

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☒ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☐ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ 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 KANEKA 401(K) PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
		1c Effective date of plan 08/01/1984
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) KANEKA NORTH AMERICA, LLC 6161 UNDERWOOD ROAD PASADENA, TX 77507	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-4567068 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 281-291-2116 2d Business code (see instructions) 325100

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.			
Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.			
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/25/2024	ALVIN L. PROCTOR
	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

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 571
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 429 6a(2) 452 6b 11 6c 177 6d 640 6e 3 6f 643 6g(1) 571 6g(2) 638 6h 38
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D 3F 3H 2X

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)** ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)** ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5)** ☒ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)** ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan KANEKA 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KANEKA NORTH AMERICA, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-4567068	

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:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
06-1050034	93629	556139-01	573	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	16061445
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	57412037

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

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**

17334850

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

1226594

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

330538

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

1189900

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

1159351

▶ LN INT, LN PRIN, ROLLOVER, TRANS FORFS

(6) Total additions.....

7c(6)

3906383

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

21241233

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

2174020

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

910

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

1697369

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

1307489

▶ LOAN DISTRIBUTION

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)

5179788

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

16061445

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	0
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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A Name of plan KANEKA 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KANEKA NORTH AMERICA, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-4567068

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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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).....

X

YesNo
- b

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

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

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

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8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 50 15 64 37	RECORDKEEPER	103503	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

PENSIONMARK FINANCIAL GROUP LLC

61-1758632

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	NONE	69010	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CROWE HORWATH LLP

35-0921680

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	NONE	19950	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan <u>KANEKA 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>KANEKA NORTH AMERICA, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>45-4567068</u>
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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP VALUE / ROBECO BOSTON PARTN

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-440</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3607929</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTERNATIONAL BOND PLUS /PIMCO FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-790</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1981975</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LARGE CAP VALUE SUB-ADV BY WELLINGT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-184</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>9239220</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SA/INVESCO SMALL CAP GROWTH STRATEG

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-293</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3720363</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LARGE CAP GROWTH / JP MORGAN INVST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-141</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>13706543</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PGIM REAL ASSETS FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-789</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3206812</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DAY ONE INCOMEFLEX TARGET BALANCED

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-697</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>8007799</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTERNATIONAL GROWTH / ARTISAN PART

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-259	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4262933
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CORE PLUS BOND / PGIM FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-299	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6385214
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP VALUE / KENNEDY CAPITAL F

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-257	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3293249
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan KANEKA 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KANEKA NORTH AMERICA, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-4567068	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	1739335	2054526
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	55067274	57412037
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	26963453	38474608
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	17334850	16061445
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	101104912	114002616
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	101104912	114002616

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	4229694	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	5444441	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	200912	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		9875047
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	108274	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	330160	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		438434
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	1122818	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1122818
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		8495703
(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)		4977766
c Other income	2c		-1666
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		24908102

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	11818474	
(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)		11818474
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	102964	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	19950	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	69010	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		191924
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		12010398

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		12897704
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: **CROWE LLP**

(2) EIN: **35-0921680**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		3000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan KANEKA 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KANEKA NORTH AMERICA, LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-4567068
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 20-3691708 22-1211670		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____		
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b): a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____% b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
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: _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☒ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A 22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>09 / 16 / 2022</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q704336A</u> .	
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SCHEDULE MEP (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER RETIREMENT PLAN INFORMATION This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and Section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan KANEKA 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit Plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan administrator's name as shown on line 3a of Form 5500/Form 5500-SF KANEKA NORTH AMERICA, LLC	D Administrator's EIN 45-4567068	

Part I	Type of Multiple-Employer Pension Plan. All multiple-employer pension plans must complete.
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1 Check the appropriate box to indicate type of multiple-employer pension plan. (Only defined contribution plans may check lines 1a, 1b, and 1c. Defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans not checking lines 1a, 1b, or 1c should check line 1d. See Instructions).

