

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security<br/>Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br/>1210-0089</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

|                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) _____</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div> |
| C                                                                                          | If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. .... ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| D                                                                                          | Check box if filing under: <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| E                                                                                          | If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. .... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Part II | Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1a      | Name of plan<br>401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                                                                                                                                |
|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1c Effective date of plan<br>03/01/1986                                                                                                                              |
| 2a      | Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br>EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.<br><br>891 TWO RIVERS DRIVE<br>DAKOTA DUNES, SD 57049 | 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>94-2740498<br><br>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br>605-217-8144<br><br>2d Business code (see instructions)<br>541990 |

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. | 10/01/2024 | JENNIFER LETCH                                               |
|           | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/01/2024 | JENNIFER LETCH                                               |
|           | 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                      |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN<br><br><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number<br><br><div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>                                                                                               |
| <b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4d</b> PN                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>5</b> 1294                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).<br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits .....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . .....<br><b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <b>6a(1)</b> 1033<br><b>6a(2)</b> 1212<br><b>6b</b> 0<br><b>6c</b> 212<br><b>6d</b> 1424<br><b>6e</b> 3<br><b>6f</b> 1427<br><b>6g(1)</b> 1141<br><b>6g(2)</b> 1251<br><b>6h</b> 157 |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**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 2U 3D 3H

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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br><b>(1)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br><b>(3)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br><b>(4)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br><b>(1)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br><b>(3)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br><b>(4)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

**a Pension Schedules**

- (1)** ☒ **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 0
- (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 2
- (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 \_\_\_\_\_

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div>SCHEDULE A</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Insurance Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> <div>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

|                                                                                            |                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023 |                                                      |
| A Name of plan<br>401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN                                           | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.       | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>94-2740498 |

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier  
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

| (b) EIN    | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year |            |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
|            |               |                                       |                                                                             | (f) From                | (g) To     |
| 42-0127290 | 61271         | 329858                                | 1427                                                                        | 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 |
| 0                                    | 0                             |

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

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

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

(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

---

| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
|                                                      |                                 |                    |                                 |

---

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

---

| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
|                                                      |                                 |                    |                                 |

---

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

---

| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
|                                                      |                                 |                    |                                 |

---

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

---

| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
|                                                      |                                 |                    |                                 |

---

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

---

| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
|                                                      |                                 |                    |                                 |

**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**

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

|                                                                                                        |          |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| <b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end ..... | <b>4</b> | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....    | <b>5</b> | <b>6895339</b> |

**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 ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year .....**7b****c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....**7c(1)**

(2) Dividends and credits .....

**7c(2)**

(3) Interest credited during the year .....

**7c(3)**

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

**7c(4)**

(5) Other (specify below) .....

**7c(5)**

▶

(6) Total additions.....

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

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

**7e(1)**

(2) Administration charge made by carrier .....

**7e(2)**

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

**7e(3)**

(4) Other (specify below) .....

**7e(4)**

▶

(5) Total deductions.....

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

**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:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div>SCHEDULE A<br/>(Form 5500)<br/><div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div><div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div><div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div></div> | <div>Insurance Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> <div>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

|                                                                                            |                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023 |                                                      |
| A Name of plan<br>401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN                                           | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.       | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>94-2740498 |

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier  
STANDARD 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     |
| 93-0242990 | 69019         | 811971                                | 1427                                                                        | 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 |
| 0                                    | 0                             |

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

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

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

(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

---

| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
|                                                      |                                 |                    |                                 |

---

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

---

| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
|                                                      |                                 |                    |                                 |

---

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

---

| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
|                                                      |                                 |                    |                                 |

---

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

---

| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
|                                                      |                                 |                    |                                 |

---

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

---

| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
|                                                      |                                 |                    |                                 |

**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**

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

|                                                                                                        |          |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| <b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end ..... | <b>4</b> | 3962503 |
| <b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....    | <b>5</b> | 0       |

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier .....**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. ....**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 ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year .....**7b**

6866570

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

389459

(2) Dividends and credits .....

**7c(2)**

(3) Interest credited during the year .....

**7c(3)**

137784

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

**7c(4)**

(5) Other (specify below) .....

**7c(5)**

111172

▶ ROLLOVER/FORF

(6) Total additions.....

**7c(6)**

638415

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

7504985

**e** Deductions:

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

**7e(1)**

623481

(2) Administration charge made by carrier .....

**7e(2)**

10784

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

**7e(3)**

2881500

(4) Other (specify below) .....

**7e(4)**

26717

▶ MISC

(5) Total deductions.....

**7e(5)**

3542482

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

3962503

**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:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 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<br>401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN                                           | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 001 |
|                                                                                            |                                                      |     |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.       | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>94-2740498 |     |

|        |                                                 |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Part I | Service Provider Information (see instructions) |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------|

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

|                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |
| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY                                                                           |
| 42-0127290                                                                                                 |

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

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

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

---

---

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

---

---

---

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

---

---

---

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

---

---

---

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

---

---

---

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

---

---

---

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

---

---

---

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

---

---

---

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

---

**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)

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13 50 64               | CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR                                                                            | 101272                                                                 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                            | 0                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

HAYS FINANCIAL GROUP

41-1931920

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 27 50                  | INVESTMENT ADVISORY                                                                               | 49975                                                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

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

FORVIS, LLP

44-0160260

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10 50                  | ACCOUNTANT                                                                                        | 14879                                                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

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

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

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

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

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
|                    |                     |

Explanation:

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
|                    |                     |

Explanation:

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
|                    |                     |

Explanation:

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
|                    |                     |

Explanation:

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
|                    |                     |

