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| <div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security<br/>Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br/>1210-0089</div> <div>2022</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
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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: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) _____</div></div> |
| B                                                                                          | This return/report is: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div>                                                                                               |
| C                                                                                          | If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. .... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| D                                                                                          | Check box if filing under: <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)</div></div>                                                                                                                          |
| E                                                                                          | If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. .... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Part II | Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |    |                                                    |
| 1a      | Name of plan<br>PARAGON METALS LLC 401(K) PLAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1b | Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                 |
|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1c | Effective date of plan<br>04/01/2008               |
| 2a      | Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br>PARAGON METALS LLC.<br><br>3010 W. MECHANIC STREET<br>HILLSDALE, MI 49242 | 2b | Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>06-1329217 |
|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2c | Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br>517-639-4629    |
|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2d | Business code (see instructions)<br>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.

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 08/08/2024 | GREG GOUDESEUNE                                              |
|           | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| SIGN HERE |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|           | 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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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN<br><br><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number<br><br><div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4d</b> PN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>5</b> 235                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).<br><br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits .....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....<br><br><b>g</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....<br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div><br><b>6a(1)</b> 199<br><b>6a(2)</b> 217<br><b>6b</b> 0<br><b>6c</b> 60<br><b>6d</b> 277<br><b>6e</b> 0<br><b>6f</b> 277<br><b>6g</b> 212<br><b>6h</b> 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>8a</b> If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:<br>2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 3H 2S<br><br><b>b</b> If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>10</b> Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>a Pension Schedules</b><br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)<br><br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary<br><br>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>b General Schedules</b><br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>1 A</b> (Insurance Information)<br>(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)<br>(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)<br>(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (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 \_\_\_\_\_

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| <div>SCHEDULE A</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury</div> <div>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor</div> <div>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Insurance Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> <div>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2022</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
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| For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022 |                                                      |
| A Name of plan<br>PARAGON METALS LLC 401(K) PLAN                                           | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>PARAGON METALS LLC.              | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>06-1329217 |

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| 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. |
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| 1 Coverage Information: |
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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) Name of insurance carrier<br>MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |
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| (b) EIN    | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year |            |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
|            |               |                                       |                                                                             | (f) From                | (g) To     |
| 41-0417830 | 66168         | 068718                                | 277                                                                         | 01/01/2022              | 12/31/2022 |

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| 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. |
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| (a) Total amount of commissions paid<br>14386 | (b) Total amount of fees paid<br>0 |
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| 3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons). |
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| (a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid<br>NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL<br>ATTENTION IPS COMPENSTION<br>720 WISCONSIN AVENUE<br>MILWAUKEE, WI 53202 |
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| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |             | (e) Organization code |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|                                               | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
| 14386                                         |                                 |             | 3                     |

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| (a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid |
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| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |             | (e) Organization code |
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|                                               | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b> Organization code |
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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                              |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b> Organization code |
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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> 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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| <b>4</b> | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end..... | <b>4</b> | 275920  |
| <b>5</b> | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....   | <b>5</b> | 5417664 |

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

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

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

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

**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee  
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT**

**b** Balance at the end of the previous year ..... **7b** 167999

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| <b>c</b> | Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year ..... | <b>7c(1)</b> | 1898   |  |
|          | (2) Dividends and credits.....                               | <b>7c(2)</b> |        |  |
|          | (3) Interest credited during the year.....                   | <b>7c(3)</b> | 2920   |  |
|          | (4) Transferred from separate account.....                   | <b>7c(4)</b> | 113143 |  |
|          | (5) Other (specify below) .....                              | <b>7c(5)</b> | 1026   |  |

▶ **LOAN PAYMENTS BILL FLEX**

(6) Total additions..... **7c(6)** 118987

**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)..... **7d** 286986

**e** Deductions:

|                                                                                 |              |      |  |
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| (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year ..... | <b>7e(1)</b> | 0    |  |
| (2) Administration charge made by carrier.....                                  | <b>7e(2)</b> | 1730 |  |
| (3) Transferred to separate account.....                                        | <b>7e(3)</b> | 9336 |  |
| (4) Other (specify below) .....                                                 | <b>7e(4)</b> | 0    |  |

(5) Total deductions..... **7e(5)** 11066

**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 275920

**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:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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| <b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>10a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. ....<br>Specify nature of costs. | <b>10b</b> |  |

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

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| <div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                       |
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| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>PARAGON METALS LLC.              | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>06-1329217 |     |

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| 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).

