

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 09/01/2022 and ending 08/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B	This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information	
1a	Name of plan ACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
		1c Effective date of plan 10/01/1997
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) ARCHER WIRE INTERNATIONAL CORP. 7300 S. NARRAGANSETT BEDFORD PARK, IL 60638	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-2486967
		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 708-563-1700
		2d Business code (see instructions) 332900

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	06/13/2024	TED PASQUINELLI
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	06/13/2024	TED PASQUINELLI
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ 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		5 238
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		6a(1) 206
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2) 213
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b 1
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....		6c 30
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d 244
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e 4
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f 248
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....		6g 128
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)		7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 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) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)		
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 09/01/2022 and ending 08/31/2023		
A Name of plan ACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARCHER WIRE INTERNATIONAL CORP.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-2486967	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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(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?
70	ACCOUNTANT	25200	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(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?
15 52 59 60 62 63 72	RECORD KEEPER	760	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☐

(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 ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 09/01/2022 and ending 08/31/2023		
A Name of plan ACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARCHER WIRE INTERNATIONAL CORP.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-2486967	

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: PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND CLASS 75		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 04-3159710-202	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 857887
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	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
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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARCHER WIRE INTERNATIONAL CORP.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-2486967	

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	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	868	748
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	2436	2507
(3) Other.....	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)	12	40
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	220549	176547
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	838522	857887
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	8810407	9665609
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	442270	659272

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(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	10315064	11362610

Liabilities

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

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	10315064	11362610
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	109566	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	367322	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	165845	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		642733
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	9885	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		9885
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	444140	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		444140
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		20842
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(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)		310556
c Other income	2c		219967
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1648123
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	561681	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		561681
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		13095
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	25801	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		25801
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		600577
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1047546
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

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: SMITH & CULL, LTD.

(2) EIN: 36-3736640

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 09/01/2022 and ending 08/31/2023		
A Name of plan AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARCHER WIRE INTERNATIONAL CORP.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-2486967
Part I Distributions		
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 94-1687665		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....		3
Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)		
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III Amendments		
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.		
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2022 v. 220413		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18	If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐
19	If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c) a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____% b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt: ☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)? ☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____
20	PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20. a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box: ☐ Yes. ☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the
AACE Employee Savings Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of AACE Employee Savings Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of August 31, 2023 and 2022, 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 AACE Employee Savings Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's 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 obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of August 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in the notes 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 Auditor's Responsibilities section 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 (GAAP).
- 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 (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 AACE Employee Savings Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED

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 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 AACE Employee 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 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 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 an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of AACE Employee 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 AACE Employee Savings Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED

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 U.S. GAAP.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

We are 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 Matters

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets as of and for the year ended August 31, 2023, is 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 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 schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule 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 schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Smith & Cull, Ltd.

Smith & Cull, Ltd.
Chicago, Illinois
June 3, 2024

Attachment to 2022 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Plan Name: AACE Employee Savings Plan
Plan Sponsor's Name: Archer Wire International Corp.

EIN:36-2486967
PN:003

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	ACCRUED INCOME	ACCRUED INCOME	40	40
	PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FD 75 GM	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	139,335	139,335
	PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND 75	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	718,552	718,552
	LOAN FUND	LOANS	176,547	176,547
	BLACKROCK EQ DIVIDEND A	MUTUAL FUNDS	24,326	23,061
	BLACKROCK EQ DIVIDEND A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,495,018	1,417,938
	BLACKROCK GLOBAL ALLOC A	MUTUAL FUNDS	18,843	18,641
	BLACKROCK IMPACT MORTG FD A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,468,754	1,280,846
	BLACKROCK IMPACT MORTGAGE FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	35,240	32,347
	BNY MELLON OPP MIDCAP VAL FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	6,956	7,128
	CLEARBRIDGE LARGE CAP GR A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	939,374	1,037,745
	CLEARBRIDGE LARGE CAP GRTH A	MUTUAL FUNDS	42,637	39,901
	DELAWARE INVST DIV INC CL A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,714,973	1,476,109
	DELAWARE INVSTMNT DIV INC CL A	MUTUAL FUNDS	65,914	58,559
	DELAWARE IVY MID CAP GRTH FD Y	MUTUAL FUNDS	18,284	16,205
	DELAWARE IVY MID CAP GRTH Y GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	441,257	451,092
	DELAWARE SM CAP VAL FD CL A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	416,102	521,302
	DELAWARE SM CAP VALUE FD CL A	MUTUAL FUNDS	38,595	35,762
	FEDERATED HERMES MD SM CP A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	286,378	285,787