Explanation:

|                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div>SCHEDULE D</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> | <div>DFE/Participating Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

|                                                                                             |                                                      |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023  |                                                      |     |
| A Name of plan<br>401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN                                            | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 001 |
|                                                                                             |                                                      |     |
| C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC. | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>94-2740498 |     |

|                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Part I                                                                      | Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)<br>(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |                                                                                                      |  |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LARGE CAP GROWTH I SA-Z        |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| c EIN-PN 42-0127290-066                                                     | d Entity code P                                                                                                                                                           | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0       |  |
|                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN BLUE CHIP SA-Z                 |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| c EIN-PN 42-0127290-133                                                     | d Entity code P                                                                                                                                                           | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6895339 |  |
|                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN/BR S&P 500 INDEX CIT N         |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY                |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| c EIN-PN 94-3224211-001                                                     | d Entity code C                                                                                                                                                           | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9518433 |  |
|                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                     |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                  |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| c EIN-PN                                                                    | d Entity code                                                                                                                                                             | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)         |  |
|                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                     |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                  |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| c EIN-PN                                                                    | d Entity code                                                                                                                                                             | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)         |  |
|                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                     |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                  |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| c EIN-PN                                                                    | d Entity code                                                                                                                                                             | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)         |  |
|                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                     |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                  |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |  |
| c EIN-PN                                                                    | d Entity code                                                                                                                                                             | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)         |  |

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

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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <div>SCHEDULE H</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Financial Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | 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<br>401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN                                           | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.       | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>94-2740498 |     |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Part I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Asset and Liability Statement |                       |                 |
| 1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions. |                               |                       |                 |
| Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1a                            |                       |                 |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                       |                 |
| (1) Employer contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1b(1)                         | 608250                | 1031137         |
| (2) Participant contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1b(2)                         |                       | 2295            |
| (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)                         |                       |                 |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1c(9)                         | 9918334               | 9518433         |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1c(10)                        | 5976683               | 6895339         |
| (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)                        | 39712723              | 54550776        |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1c(14)                        | 6866570               | 3962503         |
| (15) Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1c(15)                        |                       |                 |

|                                                                           |              |                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                                   |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
| (1) Employer securities .....                                             | <b>1d(1)</b> |                       |                 |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                          | <b>1d(2)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....        | <b>1e</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....      | <b>1f</b>    | 63082560              | 75960483        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                                        |              |                       |                 |
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | <b>1i</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities .....                                          | <b>1j</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                                                         |              |                       |                 |
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....                 | <b>1l</b>    | 63082560              | 75960483        |

**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.

|                                                                                                            |                 |            |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>Income</b>                                                                                              |                 | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
| <b>a Contributions:</b>                                                                                    |                 |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers .....                                               | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 2939554    |           |
| (B) Participants .....                                                                                     | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 5409871    |           |
| (C) Others (including rollovers) .....                                                                     | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> | 190898     |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....                                                                            | <b>2a(2)</b>    |            |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            | 8540323   |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>                                                                          |                 |            |           |
| (1) Interest:                                                                                              |                 |            |           |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....              | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) U.S. Government securities .....                                                                       | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> |            |           |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments .....                                                                       | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                               | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> |            |           |
| (E) Participant loans .....                                                                                | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> |            |           |
| (F) Other .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> | 137784     |           |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                                     | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            | 137784    |
| (2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock .....                                                                   | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) Common stock .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> |            |           |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                                         | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> | 1417540    |           |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                         | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            | 1417540   |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            |           |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds .....                                        | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                                     | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> |            |           |
| (C) Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....                         | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            |           |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate .....                                | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) Other .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> |            |           |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....                | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |            |           |

|                                                                                                 |        | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....                               | 2b(6)  |            | 2201951   |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....                               | 2b(7)  |            | 2140242   |
| (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) |            | 4319307   |
| c Other income .....                                                                            | 2c     |            | 46096     |
| d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....               | 2d     |            | 18803243  |

**Expenses**

|                                                                                      |        |         |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |        |         |         |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....      | 2e(1)  | 5759115 |         |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....                         | 2e(2)  |         |         |
| (3) Other .....                                                                      | 2e(3)  | 79      |         |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....                        | 2e(4)  |         | 5759194 |
| 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)  | 101272  |         |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees.....                                                          | 2i(3)  |         |         |
| (4) IQPA audit fees.....                                                             | 2i(4)  | 14879   |         |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                         | 2i(5)  | 49975   |         |
| (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) |         | 166126  |
| j Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | 2j     |         | 5925320 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|                                                          |       |  |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|----------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d ..... | 2k    |  | 12877923 |
| 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: **FORVIS MAZARS, LLP**

(2) EIN: **44-0160260**

**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 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>a</b> 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.) .....                 |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) ..... |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) .....                                                                                                                             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) .....                                                                                                                  |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | 500000 |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....                                                                                                                                       |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....                                                                                                                             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) .....                                                                                                                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |        |
| <b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) .....                                                                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....                                                                                                                                              |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. ....                                                                                                                         |                                     |                                     |        |

**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.)

| <b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s) | <b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s) | <b>5b(3)</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div>SCHEDULE R<br/>(Form 5500)<br/><br/>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service<br/><br/>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br/><br/>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>                                                                                                                            | <div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div> |
| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| A Name of plan<br>401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                                                            |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>94-2740498                                            |
| Part I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Distributions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                 |
| All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 0                                                                                             |
| 2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):<br><br>EIN(s): 42-0127290                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3                                                                                               |
| Part II                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                 |
| 4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Part III                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Amendments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |
| 9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. .... <input type="checkbox"/> Increase <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> No         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Part IV                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |
| 10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| 12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Schedule R (Form 5500) 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): \_\_\_\_\_

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |            |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>14</b> Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:                                                                                                             |            |  |
| <b>a</b> The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) ..... | <b>14a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) .....                                                                                                 | <b>14b</b> |  |
| <b>c</b> The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) .....                                                                                                                            | <b>14c</b> |  |

|                                                                                                                                                                                        |            |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>15</b> Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to: |            |  |
| <b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....                                                                                  | <b>15a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....                                                                                                             | <b>15b</b> |  |

|                                                                                                                                                                        |            |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>16</b> Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:                                                         |            |  |
| <b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....                                                                               | <b>16a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers ..... | <b>16b</b> |  |

**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..... ☐

|                |                                                                                                   |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Part VI</b> | <b>Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans</b> |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**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. \_\_\_\_\_

|                 |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Part VII</b> | <b>IRS Compliance Questions</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|