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| (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)<br>Service Code(s)                 | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 13 15 28 31<br>34 37 38 50<br>52 64 65 | NONE                                                                                              | 10653                                                                  | 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 type="checkbox"/>                                     |

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

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

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (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<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (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<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (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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**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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|                                                                          |                               |                                                                                     |
| (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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| (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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| (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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| (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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| (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)

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
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| <b>SCHEDULE D</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | <b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br><b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2022</div><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
| For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <span style="margin-left: 20px;">01/01/2022</span> and ending <span style="margin-left: 20px;">12/31/2022</span>                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><span style="color: blue;">PARAGON METALS LLC 401(K) PLAN</span>                                                                                                                     | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <span style="float: right;">►</span>                                                                                                                                                   | <span style="color: blue;">001</span>                                                                                                                           |
| <b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><span style="color: blue;">PARAGON METALS LLC.</span>                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><span style="color: blue;">06-1329217</span>                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| Part I | <b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b><br>(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <span style="color: blue;">SECURIAN AM S&amp;P 500 INDEX</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <span style="color: blue;">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</span> |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <span style="color: blue;">41-0417830-011</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code <span style="color: blue;">P</span>                                                             | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <span style="float: right;">0</span> |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <span style="color: blue;">INVESCO COMSTOCK FUND, R5</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <span style="color: blue;">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</span> |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <span style="color: blue;">41-0417830-055</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code <span style="color: blue;">P</span>                                                             | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <span style="float: right;">0</span> |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <span style="color: blue;">DFA U.S. SMALL CAP PORTFOLIO</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <span style="color: blue;">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</span> |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <span style="color: blue;">41-0417830-077</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code <span style="color: blue;">P</span>                                                             | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <span style="float: right;">0</span> |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <span style="color: blue;">DFA INTERNATIONAL VALUE PORT</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <span style="color: blue;">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</span> |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <span style="color: blue;">41-0417830-110</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code <span style="color: blue;">P</span>                                                             | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <span style="float: right;">0</span> |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <span style="color: blue;">VANGUARD INTERM BOND IDX ADM</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <span style="color: blue;">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</span> |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <span style="color: blue;">41-0417830-113</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code <span style="color: blue;">P</span>                                                             | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <span style="float: right;">0</span> |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <span style="color: blue;">INTECH US CORE0</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <span style="color: blue;">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</span> |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <span style="color: blue;">41-0417830-120</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code <span style="color: blue;">P</span>                                                             | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <span style="float: right;">0</span> |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <span style="color: blue;">DFA U.S. TARGETED VALUE PORT</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <span style="color: blue;">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</span> |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <span style="color: blue;">41-0417830-127</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code <span style="color: blue;">P</span>                                                             | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <span style="float: right;">0</span> |                                                                                                                                          |  |  |

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| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">TEMPLETON GLOBAL BOND, CL A</a>         |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</a> |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">41-0417830-136</a>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">0</a> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">VANGUARD TOT BOND MKT IDX ADM</a>       |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</a> |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">41-0417830-154</a>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">0</a> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">VANGUARD MID CAP INDEX ADMIRAL</a>      |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</a> |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">41-0417830-174</a>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">0</a> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">VANGUARD SMALL-CAP IDX ADM</a>          |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</a> |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">41-0417830-178</a>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">0</a> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">AMER FUNDS NEW PERSP FUND, R6</a>       |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</a> |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">41-0417830-183</a>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">0</a> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">DFA INFL-PROTECTED SEC PORT, I</a>      |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</a> |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">41-0417830-221</a>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">0</a> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">JANUS HENDERSON TRITON N</a>            |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</a> |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">41-0417830-223</a>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">0</a> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">METRO WEST TTL RTN BD ADMIN</a>         |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</a> |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">41-0417830-236</a>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">0</a> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">VGD TTL INTL BD IDX ADMIRAL</a>         |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</a> |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">41-0417830-269</a>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">0</a> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <a href="#">AM FNDS INTL GR AND INC R6</a>          |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <a href="#">MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</a> |                                        |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">41-0417830-282</a>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <a href="#">0</a> |