Attachment to 2022 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Plan Name: AACE Employee Savings Plan
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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	FEDERATED HERMES MDT SML CAP A	MUTUAL FUNDS	9,459	9,425
	FRANKLIN RISING DIVIDENDS CL A	MUTUAL FUNDS	15,608	16,237
	INVESCO DEVELOPING MKTS FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	11,614	10,835
	INVESCO MAIN STRT SML CP FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	23,420	23,007
	INVESCO OPPNHMR INTL GROWTH A	MUTUAL FUNDS	20,355	18,728
	INVESCO OPPNHMR INTL GRTH A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,013,830	996,496
	JANUS HENDERSON BALANCED A	MUTUAL FUNDS	14,926	15,253
	THE OAKMARK INTL FD INV	MUTUAL FUNDS	13,028	13,423
	THORNBURG INTERNATIONAL EQ R4	MUTUAL FUNDS	12,059	12,896
	THORNBURG INTRNL EQUITY R4 GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,061,291	1,030,297
	VICTORY SYCAMORE EST VAL FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	41,065	43,012
	VICTORY SYCAMORE EST VAL FD GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	616,297	773,577
	SELF-DIRECT ACCT	OTHER ASSETS	30,038	30,038
	SELF-DIRECT ACCT	OTHER ASSETS	629,234	629,234
	UNINVESTED CASH	UNINVESTED CASH	0	0

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the
AACE Employee Savings Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of AACE Employee Savings Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of August 31, 2023 and 2022, 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 AACE Employee Savings Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's 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 obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of August 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in the notes 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 Auditor's Responsibilities section 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 (GAAP).
- 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 (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 AACE Employee Savings Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED

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 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 AACE Employee 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 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 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 an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of AACE Employee 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 AACE Employee Savings Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED

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 U.S. GAAP.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

We are 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 Matters

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets as of and for the year ended August 31, 2023, is 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 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 schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule 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 schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Smith & Cull, Ltd.

Smith & Cull, Ltd.
Chicago, Illinois
June 3, 2024

AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AUGUST 31,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments:		
At fair value		
Registered Investment Companies	\$ 9,665,609	\$ 8,810,407
Common Collective Trusts	857,887	838,522
Self Directed Brokerage	659,272	442,270
Noninterest Bearing Cash	<u>40</u>	<u>12</u>
Total Investments	<u>11,182,808</u>	<u>10,091,211</u>
Receivables:		
Employer's contributions	748	868
Participants' contributions	2,507	2,436
Notes receivable from participants	<u>176,547</u>	<u>220,549</u>
Total Receivables	<u>179,802</u>	<u>223,853</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>11,362,610</u>	<u>10,315,064</u>
LIABILITIES		
Liabilities:		
Accrued expenses	26,309	25,200
Excess contributions payable	<u>5,130</u>	<u>13,095</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>31,439</u>	<u>38,295</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 11,331,171</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,276,769</u></u>

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

AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ADDITIONS TO (SUBTRACTIONS FROM) NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Net appreciation (depreciation)		
in fair value of investments	\$ 310,556	\$ (2,656,078)
Dividends	464,981	978,765
Other income (loss)	<u>219,968</u>	<u>(82,676)</u>
	<u>995,505</u>	<u>(1,759,989)</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>9,885</u>	<u>10,194</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Participants, payroll deferrals	533,167	386,971
Employer	<u>109,566</u>	<u>142,821</u>
	<u>642,733</u>	<u>529,792</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS (SUBTRACTIONS)	<u>1,648,123</u>	<u>(1,220,003)</u>
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Benefits paid to participants	570,040	2,050,668
Administration expenses	<u>23,681</u>	<u>18,716</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>593,721</u>	<u>2,069,384</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	1,054,402	(3,289,387)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>10,276,769</u>	<u>13,566,156</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 11,331,171</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,276,769</u></u>

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

AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the AACE Employee Savings Plan ("the Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering, with certain exceptions, all employees of Archer Wire International Corporation, Pentwater Wire Products (nonunion) and Capron Manufacturing Company ("the Company"), a controlled group, who have completed one hour of service. In March 2022, Pentwater Wire Products ceased operations. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

A participant may elect to enter into a voluntary pay deferral agreement with the employer. Under this agreement, amounts withheld from an employee's compensation, not to exceed the maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Code and not to exceed \$22,500 for any year (or such larger amount as is permitted for that year by the Code), shall be credited to the participants' Pay Deferral Account. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. A participant can choose how the pay deferral account is invested through the Custodian's website. The Plan offered eighteen investment options for participants as of August 31, 2023.

In addition, employees may contribute to the Plan amounts representing certain distributions from other qualified plans.