**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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702477A.

|                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SCHEDULE MEP<br/>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration | <b>MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER RETIREMENT<br/>PLAN INFORMATION</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the<br>Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and<br>Section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code)<br><br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2023</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public<br/>Inspection</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

|                                                                                                                |                                                  |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023                     |                                                  |     |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br>401(K) AND PROFIT SHARING PLAN                                                        | <b>B</b> Three-digit<br>Plan number (PN) ..... ▶ | 001 |
|                                                                                                                |                                                  |     |
| <b>C</b> Plan administrator's name as shown on line 3a of Form 5500/Form 5500-SF<br>EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC. | <b>D</b> Administrator's EIN<br>94-2740498       |     |

|               |                                                                                                   |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Type of Multiple-Employer Pension Plan.</b> All multiple-employer pension plans must complete. |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**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) EMPIRICAL TECH. INC. HEIN HOG MKTS (Complete Part II)

|                |                                            |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Part II</b> | <b>Participating Employer Information.</b> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|

**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).**

|                                                                       |                             |                                                                           |                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2a</b> Name of Participating Employer<br>EMPIRICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC | <b>2b</b> EIN<br>94-2740498 | <b>2c</b> Percentage of Total<br>Contributions for the Plan Year<br>91.63 | <b>2d</b> Aggregate Account Balances Attributable<br>to Participating Employer<br>69005419 |
| <b>2a</b> Name of Participating Employer<br>HEINOLD HOG MARKETS, LLC  | <b>2b</b> EIN<br>47-2298724 | <b>2c</b> Percentage of Total Contributions<br>for the Plan Year<br>8.37  | <b>2d</b> Aggregate Account Balances Attributable<br>to Participating Employer<br>5921632  |

**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.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                  |           |                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2e</b> Does the plan include any individuals not participating through an employer or who are individual working owners?                                                                      | <b>2e</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>2f</b> 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. | <b>2f</b> |                                                                     |
| <b>2g</b> If you answer "Yes" in Line 2e, enter the aggregate account balances for all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a.                                                          | <b>2g</b> |                                                                     |

**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 .....



# **401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan**

**EIN: 94-2740498 PN 001**

**Independent Auditor's Report, Financial Statements,  
and Supplemental Schedule**

December 31, 2023 and 2022



**401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan**  
**Contents**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

---

|                                                                      |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| <b>Independent Auditor's Report</b> .....                            | 1  |
| <b>Financial Statements</b>                                          |    |
| Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.....                 | 4  |
| Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits .....     | 5  |
| Notes to Financial Statements .....                                  | 6  |
| <b>Supplemental Schedule</b>                                         |    |
| Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) ..... | 13 |

## Independent Auditor's Report

Plan Administrator  
401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan  
Dakota Dunes, South Dakota

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of 401(k) and Profit Sharing 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 statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of 401(k) and Profit Sharing 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 a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### ***Opinion***

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

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

### ***Basis for Opinion***

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 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. 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 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that these 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 401(k) and Profit Sharing 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 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

### ***Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA***

The supplemental schedule listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is 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 its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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

**Forvis Mazars, LLP**

Lincoln, Nebraska  
September 30, 2024

Federal Employer Identification Number: 44-0160260

**401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan**  
**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

|                                          | <b>2023</b>                 | <b>2022</b>                 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                             |                             |
| <b>Investments</b>                       |                             |                             |
| At fair value                            | \$ 70,964,548               | \$ 55,607,740               |
| At contract value                        | <u>3,962,503</u>            | <u>6,866,570</u>            |
| <b>Total Investments</b>                 | <u>74,927,051</u>           | <u>62,474,310</u>           |
| <b>Receivables</b>                       |                             |                             |
| Employer contribution                    | 1,031,137                   | 608,250                     |
| Participant contributions                | <u>2,295</u>                | <u>-</u>                    |
| <b>Total Receivables</b>                 | <u>1,033,432</u>            | <u>608,250</u>              |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                      | <u>75,960,483</u>           | <u>63,082,560</u>           |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                       | <u>-</u>                    | <u>-</u>                    |
| <b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b> | <u><u>\$ 75,960,483</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 63,082,560</u></u> |

**401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan**  
**Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

|                                                              | <b>2023</b>                 | <b>2022</b>                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Investment Income (Loss)</b>                              |                             |                             |
| Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments | \$ 8,799,284                | \$ (11,617,019)             |
| Interest and dividends                                       | 1,463,636                   | 1,033,461                   |
|                                                              | <u>10,262,920</u>           | <u>(10,583,558)</u>         |
| <b>Contributions</b>                                         |                             |                             |
| Employer                                                     | 2,939,554                   | 2,240,744                   |
| Participants                                                 | 5,409,871                   | 4,857,457                   |
| Rollovers                                                    | 190,898                     | 587,273                     |
|                                                              | <u>8,540,323</u>            | <u>7,685,474</u>            |
| <b>Total Additions (Deductions)</b>                          | <u>18,803,243</u>           | <u>(2,898,084)</u>          |
| <b>Deductions</b>                                            |                             |                             |
| Benefits paid to participants                                | 5,759,194                   | 4,202,979                   |
| Administrative expenses                                      | 166,126                     | 160,837                     |
|                                                              | <u>5,925,320</u>            | <u>4,363,816</u>            |
| <b>Total Deductions</b>                                      | <u>5,925,320</u>            | <u>4,363,816</u>            |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>                               | 12,877,923                  | (7,261,900)                 |
| <b>Net Assets Available for Benefits, Beginning of Year</b>  | <u>63,082,560</u>           | <u>70,344,460</u>           |
| <b>Net Assets Available for Benefits, End of Year</b>        | <u><u>\$ 75,960,483</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 63,082,560</u></u> |

## **Note 1. Description of the Plan**

### ***General***

The following description of 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by empirical technology, inc., (the Company) for the benefit of its employees who are immediately eligible upon date of hire. Related employers who also participate in the Plan include empirical foods, inc., empirical innovations, inc., Two Rivers Transportation, LLC, and Heinold Hog Markets, LLC. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA). Principal Trust Company (Principal) is the trustee and custodian of the Plan.