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MFS GROWTH R3

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 41-0417830-361 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWB FNDMNTL US LG CO IDX

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 41-0417830-771 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TIAA-CREF INTL EQ IDX INSTL

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 41-0417830-788 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MASTER SEPARATE ACCOUNT

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 41-0417830-900 | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5417664 |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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  
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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br><b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2022</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
| For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                           |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><br><u>PARAGON METALS LLC 401(K) PLAN</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <span style="float: right;">►</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <u>001</u>                                                                                |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><br><u>PARAGON METALS LLC.</u>                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><br><u>06-1329217</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                           |

| Part I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Asset and Liability Statement |                              |                        |
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| <b>1</b> 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. <b>Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.</b> 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. |                               |                              |                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Assets</b>                 | <b>(a) Beginning of Year</b> | <b>(b) End of Year</b> |
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>1a</b>                     |                              |                        |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |                              |                        |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1b(1)</b>                  | 5318                         | 5318                   |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1b(2)</b>                  | 13467                        | 13467                  |
| <b>(3)</b> Other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>1b(3)</b>                  |                              |                        |
| <b>c</b> General investments:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                              |                        |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>1c(1)</b>                  |                              |                        |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>1c(2)</b>                  |                              |                        |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |                              |                        |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(3)(A)</b>               |                              |                        |
| <b>(B)</b> All other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(3)(B)</b>               |                              |                        |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                              |                        |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(4)(A)</b>               |                              |                        |
| <b>(B)</b> Common.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1c(4)(B)</b>               |                              |                        |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1c(5)</b>                  |                              |                        |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(6)</b>                  |                              |                        |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1c(7)</b>                  |                              |                        |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1c(8)</b>                  | 62309                        | 73612                  |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1c(9)</b>                  |                              |                        |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>1c(10)</b>                 | 6222240                      | 5417664                |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1c(11)</b>                 |                              |                        |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1c(12)</b>                 |                              |                        |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(13)</b>                 |                              |                        |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1c(14)</b>                 | 167999                       | 275920                 |
| <b>(15)</b> Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(15)</b>                 |                              |                        |

| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                              |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities .....                                        | <b>1d(1)</b> |                       |                 |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                     | <b>1d(2)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....   | <b>1e</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) ..... | <b>1f</b>    | 6471333               | 5785981         |

**Liabilities**

|                                                                           |           |   |   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|---|
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b> |   |   |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b> |   |   |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | <b>1i</b> |   |   |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities .....                                          | <b>1j</b> |   |   |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b> | 0 | 0 |

**Net Assets**

|                                                           |           |         |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) ..... | <b>1l</b> | 6471333 | 5785981 |
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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 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>a Contributions:</b>                                                                                    |                 |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....                                        | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 206754     |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Participants .....                                                                              | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 561468     |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....                                                              | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....                                                                            | <b>2a(2)</b>    |            |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            | 768222    |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>                                                                          |                 |            |           |
| (1) Interest:                                                                                              |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....       | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                        | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                         | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> | 3586       |           |
| <b>(F)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> | 2920       |           |
| <b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                              | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            | 6506      |
| (2) Dividends: <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock .....                                                            | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Common stock .....                                                                              | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                                  | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                  | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            | 0         |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            |           |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....                                 | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                              | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....                  | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            | 0         |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: <b>(A)</b> Real estate .....                         | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....         | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |            | 0         |

