 Target Date Retirement Fund Mutual Fund		1,960,923
	American Funds	American Funds 2045 Target Date Retirement Fund Mutual Fund		1,647,281
	American Funds	American Funds 2050 Target Date Retirement Fund Mutual Fund		1,647,386
	American Funds	American Funds 2055 Target Date Retirement Fund Mutual Fund		827,504
	American Funds	American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement Fund Mutual Fund		288,170
	American Funds	American Funds 2065 Target Date Retirement Fund Mutual Fund		90,767
	American Funds	American Balanced Fund Mutual Fund		1,573,399
	American Funds	New Perspective Fund Mutual Fund		654,637
	American Funds	American US Government Securities Fund Mutual Fund		299,775
	BlackRock	BlackRock Mid-Cap Growth Equity Portfolio Mutual Fund		863,510
	BlackRock	BlackRock Total Return K Fund Mutual Fund		638,753
	Columbia Funds	Columbia Dividend Income Fund Mutual Fund		972,755
	Delaware Investments	Delaware Emerging Markets Fund Mutual Fund		79,447
	Delaware Investments	Delaware Small Cap Core Fund Mutual Fund		1,081,615
	Deutsche	DWS RREEF Real Estate Securities Fund Mutual Fund		427,502
	Lord Abbett	Lord Abbett Bond-Debenture Fund Inc Mutual Fund		185,570
	MFS Investment Management	MFS International Diversification Fund Mutual Fund		407,777
	MFS Investment Management	MFS International Growth Fund Mutual Fund		159,662
	* Principal Life Insurance Company	Fixed Income Guaranteed Option Guaranteed Investment Account		1,826,857
	PIMCO	PIMCO Commodities Plus Strategy Fund Mutual Fund		220,335
	Vanguard	Vanguard Growth Index Fund Mutual Fund		1,000,085
	Vanguard	Vanguard Selected Value Fund Mutual Fund		609,536
	Vanguard	Vanguard Value Index Fund Mutual Fund		95,880
	Western Asset Management Co.	Western Asset Core Bond Fund Mutual Fund		95,912
	* Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 4.25% To 8.00%	\$0	571,822

* Party-in-interest

\$ 30,441,076

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SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS, FORM 5500 - SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a

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Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan (Participant Loan Repayments are Included)	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VCP	
\$ 1,798	\$ 94	\$ 1,704		