### ***Contributions***

The Plan permits eligible employees through a salary deferral election to make annual contributions of up to 100% of eligible compensation. Employee rollover contributions are also permitted. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Company makes discretionary matching contributions of 50% of employees' salary deferral amounts up to 6% of employees' compensation. Company profit-sharing contributions are discretionary as determined by the Company's Board of Directors. The discretionary profit-sharing contribution totaled \$1,057,349 and \$682,024 in 2023 and 2022, respectively. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

### ***Participant Investment Account Options***

Each participant has the option of directing their contributions into any of the various investment options offered by the Plan and may change the allocation daily.

The Plan document also includes an automatic deferral feature whereby a participant is treated as electing to defer 6% of eligible compensation in 2023 and 4% of eligible compensation in 2022 unless the participant made an affirmative election otherwise. The automatic deferral feature also provides for an annual increase in the percentage deferred and is ultimately capped at 10%.

### ***Participant Accounts***

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's or its affiliated companies' contributions and plan earnings and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on either participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefits to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

### ***Vesting***

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contributions portion of their accounts plus earnings thereon is based on years of service, as defined. A participant is fully vested in both profit-sharing contributions and matching contributions after 5 years of service, as defined. The nonvested balance is forfeited upon termination of service and distribution of funds.

### ***Payment of Benefits***

Upon termination of service, an employee may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of his or her account or monthly, quarterly, or annual installments over a period of not more than the assumed life expectancy of the employee or beneficiary. The Plan also allows in-service distributions to any active participant once they attain an age of 65. Vested account balances are immediately distributable after severance.

### ***Forfeited Accounts***

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$109,474 and \$138,852, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions. Also, employer contributions were reduced by approximately \$100,000 and \$142,000 from forfeited non-vested accounts in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

## **Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### ***Basis of Accounting***

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

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

### ***Use of Estimates***

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

### ***Investment Valuation and Income Recognition***

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Quoted market prices, if available, are used to value investments. Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the plan at year-end.

The Plan's interest in the collective trust is valued based on information reported by the investment advisory using the audited financial statements of the collective trust at year end.

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

### ***Payment of Benefits***

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

### ***Administrative Expenses***

Administrative expenses may be paid by the Company or the Plan, at the Company's discretion.

### **Note 3. Certification of Plan Custodian**

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 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. Accordingly, Principal, the trustee of the Plan, has certified the following investment information included in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

- Investments as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits and related disclosures as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- Investment income as shown in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- Investment information included in the accompanying schedule of assets (held at year-end) as of December 31, 2023.

The Plan's independent auditor did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this certified investment information, except for comparing such certified investment information to the related investment information included in the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule.

### **Note 4. Related-Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions**

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50 percent or more of such an employer or employee association, or relatives of such persons.

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Principal. Principal is the trustee and custodian as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan Sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

The Plan incurred \$101,272 and \$89,734 of recordkeeping fees to Principal during 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Company provides certain administrative services at no cost to the Plan. The Plan also incurred \$50,000 of investment advisory fees to Hays Investment Group during both 2023 and 2022.

### **Note 5. Disclosures About Fair Value of Plan Assets and Liabilities**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

**Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

**Level 2** 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 for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities

**401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

**Level 3** Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

***Recurring Measurements***

The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

|                                            |                      | Fair Value Measurements Using                                                 |                                                           |                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                      | Quoted Prices<br>in Active<br>Markets for<br>Identical<br>Assets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) |
| 2023                                       | Fair<br>Value        |                                                                               |                                                           |                                                    |
| Mutual funds                               |                      |                                                                               |                                                           |                                                    |
| Intermediate Bond Mutual Funds             | \$ 2,384,673         | \$ 2,384,673                                                                  | \$ -                                                      | \$ -                                               |
| High Yield Bond Mutual Funds               | 14,919,604           | 14,919,604                                                                    | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Large Value Mutual Funds                   | 12,656,957           | 12,656,957                                                                    | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Large Growth Mutual Funds                  | 6,895,339            | 6,895,339                                                                     | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Small Value Mutual Funds                   | 2,446,641            | 2,446,641                                                                     | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Small Growth Mutual Funds                  | 2,442,026            | 2,442,026                                                                     | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Foreign Small Cap Mutual Funds             | 4,959,040            | 4,959,040                                                                     | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Foreign Large Blend Funds                  | 8,967,857            | 8,967,857                                                                     | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Foreign Emerging Markets Mutual Funds      | 5,773,978            | 5,773,978                                                                     | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Total assets in the fair value hierarchy   | 61,446,115           | <u>\$ 61,446,115</u>                                                          |                                                           |                                                    |
| Investment measured at net asset value (A) |                      |                                                                               |                                                           |                                                    |
| Common collective trust fund               | 9,518,433            |                                                                               |                                                           |                                                    |
|                                            | <u>\$ 70,964,548</u> |                                                                               |                                                           |                                                    |
| 2022                                       |                      |                                                                               |                                                           |                                                    |
| Mutual funds                               |                      |                                                                               |                                                           |                                                    |
| High Yield Bond Mutual Funds               | \$ 5,024,987         | \$ 5,024,987                                                                  | \$ -                                                      | \$ -                                               |
| Large Value Mutual Funds                   | 11,415,200           | 11,415,200                                                                    | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Large Growth Mutual Funds                  | 5,976,683            | 5,976,683                                                                     | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Small Value Mutual Funds                   | 2,682,719            | 2,682,719                                                                     | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Small Growth Mutual Funds                  | 1,792,984            | 1,792,984                                                                     | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Foreign Small Cap Mutual Funds             | 4,633,999            | 4,633,999                                                                     | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Foreign Large Blend Funds                  | 8,883,211            | 8,883,211                                                                     | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Foreign Emerging Markets Mutual Funds      | 5,279,623            | 5,279,623                                                                     | -                                                         | -                                                  |
| Total assets in the fair value hierarchy   | 45,689,406           | <u>\$ 45,689,406</u>                                                          |                                                           |                                                    |
| Investment measured at net asset value (A) |                      |                                                                               |                                                           |                                                    |
| Common collective trust fund               | 9,918,334            |                                                                               |                                                           |                                                    |
|                                            | <u>\$ 55,607,740</u> |                                                                               |                                                           |                                                    |

**401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

(A) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, the common collective trust funds measured at net asset value per share have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line item presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. The Plan had no liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. In addition, the Plan had no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

***Investments***

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. The Plan did not hold any Level 2 or Level 3 securities.

***Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient***

The following table summarizes the common collective trust funds for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. There are no participant redemption restrictions for the common collective trust fund; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

|                               | <b>Fair Value</b> | <b>Unfunded Commitments</b> | <b>Redemption Frequency</b> | <b>Redemption Notice Period</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>December 31, 2023</b>      |                   |                             |                             |                                 |
| Common collective trust funds | \$ 9,518,433      | \$ -                        | Daily                       | 0-12 months                     |
| <b>December 31, 2022</b>      |                   |                             |                             |                                 |
| Common collective trust fund  | \$ 9,918,334      | \$ -                        | Daily                       | 0-12 months                     |

**Note 6. Investment Contract with Insurance Company**

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

The guaranteed investment contract is fully benefit responsive; therefore, contract value is the relevant measurement. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Standard Insurance Company, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

There are no reserves against the contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

**401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

---

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan Documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan Administrator does not believe the occurrence of any such value event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants, is probable.

The guaranteed investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

## **Note 7. Plan Amendment**

Effective February 1, 2023, the Plan amended several provisions for employees of empirical technology, inc., empirical foods, inc., empirical innovations, inc., and Two Rivers Transportation, LLC. The auto-enrollment date was increased to 90 days of employment, up from 30 days of employment. Eligibility was moved to the date of hire for elective deferrals and matching contributions, down from 90 days of employment. Finally, the threshold to remain in the Plan upon termination was reduced from \$5,000 to a vested balance of \$1,000.

Effective August 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to increase the initial auto-enrollment deferral percentage from 4% to 6%.

Effective July 1, 2022, the Plan was amended and restated to formally incorporate all prior amendments. Additionally, the Plan was amended to comply with all provisions of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.

Effective January 1, 2022, the vesting schedule for all employer contributions was made the same (0% for less than two years of service; 25% at two years of service; 50% at three years of service, 75% at four years of service; and 100% at five years of service). Previously, the employer matching contribution was fully vested at six years of service.

## **Note 8. Plan Termination**

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

## **Note 9. Tax Status**

The Plan operates under a nonstandard adoption agreement sponsored by Principal. This plan document has been filed with the appropriate agency. The plan administrator believes the Plan and related trust are currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **Note 10. Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

## **Note 11. Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through September 30, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective February 29, 2024, the Plan was amended to reflect the spin-off of Heinhold Hog Markets. As a result, \$5,964,920 was transferred out of the Plan and certain receivables were paid directly to the new plan.

Effective June 1, 2024, the Plan was restated, renamed to empirical 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan), and several provisions amended to reflect the move to Fidelity as the trustee and custodian of the Plan. An age requirement of 18 years old was added to participate in the plan. Participants over the normal retirement age of 65 can now take more than one in-service withdrawal during a plan year. One service year for vesting purposes is equivalent to 365 days instead of 1,000 hours. Participants termed prior to January 1, 2022 with funds still in the Plan were moved from a 6-year vesting schedule to a 5-year vesting schedule. The Plan now allows for Roth in-plan conversions. All other prior amendments were formally incorporated.

## ***Supplemental Schedule***

**401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan****EIN: 94-2740498 PN 001****Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)****December 31, 2023**

| <b>Identity of Issuer</b>                              | <b>Description of Investment</b> | <b>Current Value</b>        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| American Beacon Small Cap Value Fund R6                | Mutual Funds                     | \$ 2,446,641                |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Institutional Fund                | Mutual Funds                     | 2,384,673                   |
| Columbia Dividend Income Fund I3                       | Mutual Funds                     | 12,656,957                  |
| Columbia Total Return Bond Fund I3                     | Mutual Funds                     | 5,283,491                   |
| Conestoga Small Cap Institutional Fund                 | Mutual Funds                     | 2,442,026                   |
| Fidelity International Index                           | Mutual Funds                     | 8,967,857                   |
| MFS International New Discovery Fund R3                | Mutual Funds                     | 4,959,040                   |
| Pimco Income Fund                                      | Mutual Funds                     | 9,636,113                   |
| *Principal Global Investors Blue Chip Separate Account | Mutual Funds                     | 6,895,339                   |
| VanEck Emerging Markets Fund Class Z                   | Mutual Funds                     | <u>5,773,978</u>            |
|                                                        |                                  | 61,446,115                  |
| Standard Insurance Company Stable Asset Fund II        | Guaranteed Investment Contract   | 3,962,503                   |
| *Principal Blackrock S&P 500 Index CIT<br>Class N      | Common Collective Trust          | <u>9,518,433</u>            |
|                                                        |                                  | <u><u>\$ 74,927,051</u></u> |

\*Party-in-interest

# Forvis Mazars Report to the Investment Committee and Management

401(K) and Profit Sharing Plan  
Results of the 2023 Financial Statement Audit, Including Required Communications  
December 31, 2023

## Required Communications Regarding Our Audit Strategy & Approach (AU-C 260)

### Overview & Responsibilities

| Matter                                          | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Section 103(a)(3)(C) – 29 CFR 2520.103-8</b> | <p>Management has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with the <i>Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974</i> (ERISA) Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.</p> <p>An audit performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) does 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, a qualified institution, that prepared and certified the investment information in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.</p> <p>Management has determined that an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances. Management has also determined that the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described by 29 CFR 2520.103-8, that the certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5, and that the certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.</p> |
| <b>Purpose</b>                                  | <p>The purpose of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is to express an opinion on whether the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP and that the assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the certified investment information.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Scope of Our Audit</b>                       | <p>This report covers audit results related to your financial statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As of and for the year ended December 31, 2023.</li><li>• Conducted in accordance with our contract dated July 1, 2024.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

| Matter                                                                | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Our Responsibilities</b>                                           | Forvis Mazars is responsible for forming and expressing an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Audit Scope &amp; Inherent Limitations to Reasonable Assurance</b> | An audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) is designed to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about the financial statements. The scope of our audit tests was established in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole and did not include a detailed audit of all transactions.                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Extent of Our Communication</b>                                    | In addition to areas of interest and noting prior communications made during other phases of the engagement, this report includes communications required in accordance with GAAS that are relevant to the responsibilities of those charged with governance in overseeing the financial reporting process, including audit approach, results, and internal control. The standards do not require the auditor to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to be communicated with those charged with governance. |
| <b>Independence</b>                                                   | The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm, have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Your Responsibilities</b>                                          | Our audit does not relieve management or those charged with governance of your responsibilities. Your responsibilities and ours are further referenced in our contract.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Distribution Restriction</b>                                       | This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the following and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan Administrator, and Management</li> <li>• Others within the Plan</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

## Other Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

The Plan's audited financial statements are included in the Form 5500, *Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan*, filed with the Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration. As part of our procedures, we read the draft Form 5500 that is substantially complete to determine if financial information discussed in sections outside the financial statements materially contradicts the audited financial statements. If we identify any such matters, we bring them to management's attention and review subsequent revisions.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

## Qualitative Aspects of Significant Accounting Policies & Practices

### Significant Accounting Policies

Significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 of the audited financial statements.

With respect to new accounting standards adopted during the year, we call to your attention the following topics detailed in the following pages:

- No matters are reportable

## Unusual Policies or Methods

With respect to significant unusual accounting policies or accounting methods used for significant unusual transactions (significant transactions outside the normal course of business or that otherwise appear to be unusual due to their timing, size, or nature), we noted the following:

- No matters are reportable

## Alternative Accounting Treatments

We had discussions with management regarding alternative accounting treatments within GAAP for policies and practices for material items, including recognition, measurement, and disclosure considerations related to the accounting for specific transactions as well as general accounting policies, as follows:

- No matters are reportable

## Management Judgments & Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of financial statement preparation by management, based on its judgments. Significant areas of such estimates for which we are prepared to discuss management's estimation process and our procedures for testing the reasonableness of those estimates include:

- No matters are reportable

## Financial Statement Disclosures

The following areas involve particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures for which we are prepared to discuss the issues involved and related judgments made in formulating those disclosures:

- Determination of fair values
- Plan amendments
- Parties-in-interest transactions
- Subsequent events

## Our Judgment About the Quality of the Plan's Accounting Principles

During the course of the audit, we made the following observations regarding the Plan's application of accounting principles:

- No matters are reportable

## Adjustments Identified by Audit

During the course of any audit, an auditor may propose adjustments to financial statement amounts. Management evaluates our proposals and records those adjustments that, in its judgment, are required to prevent the financial statements from being materially misstated.

A misstatement is a difference between the amount, classification, presentation, or disclosure of a reported financial statement item and that which is required for the item to be presented fairly in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

## Proposed & Recorded Adjustments

Auditor-proposed and management-recorded entries include the following:

- To record employer and employee receivables
- To match expenses and other income to the 5500

## Uncorrected Misstatements

### *Current-Period Uncorrected Misstatements*

- No uncorrected misstatements

## Other Required Communications

### Other Material Communications

Listed below are other material communications between management and us related to the audit:

- Management representation letter (see Attachments)

## Attachments

### Management Representation Letter (Appendix A)

As a material communication with management, included herein is a copy of the representation letter provided by management at the conclusion of our engagement.

Representation of:  
401(K) and Profit Sharing Plan  
891 Two Rivers Drive  
Dakota Dunes South Dakota 57049

*Provided to:*  
**Forvis Mazars, LLP**  
Certified Public Accountants  
1248 O Street, Suite 1040  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

The undersigned ("We") are providing this letter in connection with Forvis Mazars' audits of the financial statements of 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 and supplemental schedule as of December 31, 2023.

Our representations are current and effective as of the date of Forvis Mazars' report: September 30, 2024.

Our engagement with Forvis Mazars is based on our contract for services dated: July 1, 2024.

### **Our Responsibility & Consideration of Material Matters**

We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements subject to Forvis Mazars' report in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the fair presentation of the accompanying supplemental schedule in conformity with the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations under the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA).

We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies; establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, operations, and compliance; and preventing and detecting fraud.

We 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We acknowledge that the audits did 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, a qualified institution, that prepared and certified the investment information in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We have determined that an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances. We have also determined that the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described by 29 CFR 2520.103-8, that the certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5 and, that the certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The purpose of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is to express an opinion on whether the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that the assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agree to, are derived from, in all material respects, the certified investment information.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

401(K) and Profit Sharing Plan  
Page 2

**Confirmation of Matters Specific to the Subject Matter of Forvis Mazars' Report**

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following:

***Broad Matters***

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of our contract, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and note disclosures in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
2. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of:
  - a. Internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
  - b. Internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
3. We have provided you with:
  - a. Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as financial records and related data, documentation, and other matters.
  - b. The most current Plan instrument for the audit period, including all Plan amendments.
  - c. A draft of the Form 5500 that is substantially complete.
  - d. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - e. Unrestricted access to persons within the Plan from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - f. All minutes of the Investment Committee meetings held through the date of this letter or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
  - g. All significant contracts.
4. We acknowledge the Plan does not meet the definition of a "public entity" under generally accepted accounting principles.
5. We have responded fully and truthfully to all your inquiries.

***Plan Design & Operations***

6. We acknowledge our responsibility for administering the Plan and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the ERISA plan 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.
7. The Plan is qualified under the appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code, and we intend to continue them as a qualified Plan and trust. We do not have any intention at present to terminate the Plan. Required nondiscrimination testing under the appropriate Code Sections has been completed for the Plan, and any excess contributions have been disposed of in accordance with regulations.
8. The adoption date of the most recent plan amendment was June 30, 2024 as provided to you.