- a** ☐ association retirement plan (See 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- b** ☐ professional employer organization plan (PEO Plan) (See 29 CFR 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- c** ☐ pooled employer plan (PEP) (See 29 CFR 2510.3-44) (Complete Parts II and III)
- d** ☒ other multiple-employer pension plan (Describe) DIFFERENT PERCENTAGES (Complete Part II)

Part II	Participating Employer Information.
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2 All multiple-employer pension plans that are subject to section 210(a) of ERISA (see instructions for filing the Form 5500) must complete Part II, in addition to Part I, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information for each employer participating in the multiple-employer pension plan. **Defined contribution plans must complete lines 2a-2d. All other multiple-employer pension plans complete lines 2a-2c only. Complete as many entries as needed to list the required information for each participating employer that is not an individual person (see instructions).**

2a Name of Participating Employer KANEKA NORTH AMERICA, LLC	2b EIN 45-4567068	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year 99.05	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer 111591478
2a Name of Participating Employer CEMEDINE NORTH AMERICA LLC	2b EIN 98-1088727	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year 0.95	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer 235339

CAUTION Do not individually list information for working owners (see instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-55(d)(2)) or other individuals who are participants or beneficiaries in the plan or arrangement that are no longer associated with a particular participating employer or participating employer plan (see instructions). Providing identifying information for individuals may result in rejection of this filing. If there are any such individuals in the plan, answer "Yes" to line 2e and provide the total information for all such individuals, without providing names or other identifying information.

2e Does the plan include any individuals not participating through an employer or who are individual working owners?	2e	☐ Yes ☒ No
2f If you answer "Yes" in line 2e, enter a good faith estimate of the percentage of total contributions made by all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a during the plan year.	2f	
2g If you answer "Yes" in Line 2e, enter the aggregate account balances for all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a.	2g	

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

**Schedule MEP (2023)
v. 230728**

Part III

Pooled Employer Plan Information

Line 3. All Pooled employer plans must answer all of the questions in Part III, in addition to completing all of Parts I and II.

- 3a

Is the pooled plan provider (identified as the plan sponsor and administrator in Part II of the Form 5500) currently in compliance with the Form PR (Pooled Plan Provider Registration Statement) requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-44)

☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3b

If line 3a is "Yes", enter the ACK ID for the most recent Form PR that was required to be filed under the Form PR filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid ACK ID will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

ACK ID

**KANEKA
401(K) PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

KANEKA 401(K) PLAN
Pasadena, Texas

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Administrative and Investment Committee
Kaneka 401(k) Plan
Pasadena, Texas

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Kaneka 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 statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, 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 Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, 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 Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions 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).

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Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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


Crowe LLP

Houston, Texas
August 22, 2024

KANEKA 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Investments at fair value	\$ 95,886,645	\$ 82,030,727
Investment at contract value	16,061,445	17,334,850
Receivables:		
Employer contribution	1,213,296	935,254
Notes receivable from participants	<u>2,054,526</u>	<u>1,739,335</u>
Total receivables	<u>3,267,822</u>	<u>2,674,589</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 115,215,912</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 102,040,166</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

KANEKA 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
Year ended December 31, 2023

Additions

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 13,471,803
Dividends and interest	<u>1,452,979</u>
Total investment income	14,924,782

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	108,273
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Contributions:

Participants	5,444,441
Employer	4,507,736
Rollovers	<u>200,912</u>
Total contributions	<u>10,153,089</u>

Total additions	25,186,144
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Deductions

Benefits paid to participants	11,818,474
Administrative expenses	<u>191,924</u>
Total deductions	<u>12,010,398</u>

Net increase	13,175,746
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Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>102,040,166</u>
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Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u><u>\$ 115,215,912</u></u>
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See notes to financial statements.

KANEKA 401(K) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The Kaneka 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is a qualified retirement plan adopted by Kaneka North America LLC to allow employees to save for retirement on a tax-advantaged basis. Other affiliates who have adopted the provisions of the Plan include Kaneka Pharma America LLC; Kaneka Americas Holding, Inc.; Cemedine North America LLC; Kaneka Aerospace LLC, and Kaneka Medical America LLC (collectively, the Company). The Plan was originally effective on August 1, 1984 and was most recently amended and restated effective January 1, 2022. The Plan is subject to provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The summary of significant provisions of the Plan presented below provides general information. Participants should refer to the terms of the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

Administration: The Plan is sponsored and administered by the Company and Empower Retirement Recordkeeping Services handles the day-to-day record keeping, accounting, and administrative functions of the Plan. The Plan's assets are held by Empower Annuity Insurance Company (formerly, Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company).

Eligibility: All non-excluded employees of the Company are generally eligible to participate in the Plan after completing three months of service. The entry date is the first day of the Plan year quarter coinciding with or next following the date that an employee satisfies the eligibility requirements.