|                                                                                                 |        | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....                              | 2b(6)  |            |           |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....                              | 2b(7)  |            | -1077036  |
| (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) |            |           |
| c Other income .....                                                                            | 2c     |            | 6599      |
| d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....               | 2d     |            | -295709   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                                                                 |        |            |           |
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                             |        |            |           |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....                 | 2e(1)  | 378990     |           |
| (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)  |            | 378990    |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                             | 2f     |            |           |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....                    | 2g     |            |           |
| h Interest expense .....                                                                        | 2h     |            |           |
| i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees .....                                          | 2i(1)  |            |           |
| (2) Contract administrator fees .....                                                           | 2i(2)  | 10653      |           |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees .....                                               | 2i(3)  |            |           |
| (4) Other .....                                                                                 | 2i(4)  |            |           |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4) .....                            | 2i(5)  |            | 10653     |
| j Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....            | 2j     |            | 389643    |
| <b>Net Income and Reconciliation</b>                                                            |        |            |           |
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d .....                                        | 2k     |            | -685352   |
| l Transfers of assets:                                                                          |        |            |           |
| (1) To this plan .....                                                                          | 2l(1)  |            |           |
| (2) From this plan .....                                                                        | 2l(2)  |            |           |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: PLANTE MORAN

(2) EIN: 06-1329217

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   |    | 50832  |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes | No | Amount  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|---------|
| <b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) |     | X  |         |
| <b>4b</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | X  |         |
| <b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)                                                                                                                             |     | X  |         |
| <b>4c</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | X  |         |
| <b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)                                                                                                                  |     | X  |         |
| <b>4d</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | X  |         |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | X   |    | 1000000 |
| <b>4e</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | X   |    | 1000000 |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?                                                                                                                                                                          |     | X  |         |
| <b>4f</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | X  |         |
| <b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?                                                                                                                                       |     | X  |         |
| <b>4g</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | X  |         |
| <b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?                                                                                                                             |     | X  |         |
| <b>4h</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | X  |         |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)                                                                                                                                                   | X   |    |         |
| <b>4i</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | X   |    |         |
| <b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)                                                                                     |     | X  |         |
| <b>4j</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | X  |         |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?                                                                                                                                              |     | X  |         |
| <b>4k</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | X  |         |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     | X  |         |
| <b>4l</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | X  |         |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)                                                                                                                                                                                     |     | X  |         |
| <b>4m</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | X  |         |
| <b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.                                                                                                                        |     |    |         |
| <b>4n</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |    |         |

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

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

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

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

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| <div>SCHEDULE R<br/>(Form 5500)<br/><br/>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service<br/><br/>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br/><br/>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>                                                                                                                            | <div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2022</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div> |
| For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| A Name of plan<br>PARAGON METALS LLC 401(K) PLAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001                                                            |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>PARAGON METALS LLC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>06-1329217                                            |
| 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):<br><br>EIN(s): 41-0417830                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 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)? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A<br>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 _____<br>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? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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..... <input type="checkbox"/> Increase <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> 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?..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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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# Paragon Metals LLC 401(k) Plan

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**Financial Report**  
**December 31, 2022**

## **Paragon Metals LLC 401(k) Plan**

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Plan Administrator and Management  
Paragon Metals LLC 401(k) Plan

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

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

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and for the year ended December 31, 2022 stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 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 *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements* section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our 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 Audits 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.

To the Plan Administrator and Management  
Paragon Metals LLC 401(k) Plan

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or 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 that may become due to such participants.

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.
- 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 audits 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 certifications, 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 GAAP.

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

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 audits.

To the Plan Administrator and Management  
Paragon Metals LLC 401(k) Plan

***Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA***

The supplemental schedules of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2022 and delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2022 are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplemental information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental 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 DOL'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 DOL'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).