The Plan provides employer matching contributions to eligible employees. Under the terms of this provision, the Company match is discretionary. The Company currently provides for a 50% employer match for each participant's pay deferral contribution, not to exceed \$3,000 of employer matching contributions per Plan year. Union employees receive a 50% employer match, up to a maximum employer contribution of \$100 in a Plan year.

In order to comply with relevant nondiscrimination provisions of the Plan, the Plan corrects for any excess contributions and related income of certain active participants. At August 31, 2023 and 2022, excess company match contributions and related income of \$5,130 and \$13,095, respectively, needed to be removed from certain participant's accounts.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and an allocation of (a) the Company's matching contributions, (b) if applicable, the Company's profit sharing contribution, and (c) Plan earnings (losses), and charged with an allocation of any administrative expenses. Allocations are based on the participant's wages, earnings, contributions or account balances as defined by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN - CONTINUED

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their pay deferral, rollover contributions, and company match plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting for any profit sharing contribution portion of their accounts plus earnings thereon is based on continuous services and begins after two years of service and the participant is 100% vested after six years of service. A year of service is 1,000 hours completed during a calendar year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

The Plan Administrator may in its discretion direct the Custodian to grant loans to participants under the terms set forth in the Plan Agreement. 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 the participant's nonforfeitable account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear a commercially reasonable rate of interest. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. As of August 31, 2023 and 2022, participant loans were \$176,547 and \$220,549, respectively.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service, termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant may receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in the participant's account.

In-Service Withdrawals are permitted and may be made from any of the participant's vested accounts, at any time upon or after the participant's attainment of age 59 1/2.

Participants are also allowed to request a Hardship Distribution from a portion of a participant's account, if they meet certain criteria identified by the Internal Revenue Service.

Forfeitures

At August 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$2,272 and \$124, respectively. Total forfeitures during the Plan year ended August 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$20,797 and \$99, respectively. Forfeitures are used by the Plan to pay expenses.

Administration of Plan Assets

The Plan's assets are held by the Custodian of the Plan, Bank of America, N.A. Company contributions are held and managed by the Custodian. The Custodian invests cash received, reinvests interest and dividend income and makes distributions to participants.

Certain administrative functions are performed by employees of the Company. No such employee receives compensation from the Plan. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of certain administrative expenses for Custodian and Plan administration fees.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Date of Management's Review

Subsequent events were evaluated through June 3, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("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.

Basis of Accounting

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

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measure 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 normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. As of August 31, 2023 and 2022, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced, and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan document.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. 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 Fair Value Measurement for further details related to the Plan's valuations.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains/losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the Plan year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Operating Expenses

All operating expenses of the Plan are paid from the forfeiture account or allocated among the participants of the Plan.

TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed Bank of America, N.A./Merrill Lynch, the provider of the prototype plan document, by a letter dated March 31, 2014, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections 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 the Plan Administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability for any uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by tax authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

PLAN TERMINATION

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

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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 statement of net assets available for benefits.

INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S CUSTODIAN

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Bank of America, N.A., the custodian of the Plan's assets, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments reflected on the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits as of August 31, 2023 and 2022, and the supplemental Schedules H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), and the related investment activity reflected in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended August 31, 2023.

FEES PAID BY THE PLAN

Fees paid (or accrued) by the participants for administrative fees and loan and distribution fees at August 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$23,681 and \$18,716, respectively.

The Company pays certain employees for administrative work done on behalf of the Plan as part of their employment with the Company. Such payments are not reimbursed by the Plan.

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value in the accompanying statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits. The methods used to measure fair value may produce an amount 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 measure the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value at the reporting date.

The fair value measurements accounting literature establishes 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) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. This hierarchy under Topic 820 consists of three broad levels:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan can access at the measurement date.

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AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - CONTINUED

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included with Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as: (a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, (b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, (c) Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or (d) 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 that are unobservable inputs for the asset and liability.

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 August 31, 2023 and 2022.

Mutual funds: The fair value of mutual funds is the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds 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.

Stable value collective trust fund: The fair value of the Putnam Stable Value Fund is primarily composed of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts valued at the net asset value of units of the collective trust. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuers can reserve the right to require 12 months notification in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Self directed brokerage accounts: Accounts primarily consist of mutual funds and common stocks that are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices.