Contributions: The Plan has the following contribution options:

- *Participant Contributions* – Participants may elect to reduce their eligible compensation by a specific whole percentage (1% to 75%) and contribute the amount to the Plan as an elective deferral. Elective deferrals include both pre-tax deferrals and Roth deferrals. The Plan also allows for employee after-tax contributions and emergency savings after-tax contributions. Total deferrals in any taxable year may not exceed a dollar limit which is set by law. Participants who are at least age 50 or will attain age 50 before the end of a calendar year may elect to defer additional amounts as catch-up contributions to the Plan. Participants may revoke or make modifications to their salary deferral election in accordance with procedures that the Company provides. The Plan includes an automatic deferral feature whereby a participant is treated as electing to defer 4% of eligible compensation unless the participant made a modified salary reduction agreement. The automatic deferral feature also provides for an annual increase of 1% in the percentage deferred each year until the deferral reaches 15% on the first day of the payroll period on or following the day of each successive plan year.
- *Employer Contributions* – The Company makes safe harbor matching contributions to the Plan equal to 150% of each participant's elective deferrals that do not exceed 4% of eligible compensation. The Company may also contribute a non-elective discretionary contribution to the Plan after the end of each Plan year. In order to share in the year-end discretionary contribution, participants must be employed on the last day of the Plan year. For 2023, the Company made a discretionary nonelective contribution totaling \$1,213,296.
- *Rollover Contributions* – Participants are permitted to deposit into the Plan taxable distributions they have received from other qualified plans and certain IRAs as rollover contributions.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and an allocation of (a) the Company contributions, (b) Plan earnings and losses, and (c) forfeitures of employer contributions and is charged with his or her withdrawals and an allocation of administrative expenses.

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NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Allocations are based on participant contributions, eligible compensation, participant account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested balance. Each participant directs the investment of his or her account to any of the investment options available under the Plan.

Vesting: Participants are always 100% vested in their elective deferrals, including rollover contributions, plus actual plan earnings thereon.

Participants are vested in the employer safe harbor matching contributions plus actual plan earnings based on periods of service, as defined below:

<u>Periods of Service</u>	<u>Vested %</u>
Less than 2	-0-%
2 or more	100%

Participants are vested in the employer non-elective discretionary contributions plus actual plan earnings based on periods of services, as defined below:

<u>Periods of Service</u>	<u>Vested %</u>
Less than 2	-0-%
2	50%
3	75%
4 or more	100%

Participants will be credited with a period of service for each 12-month period from the participant's date of hire until the date employment terminates.

Retirement, Death, and Disability: A participant is entitled to 100% of his or her account balance upon retirement, death, or disability.

Notes Receivable From Participants: Any participant may apply for a loan from the Plan. No loan in an amount less than \$1,000 will be granted to any participant. Any loan to a participant will be limited to the lesser of \$50,000 reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance during the prior 12-month period or 50% of the participant's nonforfeitable account balance. Loans are adequately secured by the participant's interest under the Plan and bear a reasonable rate of interest. Loan terms may not exceed five years unless the loan is used to purchase a principal residence. Loan principal and interest repayments are made via payroll deductions.

Investment Options: Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers mutual funds, pooled separate accounts, and a guaranteed investment contract as investment choices for participants. Participants may redirect future contributions or exchange existing balances among available investment securities at any time.

Payment of Benefits: Participants may receive a distribution of the vested portion of some or all of their account in the Plan when they terminate employment with the Company. Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or normal retirement, each participant will be entitled to the full value of their accounts. For vested account balances exceeding \$5,000, participants must consent to distribute their account. If a participant's vested account balance exceeds \$1,000 but is less than \$5,000, a distribution of the vested account balance will be made to the participant, regardless of whether they consent to receive it. If the participant does not elect a cash lump sum or to roll over the distribution, the distribution will be rolled over to an individual retirement account. For vested account balances less than \$1,000, the Plan will automatically distribute the account directly to the participant in a cash lump sum.

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NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Participants may generally receive an in-service withdrawal from certain other accounts prior to termination of employment with the Company if they have attained age 59½ or incurred a financial hardship. A hardship withdrawal may be made to satisfy certain immediate and heavy financial need that a participant has.

Plan Termination: The Company intends to maintain the Plan indefinitely but reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time. Upon termination, no further contributions will be made to the Plan and all amounts credited to participants' accounts will become 100% vested.

Administrative Expenses: Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net depreciation in fair value of investments.

Forfeited Accounts: The non-vested portion of a terminated participant's account balance remains in the Plan and is called a forfeiture. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$121,274 and \$82,608, respectively.

Subsequent Events: The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through August 22, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures, and actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: The Plan's investments other than the fully benefit responsive investment contract are reported at fair value as further described in Note 4 and 5. Fair value is the price that would be received by the Plan for an asset or paid by the Plan to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date in the Plan's principal of most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Contract value is the relevant measure for the Plan's fully benefit-responsive investment contract, because contract value is the amount Plan participants generally receive when executing transactions under the terms of the contract and Plan provisions. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest is recorded on an accrual basis.

Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable From Participants: Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest, with no allowances for credit losses, as repayments of principal and interest are received through payroll deductions and notes are collateralized by the participants' account balance. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Risks and Uncertainties: The Plan holds various investments. Investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, liquidity, credit and global event risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the fair values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 3 – CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, net appreciation in fair value of investments, dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Empower Annuity Insurance Company and Empower Trust Company.

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value measurements are determined by maximizing the use of observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy places the highest priority on unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and gives the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of inputs within the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

- *Level 1* – Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
- *Level 2* – Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- *Level 3* – Significant unobservable inputs that reflect the Plan's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

In some cases, a valuation technique used to measure fair value may include inputs from multiple levels of the fair value hierarchy.

The lowest level of significant input determines the placement of the entire fair value measurement in the hierarchy. The following presents the valuation methods and assumptions used by the Plan to estimate the fair values of investments. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

Pooled Separate Accounts: Valued at the daily unit value as calculated by the trustees. The initial pricing input is the quoted price obtained for the underlying mutual fund which is then adjusted to apply the expense factor. The formula-calculated unit value is then compared to an accounting-driven unit value.

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Any discrepancies between the two unit values are resolved to ensure the recordkeeping system reflects the accurate unit value for the day. The unit value is published and is the basis for current participant transactions.

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31:

	2023			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 38,474,608	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,474,608
Pooled separate accounts	-	57,412,037	-	57,412,037
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 38,474,608</u>	<u>\$ 57,412,037</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 95,886,645</u>
	2022			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 26,963,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,963,450
Pooled separate accounts	-	55,067,277	-	55,067,277
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 26,963,450</u>	<u>\$ 55,067,277</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 82,030,727</u>

NOTE 5 – GUARANTEED INCOME FUND

The Plan holds a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with Empower Annuity Insurance Company (EAIC), which was determined to be a fully benefit-responsive investment contract and, therefore, is recorded at contract value. The contract value represents deposits made to the contract, plus earnings at guaranteed crediting rates, less withdrawals and fees. EAIC 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. EAIC guarantees a minimum rate of interest and will credit interest that exceeds the guaranteed minimum rates. The crediting rate is subject to minimum contractual guarantees. The crediting rate is reviewed for resetting.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive traditional investment contract criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because that is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by EAIC, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants can ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. The Plan's ability to review amounts is dependent on EAIC's ability to meet its financial obligations. EAIC's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

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NOTE 5 – GUARANTEED INCOME FUND (Continued)

There are certain events that may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with EAIC. Such events include the amendments to the plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, and the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. Certain events allow EAIC to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Such events include an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, a breach of material obligation under the contract, a material misrepresentation, or a material amendment to the agreement without the consent of EAIC. There are no events that allow the issuer to terminate the contract and which require the Plan sponsor to settle at an amount different than contract value paid either within 90 days or over time.

NOTE 6 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Parties-in-interest are defined under Department of Labor (DOL) regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the employer, and certain others. The Plan held investments managed by the custodian or affiliates of the custodian. Notes receivable from participants also reflect party-in-interest transactions. Certain professional fees for the administration and audit of the Plan were paid by the Company. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. During 2023, the Plan paid administrative fees to various service providers including an investment advisor and the Plan's recordkeeper. These reflect party-in-interest transactions.

NOTE 7 – TAX STATUS

The Company adopted a volume submitter profit sharing plan with CODA sponsored by Empower Retirement LLC and received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated September 16, 2022, which stated that the volume submitter plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Company believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, no provision for income tax has been included in the plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2019.