*Plante & Moreau, PLLC*

Southfield, Michigan  
November 29, 2023

## Paragon Metals LLC 401(k) Plan

### Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

|                                                                           | December 31, 2022 and 2021 |                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                                                           | 2022                       | 2021                       |
| <b>Assets</b>                                                             |                            |                            |
| Participant-directed investments at fair value - Pooled separate accounts | \$ 5,417,664               | \$ 6,222,240               |
| Participant-directed guaranteed interest account at contract value        | <u>275,920</u>             | <u>167,999</u>             |
| Total participant-directed investments                                    | 5,693,584                  | 6,390,239                  |
| Contributions receivable                                                  | 41,032                     | 18,785                     |
| Participant notes receivable                                              | <u>73,612</u>              | <u>62,309</u>              |
| <b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>                                  | <b><u>\$ 5,808,228</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 6,471,333</u></b> |

## Paragon Metals LLC 401(k) Plan

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2022

#### Additions

##### Contributions:

|          |                |
|----------|----------------|
| Employee | \$ 577,002     |
| Employer | <u>213,467</u> |

Total contributions 790,469

##### Investment income (loss):

|                                                   |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Interest and dividends                            | 2,920              |
| Net realized and unrealized losses on investments | <u>(1,077,036)</u> |

Net investment loss (1,074,116)

Interest from participant notes receivable 3,586

Other income 6,599

Total additions - Net (273,462)

#### Deductions

Benefits paid directly to participants or beneficiaries 378,990

Administrative expenses 10,653

Total deductions 389,643

#### Net Decrease

(663,105)

#### Net Assets Available for Benefits

Beginning of year 6,471,333

End of year \$ 5,808,228

December 31, 2022 and 2021

### Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of Paragon Metals LLC 401(k) 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 all employees of Paragon Metals, LLC (the "Company") who have completed three months of service except leased employees, employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, and seasonal employees. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Effective January 1, 2022, the Plan was amended to include an automatic contribution arrangement. Participants are now automatically enrolled at a 6 percent deferral rate.

#### **Contributions**

The Plan provides for employee salary deferral contributions up to a maximum of 100 percent of annual compensation subject to maximum tax-deferred limitations established by the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan allows participants to contribute up to 100 percent of their compensation on an after-tax basis. Participants may also make contributions to the Plan in the form of a rollover of funds from another qualified plan.

Certain participant contributions in 2020 and 2021 were paid after the time frame required by the Department of Labor. The Company remitted these contributions during 2021 and 2022, respectively, and intends to remit related lost earnings to the Plan in 2023.

Certain participant contributions in 2022 were paid after the time frame required by the Department of Labor. The Company remitted these contributions during 2023 and intends to remit related lost earnings to the Plan in 2023.

The Plan provides for employer discretionary matching contributions of a uniform percentage based on a formula determined annually. The matching contribution during 2022 was 50 percent of the participant's contribution, not to exceed 6 percent of compensation deferred by the participant.

The Plan also provides for employer discretionary profit-sharing contributions. There were no discretionary contributions during 2022.

#### **Benefit Payments**

Distributions are payable upon retirement, death, disability, or termination of employment in the form of a lump-sum amount equal to the vested balance of a participant's account. The Plan allows for in-service distributions upon attainment of 59½ years of age up to 100 percent of all vested account balances. Account balances less than \$5,000 are paid in a single lump sum upon termination.

Participants may request that all or a portion of their accounts be distributed in the case of financial hardship, as defined in the plan document.

**December 31, 2022 and 2021****Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)*****Vesting***

Participants are immediately 100 percent vested in employee salary and rollover contributions and any income or loss thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts, plus actual earnings thereon, is based on years of service. The Company's contributions vest according to the following schedule:

| <u>Years of Service</u> | <u>Vesting<br/>Percentage</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1                       | 25 %                          |
| 2                       | 50                            |
| 3                       | 75                            |
| 4                       | 100                           |

***Participant Accounts***

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the Company's contributions and plan earnings and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participants' compensation 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. Participants may direct the investments of their account balances into various investment options offered by the Plan.

***Participant Notes Receivable***

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of 50 percent of their vested account balances, not to exceed \$50,000. Notes receivable are collateralized by the participant's account balance and bear interest at a market rate.