The following tables set forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of August 31, 2023 and 2022:

		Assets at Fair Value as of August 31, 2023			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Cash	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ -	
Self directed brokerage	659,272	659,272	-	-	
Mutual funds	9,665,609	9,665,609	-	-	
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	10,324,921	10,324,921	-	-	
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	857,887	-	-	-	
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 11,182,808</u>	<u>\$ 10,324,921</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - CONTINUED

	Total	Assets at Fair Value as of August 31, 2022		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ -	\$ -
Self directed brokerage	442,270	442,270	-	-
Mutual funds	8,810,407	8,810,407	-	-
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	9,252,689	9,252,689	-	-
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	838,522	-	-	-
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 10,091,211</u>	<u>\$ 9,252,689</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

COMMON COLLECTIVE FUND

Participants can select the Putnam Stable Value Fund as an investment option. The Putnam Stable Value Fund seeks to maintain the stability of a money market fund while offering returns similar to those of intermediate term bonds.

The Putnam Stable Value Fund is maintained by Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company as Trustee. The fund invests in high quality guaranteed investment contracts and similar contracts issued by insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions. The fund also invests up to 75% of its assets in security-backed investment contracts, including separate account products of insurance companies. The underlying investments the Putnam Stable Value Fund holds may be considered fully benefit responsive investment contracts.

The Putnam Stable Value Fund strives to maintain at least 5% of its assets in high quality money market instruments, cash, cash equivalents and stable value funds with investment policies and other provisions similar to those of the fund, and may invest without limit in these investments. The fund can utilize the full opportunity set within the stable value universe.

The investments the Putnam Stable Value Fund hold are valued at contract value. Contract value represents invested principal plus accrued interest earned thereon. The investment contracts are not transferable, but provide for benefit responsive withdrawals by participants at contract value. The December 31, 2023, audited financial statements for the Putnam Stable Value Fund indicate a contract value approximately equivalent to fair value.

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AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

COMMON COLLECTIVE FUND - CONTINUED

Certain events may limit the ability to transact at contract value with the issuer. No known events existed at the date of these financial statements. Funds that invest in bonds are subject to certain risks including interest rate risk, credit risk, and inflation risk. Certain securities are subject to prepayment risk and involve the use of derivatives.

RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO SCHEDULE H OF FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Schedule H of Form 5500 for the year ended August 31,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 11,331,171	\$ 10,276,769
Accrued expenses payable	26,309	25,200
Excess contributions payable	<u>5,130</u>	<u>13,095</u>
Net assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 11,362,610</u>	<u>\$ 10,315,064</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended August 31,

	<u>2023</u>
Changes in net assets per the financial statements	\$ 1,054,402
Current year excess contributions	5,130
Prior year excess contributions	(13,095)
Accrued expenses payable at August 31, 2023	26,309
Accrued expenses payable at August 31, 2022	<u>(25,200)</u>
Net Income per Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,047,546</u>

AACE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN

PLAN SPONSOR: ARCHER WIRE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

FEIN 36-2486967

PLAN 003

See Schedule H, line 4i

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF PLAN YEAR)

AUGUST 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(e) Current Value
	BlackRock Equity Dividend Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 77,182.5698 shares	\$ 1,441,000
	BlackRock Global Allocation, CI A	Mutual Fund, 1,068.2727 shares	18,641
	BlackRock Impact Mortgage, Fd A	Mutual Fund, 145,748.3985 shares	1,313,193
	BNY Mellon Opportunity Midcap Value Fund, A	Mutual Fund, 240.2482 shares	7,128
	Clearbridge Large Cap Growth Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 20,589.3430 shares	1,077,646
	Delaware Diversified Income Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 205,169.4961 shares	1,534,668
	Delaware Ivy Mid Cap Growth Fund, CI Y	Mutual Fund, 16,402.1321 shares	467,297
	Delaware Small Cap Value Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 8,403.4500 shares	557,065
	Federated Hermes MDT Small Cap, CI A	Mutual Fund, 14,665.2580 shares	295,212
	Franklin Rising Dividends Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 184.2378 shares	16,237
	Invesco Developing Markets Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 282.0794 shares	10,835
	Invesco Main Street Small Cap Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 1,177.4543 shares	23,007
	Invesco Oppenheimer International Growth Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 27,349.7915 shares	1,015,224
	Janus Henderson Balanced Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 375.6793 shares	15,253
	Oakmark International Fund	Mutual Fund, 505.3775 shares	13,423
	Putnam Stable Value Fund	Common Collective, 857,887.1388 shares	857,887
	Thornburg International Equity Fund, CI R4	Mutual Fund, 44,810.7190 shares	1,043,194
	Victory Sycamore Established Value Fund, CI A	Mutual Fund, 17,557.2680 shares	816,586
*	Bank of America/Merrill Lynch	Self Directed Brokerage Account Investments	659,272
*	Participant Loans	Varying maturities and interest rate of 4.25% - 9.25%	176,547
	Cash	Cash	40
			<u>\$ 11,359,355</u>

* Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan.