

<div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security 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 1210-0089</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: <div><div>☐ a multiemployer plan</div><div>☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div>☒ a single-employer plan</div><div>☐ a DFE (specify) _____</div><div>☐ the first return/report</div><div>☐ the final return/report</div><div>☐ an amended return/report</div><div>☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div>
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: <div><div>☒ Form 5558</div><div>☐ automatic extension</div><div>☐ the DFVC program</div><div>☐ special extension (enter description)</div></div>
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan THE GARLAND INDUSTRIES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN & TRUST
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1985
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) GARLAND INDUSTRIES, INC 4500 ROCKSIDE ROAD SUITE 400 INDEPENDENCE, OH 44131
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1115246
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 216-641-7500
2d	Business code (see instructions) 339900

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.	10/02/2024	SCOTT SIBITS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/02/2024	SCOTT SIBITS
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 1260
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> 6a(1) 1019 6a(2) 1123 6b 97 6c 144 6d 1364 6e 9 6f 1373 6g(1) 1109 6g(2) 1329 6h 47
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

2O 2Q 2R 3H

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		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 THE GARLAND INDUSTRIES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN & TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GARLAND INDUSTRIES, INC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1115246	

Part I Asset and Liability Statement			
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(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)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	332161	411431
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	1386473974	1692233473
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	1386806135	1692644904
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k		
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	1386806135	1692644904

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	31350000	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		31350000
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	15508	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		15508
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	84545724	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	699634	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		83846090
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	306459441	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		10691
c Other income	2c		63134
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		421744864

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	115906095	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		115906095
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)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(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)		
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		115906095

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		305838769
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: **MEADEN & MOORE LTD**

(2) EIN: **34-1818258**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

<div>SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration 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 THE GARLAND INDUSTRIES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN & TRUST		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GARLAND INDUSTRIES, INC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1115246
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
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 34-1763144		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A		
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____		
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?		☐ Yes ☒ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?		☐ Yes ☒ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)		☐ Yes ☒ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?		☒ Yes ☐ No
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b): a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____% b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20. a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box: ☐ Yes. ☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. Other. Provide explanation: _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☒ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.	

GARLAND INDUSTRIES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Trustee of
Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust
Cleveland, Ohio

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Garland Industries, Inc Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust ("Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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 Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at End of Year as of December 31, 2023, 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 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits 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.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, 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 information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



Meaden & Moore, Ltd.
Cleveland, Ohio

September 19, 2024

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

	December 31	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Segregated Investment Accounts	\$ 411,431	\$ 332,161
Investments at Fair Value	<u>1,692,233,473</u>	<u>1,386,473,974</u>
Total Assets	1,692,644,904	1,386,806,135
LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u><u>\$ 1,692,644,904</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,386,806,135</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

	Year Ended December 31	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:		
Employer cash contributions	\$ 31,350,000	\$ 27,513,383
Other income	63,134	-
Income (Loss) from segregated investment accounts	15,508	(3,993)
Net unrealized/realized appreciation of investments	<u>390,316,222</u>	<u>268,501,357</u>
Total Additions	421,744,864	296,010,747
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	<u>115,906,095</u>	<u>95,236,387</u>
Total Deductions	<u>115,906,095</u>	<u>95,236,387</u>
Net Increase	305,838,769	200,774,360
Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
Beginning of Year	<u>1,386,806,135</u>	<u>1,186,031,775</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 1,692,644,904</u>	<u>\$ 1,386,806,135</u>

See accompanying notes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

1 Description of Plan

The following description of Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General:

The Garland Company established the Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust in 1985. The Employers sponsoring the Plan are: Garland Industries, Inc. (Garland or Company), The Garland Company, Inc., GMX, Inc., Innovative Metals Company, Inc. (Imetco), Garland Energy Systems, Inc., Design-Build Solutions, Inc., Ram Board, Inc., Urethane Polymers International, Inc., Surface Shields, Inc., Garland Surface Protection, Inc. Postle Industries, Inc., V2 Composites, Inc., MFM Building Products Corporation, Trimaco, Inc., Trimaco Key Plus, Inc., BITEC, Inc., National Applied Construction Products, Inc., Seal Bond, Inc., Viking Products Group, A.J. Weller Corporation, Progressive Materials, LLC, Inland Coatings, Inc., No Burn Inc., Tiresocks, Inc., and effective December 12, 2023, MC Products, Inc., Multicoat Products, Inc., Cornell Manufacturing, Inc., ICON Protection, Inc., and Trimaco Staffing, Inc.