401(K) and Profit Sharing Plan  
Page 3

9. The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, we believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, we believe that the Plan was qualified, and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.
10. The Plan has complied with the fidelity bonding requirements of ERISA.
11. The Plan has made no investments during the year that violate the terms of the Plan or Trust Agreement.
12. We have reviewed the reports of all transactions processed by third-party services, and, based on our review, we believe the transactions shown in the reports are valid and in accordance with our instructions to the third-party processor. We also have had no communications from any of the Plan's service organizations regarding any fraud, noncompliance with laws and regulations, or uncorrected misstatements.
13. We have complied with the DOL's regulations concerning the timely remittance of participant contributions and loan repayments.
14. As applicable, we have complied with the DOL's regulations concerning the services provider fee disclosures in accordance with Section 408(b)(2).
15. We understand the values of the assets and liabilities recorded in the financial statements could change rapidly, resulting in material future adjustments to investment values that could negatively impact the Plan. We acknowledge that you have no responsibility for future changes caused by the current economic environment and the resulting impact on the Plan's financial statements. Further, the Plan Sponsor is solely responsible for all aspects of managing the Plan, including questioning the quality and valuation of investments.

***Misappropriation, Misstatements, & Fraud***

16. We have informed you of all current risks of a material amount that are not adequately prevented or detected by our procedures with respect to:
  - a. Misappropriation of assets.
  - b. Misrepresented or misstated assets or liabilities.
17. We have no knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan involving:
  - a. Management or employees who have significant roles in internal control over financial reporting, or
  - b. Others when the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
18. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan received in communications from participants, former participants, regulators, third-party servicers or others.
19. We have assessed the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud and disclosed to you any such risk identified.

401(K) and Profit Sharing Plan  
Page 4

***Related Parties & Parties-in-Interest***

20. We have disclosed to you the identity of all of the Plan's related parties and parties-in-interest and all the related-party and party-in-interest relationships of which we are aware.

In addition, we have disclosed to you all related-party transactions and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties of which we are aware, including any modifications during the year that were made to related-party transaction agreements which existed prior to the beginning of the year under audit, as well as new related-party transaction agreements that were executed during the year under audit.

Related-party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

21. We understand that the term related-party refers to:

- Affiliates.
- Entities for which investments are accounted for by the equity method.
- Trusts for the benefits of employees, such as pension and profit-sharing trusts that are managed by or under the trusteeship of management.
- Principal owners and members of their immediate families.
- Management and members of their immediate families.
- Any other party with which the entity may deal if one party can significantly influence the management or operating policies of the other to an extent that one of the transacting parties might be prevented from fully pursuing its own separate interests.

Another party is also a related party if it can significantly influence the management or operating policies of the transacting parties or if it has an ownership interest in one of the transacting parties and can significantly influence the other to an extent that one or more of the transacting parties might be prevented from fully pursuing its own separate interests.

The term affiliate refers to a party that directly or indirectly controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Plan.

***Litigation, Laws, Rulings & Regulations***

22. Neither the Plan nor the Plan Sponsor are aware of any pending or threatened litigation or claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements. Neither the Plan nor the Plan Sponsor have sought or received attorney's services related to pending or threatened litigation or claims during or subsequent to the audit period. Also, we are not aware of any litigation or claims, pending or threatened, for which legal counsel should be sought.
23. We have no knowledge of communications, other than those specifically disclosed, from regulatory agencies, governmental representatives, employees, or others concerning investigations or allegations of noncompliance with laws and regulations, deficiencies in financial reporting practices, or other matters that could have a material adverse effect on the financial statements.

401(K) and Profit Sharing Plan  
Page 5

24. We have disclosed to you all known instances of violations or noncompliance or possible violations or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.
25. We have apprised you of all communications, written or oral, with regulatory agencies concerning the operation of the Plan.

**Nonattest Services**

26. You have provided nonattest services, including the following, during the period of this engagement:
  - Preparing a draft of the financial statements and related notes and supplementary information.
27. With respect to these services:
  - a. We have designated a qualified management-level individual to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the nonattest services.
  - b. We have established and monitored the performance of the nonattest services to ensure they meet our objectives.
  - c. We have made any and all decisions involving management functions with respect to the nonattest services and accept full responsibility for such decisions.
  - d. We have evaluated the adequacy of the services performed and any findings that resulted.
  - e. Established and maintained internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.
  - f. When we receive final deliverables from you we will store those deliverables in information systems controlled by us. We have taken responsibility for maintaining internal control over these deliverables.

**Financial Statements & Reports**

28. We have reviewed and approved a draft of the financial statements and related notes referred to above, which you prepared in connection with your audit of our financial statements. We acknowledge that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements and related notes.
29. With regard to supplementary information:
  - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the fair presentation of the supplementary information, including its form and content in conformity with relevant regulatory requirements or other applicable criteria.
  - b. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information are unchanged from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
  - c. We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and/or presentation of the supplementary information are reasonable and appropriate.
  - d. The supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

401(K) and Profit Sharing Plan  
Page 6

***Transactions, Records, & Adjustments***

- 30. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 31. We have everything we need to keep our books and records.
- 32. We have disclosed any significant unusual transactions the Plan has entered into during the period, including the nature, terms, and business purpose of those transactions.
- 33. We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries you have proposed, and they have been posted to the entity's accounts.
- 34. There are no uncorrected misstatements or omitted disclosures.

***Accounting & Disclosure***

- 35. We are not aware of any side agreements or other arrangements (either written or oral) that are in place.
- 36. Except as reflected in the financial statements, there are no:
  - a. Plans or intentions that may materially affect carrying values of assets and liabilities.
  - b. Material transactions omitted or improperly recorded in the financial records.
  - c. Material unasserted claims or assessments that are probable of assertion or other gain/loss contingencies requiring accrual or disclosure in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 450, *Contingencies*, including those arising from environmental remediation obligations.
  - d. Events occurring subsequent to the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits through the date of this letter, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, requiring adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.
  - e. Reportable transactions as defined in Section 103(b)(3)(H) of ERISA.
- 37. Except as disclosed in the financial statements, the Plan has:
  - a. Satisfactory title to all recorded assets, and those assets are not subject to any liens, pledges, or other encumbrances.
  - b. Complied with all aspects of contractual agreements, for which noncompliance would materially affect the financial statements.