***Forfeitures***

If a participant is not fully vested on his or her termination date, the nonvested amount of the account is forfeited. Forfeitures are used to reduce future company contributions or to pay administrative expenses of the Plan based on provisions in the plan document.

***Party-in-interest Transactions***

Certain plan assets are in investment funds managed by Minnesota Life Insurance Company or its affiliates. Minnesota Life Insurance Company is the custodian of the Plan; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions, as defined under ERISA guidelines.

***Termination***

While 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 set forth in the plan agreement and ERISA. Upon termination of the Plan, participants become 100 percent vested in their account balances.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*****Investment Valuation and Income Recognition***

Investments held by the Plan are stated at fair value except as noted below. Fair value is defined as 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.

**December 31, 2022 and 2021**

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

The pooled separate accounts are valued at net asset value per share or its equivalent of the funds, which is based on the fair value of the funds' net underlying assets. Pooled separate accounts measured at net asset value on a recurring basis totaled \$5,417,664 and \$6,222,240 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. There were no unfunded commitments or redemption restrictions on the investments.

The fully benefit-responsive guaranteed interest account is valued at contract value. Contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents deposits made to the contract, plus earnings at guaranteed crediting rates, less withdrawals and fees.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded as earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

***Participant Notes Receivable***

Participant notes receivable are recorded at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued interest. Participant notes receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible.

***Benefit Payments***

Benefits are recorded when paid.

***Administrative Expenses***

Various administrative costs are paid by the Company.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***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 financial statements.

***Subsequent Events***

The financial statements and related disclosures include evaluation of events up through and including November 29, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note 3 - Certified Information**

Minnesota Life Insurance Company (the "Custodian") holds the Plan's investments and participant notes receivable and executes all related transactions. The investment and participant notes receivable balances and related income and losses included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year are based solely on information certified by the Custodian.

**December 31, 2022 and 2021**

**Note 4 - Tax Status**

The Plan uses a preapproved plan. The preapproved plan has received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) indicating that the Plan, as designed, is qualified for federal income tax-exempt status. The Plan has not individually sought its own determination letter.

**Note 5 - Guaranteed Interest Account**

The Plan has a benefit-responsive investment contract with Minnesota Life Insurance Company (MLIC). MLIC maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

Interest is credited on contract balances using a single portfolio rate approach. Under this methodology, a single interest rate is applied to all contributions made to the product, regardless of the timing of those contributions. Interest crediting rates are reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting but may not be less than 1 percent. When establishing interest crediting rates for this product, MLIC considers many factors, including current economic and market conditions, the general interest rate environment, and both the expected and actual experience of a reference portfolio within the issuer's general account.

Generally, there are no events that could limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value paid within 90 days or, in rare circumstances, contract value paid over time. There are no events that allow the issuer to terminate the contract and that require the plan sponsor to settle an amount different than contract value paid either within 90 days or over time.

## Paragon Metals LLC 401(k) Plan

### Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year

Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4i  
 EIN 06-1329217, Plan No. 001  
 December 31, 2022