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KANEKA 401(K) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

NOTE 8 – RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 115,215,912	\$ 102,040,166
Employer contribution receivable	<u>(1,213,296)</u>	<u>(935,254)</u>
Net assets per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 114,002,616</u>	<u>\$ 101,104,912</u>

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, to Form 5500:

Employer contributions per the financial statements	\$ 4,507,736
Less: employer contribution receivable at December 31, 2023	(1,213,296)
Add: employer contribution receivable at December 31, 2022	<u>935,254</u>
Employer contributions per Form 5500	<u>\$ 4,229,694</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

KANEKA 401(K) PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
Year ended December 31, 2023

Name of Plan Sponsor: Kaneka North America, LLC
Employee Identification Number: 45-4567068
Three-digit Plan Number: 001

(a) Party in Interest	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Guaranteed Income Fund	Fixed annuity	** \$	16,061,445
	Core Plus Bond / PGIM Fund	Pooled separate account	**	6,385,214
	Day One IncomeFlex Target Balanced Fund	Pooled separate account	**	8,007,799
	International Bond Plus / PIMCO Fund	Pooled separate account	**	1,981,975
	International Growth / Artisan Partners	Pooled separate account	**	4,262,933
	Large Cap Growth / JP Morgan Invst Mgmt.	Pooled separate account	**	13,706,543
	Large Cap Value (Sub-Adv by Wellington)	Pooled separate account	**	9,239,220
	Mid Cap Value/Robeco Boston Partners Fund	Pooled separate account	**	3,607,929
	PGIM Real Assets Fund	Pooled separate account	**	3,206,812
	SA/Invesco Small Cap Growth Strategy	Pooled separate account	**	3,720,363
	Small Cap Value/Kennedy Capital Fund	Pooled separate account	**	3,293,249
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	Mutual fund	**	5,469,510
	Dodge & Cox International Stock I	Mutual fund	**	5,083,530
	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	Mutual fund	**	1,420,331
	Fidelity Total International Index Fund	Mutual fund	**	720,461
	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Mutual fund	**	14,746,341
	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	Mutual fund	**	1,495,350
	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	Mutual fund	**	1,314,333
	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund	Mutual fund	**	8,224,752
*	Notes receivable from participants	Maturities through December 2037 Annual interest rate range: 3.25% to 9.50%	-	2,054,526
	Total assets		\$	114,002,616

* Indicates a party in interest transaction as defined by ERISA.

** All investment transactions are participant-directed, therefore, information is not required.

See independent auditor's report.

INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
IP0147A			6,216,949.79	8,007,798.68
1RERGX			5,550,038.78	5,469,510.28
1DODEX			4,865,122.30	5,083,530.13
1FTIHX			724,934.66	720,460.79
IP0099A			3,648,074.30	4,262,933.07
1PUDZX			2,730,593.73	3,206,812.00
1FSSNX			1,390,419.34	1,314,333.24
IP0098A			2,474,208.57	3,293,248.76
IP0102A			3,247,415.18	3,720,363.11
1FSMDX			1,513,720.41	1,495,349.64
1RPTIX			7,845,150.00	8,224,751.77
IP0119A			2,486,336.33	3,607,929.31
1FXAIX			13,378,242.20	14,746,341.15
IP0085A			11,137,279.09	13,706,543.40
IP0089A			6,121,462.17	9,239,219.86
1FXNAX			1,508,620.52	1,420,331.48
IP0107A			6,031,733.13	6,385,214.01
IP0154A			1,932,689.34	1,981,974.71
IP1078A			14,522,708.58	15,940,171.24
			97,325,698.42	111,826,816.63
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	3.250-9.500	2,058,724.71	2,054,525.65
FORFEITURES			120,839.15	121,274.20

Attachment to Form 5500, Schedule H, Part 4, Item I
EIN # 2587231

LEGEND

INVESTMENT OPTION:

IP0147A	Day One IncomeFlex Target Balanced Fund	1RERGX	American Funds EuroPacific Gr R6
1DODEX	Dodge & Cox International Stock - I	1FTIHX	Fidelity Total International Index
IP0099A	International Growth / Artisan Partners	1PUDZX	PGIM Real Assets Fund
1FSSNX	Fidelity Small Cap Index	IP0098A	Small Cap Value / Kennedy Capital Fund
IP0102A	SA/Invesco Small Cap Growth Strategy	1FSMDX	Fidelity Mid Cap Index
1RPTIX	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth I	IP0119A	Mid Cap Value / Robeco Boston Partners
1FXAIX	Fidelity 500 Index	IP0085A	Large Cap Growth / JP Morgan Invest Mgmt
IP0089A	Large Cap Value (sub-adv by Wellington)	1FXNAX	Fidelity US Bond Index
IP0107A	Core Plus Bond / PGIM Fund	IP0154A	International Bond Plus / PIMCO Fund
IP1078A	Guaranteed Income Fund		

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year
CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year