***Receivables***

- 38. Adequate allowances have been accrued for any material losses from uncollectible receivables.

***Estimates***

- 39. We have identified all accounting estimates that could be material to the financial statements, and we confirm the appropriateness of the methods and the consistency in their application, the accuracy and completeness of data, and the reasonableness of significant assumptions used by the Plan in making the accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value reported in the financial statements.

401(K) and Profit Sharing Plan  
Page 7

40. Significant estimates that may be subject to a material change in the near term have been properly disclosed in the financial statements. We understand that “near term” means the period within one year of the date of the financial statements. In addition, we have no knowledge of concentrations, which refer to volumes of loans, investments, or deposits, existing at the date of the financial statements that would make the Plan vulnerable to the risk of severe impact in the near term that have not been properly disclosed in the financial statements.

***Fair Value***

41. With respect to the fair value measurements of financial assets, recognized in the financial statements or disclosed in the notes thereto:
- a. The underlying assumptions are reasonable and they appropriately reflect management’s intent and ability to carry out its stated course of action.
  - b. The measurement methods and significant assumptions used in determining fair value are appropriate in the circumstances for financial statement measurement and disclosure purposes and have been consistently applied.
  - c. The significant assumptions appropriately reflect market participant assumptions.
  - d. The disclosures related to fair values are complete, adequate, and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
  - e. There are no subsequent events that require adjustments to the fair value measurements and disclosures included in the financial statements.

***Investments***

42. Equity securities are properly measured at fair value, or for those investments without readily determinable fair value, the investments are recorded using the net asset value (NAV) per share.

DocuSigned by:

*Jennifer Letch*

519016701104E...

Jennifer Letch, Secretary

jletch@empiricalfoods.com

DocuSigned by:

*Darren Ware*

86320E00A0094E...

Darren Ware, Director of Human Resources

dware@empiricalfoods.com

**401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan****EIN: 94-2740498 PN 001****Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)****December 31, 2023**

| <b>Identity of Issuer</b>                              | <b>Description of Investment</b> | <b>Current Value</b>        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| American Beacon Small Cap Value Fund R6                | Mutual Funds                     | \$ 2,446,641                |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Institutional Fund                | Mutual Funds                     | 2,384,673                   |
| Columbia Dividend Income Fund I3                       | Mutual Funds                     | 12,656,957                  |
| Columbia Total Return Bond Fund I3                     | Mutual Funds                     | 5,283,491                   |
| Conestoga Small Cap Institutional Fund                 | Mutual Funds                     | 2,442,026                   |
| Fidelity International Index                           | Mutual Funds                     | 8,967,857                   |
| MFS International New Discovery Fund R3                | Mutual Funds                     | 4,959,040                   |
| Pimco Income Fund                                      | Mutual Funds                     | 9,636,113                   |
| *Principal Global Investors Blue Chip Separate Account | Mutual Funds                     | 6,895,339                   |
| VanEck Emerging Markets Fund Class Z                   | Mutual Funds                     | <u>5,773,978</u>            |
|                                                        |                                  | 61,446,115                  |
| Standard Insurance Company Stable Asset Fund II        | Guaranteed Investment Contract   | 3,962,503                   |
| *Principal Blackrock S&P 500 Index CIT<br>Class N      | Common Collective Trust          | <u>9,518,433</u>            |
|                                                        |                                  | <u><u>\$ 74,927,051</u></u> |

\*Party-in-interest

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

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

401() P S P

EIN 94 2740498  
 PLAN NUMBER 001  
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

| (A) | (B)<br>Identity of issuer, borrower,<br>lessor or similar party. | (C)<br>Description of investment including maturity date,<br>rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | (D)<br>Cost | (E)<br>Current Value |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
|     | American Beacon Funds                                            | Registered Investment Company<br>Amer Beacon Sm Cp Val R6 Fd                                                      | \$ 0.00     | \$ 2,446,641.18      |
|     | Baird                                                            | Registered Investment Company<br>BAIRD AGGREGATE BOND INST FUND                                                   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 2,384,672.87      |
|     | Columbia Funds                                                   | Registered Investment Company<br>Columbia Div Income Adv Fund                                                     | \$ 0.00     | \$ 12,656,958.37     |
|     | Columbia Funds                                                   | Registered Investment Company<br>Columbia Total Rtrn Bd Adv Fd                                                    | \$ 0.00     | \$ 5,283,490.65      |
|     | Conestoga Capital Advisors                                       | Registered Investment Company<br>Conestoga Small Cap Inv Fund                                                     | \$ 0.00     | \$ 2,442,025.67      |
|     | Fidelity Investments                                             | Registered Investment Company<br>Fidelity International Idx Fd                                                    | \$ 0.00     | \$ 8,967,856.88      |
|     | MFS Investment Management                                        | Registered Investment Company<br>MFS Intl New Discovery R3 Fd                                                     | \$ 0.00     | \$ 4,959,040.02      |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin Blue Chip SA-Z                                                                   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 6,895,339.48      |
|     | SEI TRUST COMPANY                                                | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin/BR S&P 500 Index CIT N                                                            | \$ 0.00     | \$ 9,518,432.96      |
|     | PIMCO Funds                                                      | Registered Investment Company<br>PIMCO Income Institutional Fd                                                    | \$ 0.00     | \$ 9,636,112.73      |
|     | STANDARD                                                         | Insurance Company General<br>STANDARD STABLE ASSET II FUND                                                        | \$ 0.00     | \$ 3,962,502.95      |
|     | Van Eck                                                          | Registered Investment Company<br>Van Eck Emerg Markets Z Fund                                                     | \$ 0.00     | \$ 5,773,977.70      |
|     |                                                                  |                                                                                                                   |             |                      |
|     |                                                                  |                                                                                                                   |             |                      |
|     |                                                                  |                                                                                                                   |             |                      |