| (a)(b)<br>Identity of Issuer       | (c)<br>Description of Investment                   | (d)<br>Cost | (e)<br>Current Value       |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Pooled separate accounts:          |                                                    |             |                            |
| Minnesota Life Insurance Company** | Securian AM S&P 500 Index                          | *           | \$ 122,588                 |
|                                    | DFA U.S. Small Cap Portfolio                       | *           | 23,786                     |
|                                    | DFA International Value Port                       | *           | 3,435                      |
|                                    | Vanguard Interm Bond Index Admiral                 | *           | 65,139                     |
|                                    | Intech US Core                                     | *           | 45,112                     |
|                                    | DFA U.S. Targeted Value Portfolio                  | *           | 378,024                    |
|                                    | Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral           | *           | 25,480                     |
|                                    | Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral                     | *           | 72,113                     |
|                                    | Vanguard Small Cap Index Admiral                   | *           | 56,703                     |
|                                    | MFS Growth R3                                      | *           | 1,126,854                  |
|                                    | American Funds New Perspective Fund Class R6       | *           | 20,393                     |
|                                    | DFA Inflation Protected Securities Portfolio       | *           | 524,612                    |
|                                    | Janus Henderson Triton Fund Class N                | *           | 376,815                    |
|                                    | Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Admin          | *           | 63,800                     |
|                                    | American Funds Intl Gr and Inc R6                  | *           | 798,466                    |
|                                    | TIAA-CREF International Equity Index Instl         | *           | 28,712                     |
|                                    | Vanguard Total International Bond Index Fund Admir | *           | 508,400                    |
|                                    | Schwab Fundamental US Large Company Index Fund     | *           | 1,177,232                  |
| Minnesota Life Insurance Company** | Guaranteed interest account - MN Life              |             |                            |
|                                    | Guaranteed Return                                  | *           | 275,920                    |
| Participants**                     | Participant notes receivable bearing interest      |             |                            |
|                                    | from 5.25 percent to 8.25 percent                  | -           | 73,612                     |
| Total                              |                                                    |             | <u><u>\$ 5,767,196</u></u> |

\*Cost information not required

\*\*Party in interest

## Paragon Metals LLC 401(k) Plan

### Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4a  
 EIN 06-1329217, Plan No. 001  
 Year Ended December 31, 2022

| Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan       |                             | Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions |                                          |      | Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|
| Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included: | Contributions Not Corrected | Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP                     | Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP |      |                                  |
| 2022                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>    | \$ 29,001                                                | \$ -                                     | \$ - | \$ -                             |
| 2021                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>    | 20,805                                                   | -                                        | -    | -                                |
| 2020                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/>    | 16,560                                                   | -                                        | -    | -                                |

**Form 5500**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceDepartment of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security  
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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

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

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**OMB Nos. 1210-0110  
1210-0089**2022****This Form Is Open to Public Inspection****Part I Annual Report Identification Information**

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

- 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  
PARAGON METALS LLC 401(K) PLAN**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001**1c** Effective date of plan  
04/01/2008**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)  
PARAGON METALS LLC.**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN)  
06-1329217**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number  
(517) 639-4629

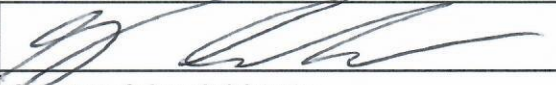
3010 W. Mechanic Street

Hillsdale

MI 49242

**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.

|                  |                                                                                     |         |                                                              |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> |  | 8/19/24 | Greg Gaudescone                                              |
|                  | Signature of plan administrator                                                     | Date    | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> |  | 8/19/24 | Greg Gaudescone                                              |
|                  | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                                                  | Date    | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> |                                                                                     |         |                                                              |
|                  | Signature of DFE                                                                    | Date    | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

**Form 5500 (2022)**  
v. 220413

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |
| <b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name                                                                                                                                     |  | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4d</b> PN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 235 |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |
| <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | <b>6a(1)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 199 |
| <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | <b>6a(2)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 217 |
| <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | <b>6b</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 0   |
| <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | <b>6c</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 60  |
| <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | <b>6d</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 277 |
| <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | <b>6e</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 0   |
| <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | <b>6f</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 277 |
| <b>g</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | <b>6g</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 212 |
| <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | <b>6h</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 29  |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |
| <b>8a</b> If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:<br>2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 3H 2S                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |
| <b>b</b> If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |
| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor                                                                                                                   |  | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |
| <b>10</b> Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |
| <b>a Pension Schedules</b><br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)<br><br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary<br><br>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary |  | <b>b General Schedules</b><br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information - Small Plan)<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>1</u> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information)<br>(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)<br>(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)<br>(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (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 \_\_\_\_\_

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                               |
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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br><b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>2022</b>                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |

|                                                               |  |                                               |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------|--|
| For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning     |  | and ending                                    |  |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan                                         |  | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ►       |  |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 |  | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) |  |

|               |                                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Asset and Liability Statement</b> |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|

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

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

| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                              |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities.....                                         | <b>1d(1)</b> |                       |                 |
| (2) Employer real property.....                                      | <b>1d(2)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....   | <b>1e</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) ..... | <b>1f</b>    |                       |                 |

**Liabilities**

|                                                                           |           |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b> |  |  |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b> |  |  |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....                                    | <b>1i</b> |  |  |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities.....                                           | <b>1j</b> |  |  |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b> |  |  |

**Net Assets**

|                                                           |           |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) ..... | <b>1l</b> |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

**Income**

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

|                                                                                                 |        | (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) |            |           |
| c Other income .....                                                                            | 2c     |            |           |
| d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....                | 2d     |            |           |

**Expenses**

|                                                                                     |       |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                 |       |  |  |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....      | 2e(1) |  |  |
| (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) |  |  |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                 | 2f    |  |  |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....         | 2g    |  |  |
| h Interest expense.....                                                             | 2h    |  |  |
| 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) |  |  |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4) .....                | 2i(5) |  |  |
| j Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2j    |  |  |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|                                                         |       |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d..... | 2k    |  |  |
| l Transfers of assets:                                  |       |  |  |
| (1) To this plan.....                                   | 2l(1) |  |  |
| (2) From this plan .....                                | 2l(2) |  |  |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name:

(2) EIN:

**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 |     |    |        |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes                 | No                 | Amount |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|
| <b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) .....                                                                                |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4b</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4c</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4d</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4e</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4f</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4g</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4h</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4i</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) .....                                                                                                                                                                    |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4j</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4k</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4l</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4m</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. ....                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                     |                    |        |
| <b>4n</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |                    |        |
| <b>5a</b> Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br>If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.                                                                                                                        |                     |                    |        |
| <b>5b</b> 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.)                                                                                                                                                                                    |                     |                    |        |
| <b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s) | <b>5b(3)</b> PN(s) |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                     |                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                     |                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                     |                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                     |                    |        |
| <b>5c</b> 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.) ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not determined<br>If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____. |                     |                    |        |

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

**Plan Name** PARAGON METALS LLC 401(K) PLAN

**EIN:** 06-1329217

**Plan Sponsor's Name** PARAGON METALS LLC.

**PN:** 001

| (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 |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Securian AM S&P 500 Index<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                         |          | 122,588           |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | DFA U.S. Targeted Value Port<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                      |          | 378,024           |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Schwab Fndmntl US Lg Co Idx<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                       |          | 1,177,232         |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Vgd Ttl Intl Bd Idx Admiral<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                       |          | 508,400           |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Metro West Ttl Rtn Bd Admin<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                       |          | 63,800            |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Amer Funds New Persp Fund, R6<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                     |          | 20,393            |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | DFA International Value Port<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                      |          | 3,435             |

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|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Vanguard Interm Bond Idx Adm<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                      |          | 65,139            |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Intech US Core<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                                    |          | 45,112            |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Vanguard Tot Bond Mkt Idx Adm<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                     |          | 25,480            |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | DFA U.S. Small Cap Portfolio<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                      |          | 23,786            |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | DFA Infl-Protected Sec Port, I<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                    |          | 524,612           |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Vanguard Small-Cap Idx Adm<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                        |          | 56,703            |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Am Fnds Intl Gr And Inc R6<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                        |          | 798,466           |

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|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | TIAA-CREF Intl Eq Idx Instl<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                       |          | 28,712            |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Janus Henderson Triton N<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                          |          | 376,815           |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                    |          | 72,113            |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | MFS Growth R3<br>Pooled Separate Account                                                                     |          | 1,126,854         |
| *   | MN Life Insurance Co.                                     | Guaranteed Return Account<br>Insurance Company General Account group contract                                |          | 275,920           |
| *   | Participant Loans                                         | 5.25% to 8.25%                                                                                               |          | 73,612            |
|     |                                                           |                                                                                                              |          |                   |