The Plan originally operated as a leveraged employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Code) and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The Plan is currently administered by three co-trustees appointed by the Company's Board of Directors. The Plan was restated in 2016 and most recently amended in 2023 for the addition of certain subsidiaries of the Company, as stated above.

Generally, employees of the Company and its subsidiaries are eligible to participate in the Plan after one year of service, providing they worked at least 1,000 hours during such Plan year. Participants who do not have at least 1,000 hours of service during such Plan year or are not employed on the last working day of a Plan year are generally not eligible for an allocation of Company contributions for such year.

The Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to Plan provisions. Upon Plan termination, each participant's interest in the Plan will be distributed to such participant or beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the Code. Upon termination of the Plan, the Trustee will pay all liabilities and expenses of the Plan.

The Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust investments consist of Garland Industries, Inc. voting stock and other mutual fund investments that comprise the segregated investment account.

Contributions:

The Plan is funded by contributions made by the employer, either in cash, shares of Company stock, or in the form of other property. The employer's Board of Directors has discretion as to the amount of contributions to be made, provided that Company contributions must be of sufficient amount for the repayment by the Trust of indebtedness, incurred for the purpose of purchasing Company stock. Employee contributions to the Plan are not permitted.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

1 Description of Plan, Continued

Participant Accounts:

Contributions made by the employer are allocated among the participants according to their relative considered compensation for the plan year. However, if the allocation system based on considered compensation for the plan year would result in discrimination in favor of highly compensated employees, then contributions will be allocated pro rata among participants based on their current annual compensation as reported on their respective W-2s. All investment earnings and/or losses are prorated among and added to (or deducted from) the individual accounts of the participants and beneficiaries.

Voting Rights:

Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights, in accordance with the plan document, attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account and is notified by the Trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. If the Trustee does not receive directions as to how certain allocated shares are to be voted, the Trustee shall vote such shares in such manner as the Trustee deems appropriate.

Diversifications:

Each participant who has attained age fifty-five and completed ten years of participation in the Plan is permitted to diversify not more than 25% of their benefit. A participant who has attained age sixty and completed ten years of participation in the Plan is permitted to diversify not more than 50% (reduced by amounts previously diversified). Participants are given the option to diversify their balance to another retirement plan. Participants are given the option to also distribute the amount to themselves. Diversifications for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, were \$5,665,605 and \$12,362,649, respectively, and are recorded as distributions in the financial statements.

Vesting:

Vesting in the participant's account balance is based on years of service up to the date of termination of employment. A participant vests 20% at two years of service and 20% per year of service thereafter. Effective August 1, 2012, when a Participant reaches the normal retirement age of 57, the Participant's account shall be fully vested and non-forfeitable.

Forfeitures:

The non-vested portion of a terminated participant's account under the Plan shall constitute a forfeiture. Any such forfeiture shall be reallocated to the remaining participants in accordance with the Plan document.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

1 Description of Plan, Continued

Distributions:

No distributions from the Plan will be made until a participant retires, becomes disabled, dies (in which case, payment shall be made to his or her beneficiary or, if none, his or her legal representatives), or otherwise terminates employment with the Company and its participating subsidiaries. Distributions are made in cash.

Distributions to participants with account balances less than \$1,000 will be made by lump sum in the year following the year in which the participant terminates employment.

Distributions to participants with account balances greater than \$1,000 but less than \$500,000 (effective December 2023) or \$250,000 (prior to December 2023) will be made, by lump sum in the year following the year in which the participant terminates employment. If the participant does not consent to the distribution, then the participant's account will be segregated and invested in a separate account that will be invested in qualified default investment account or similar account or in such other investment (other than Company Stock) selected by the participant or beneficiary and approved by the Trustees ("Investment Account").

Distributions to participants with account balances of \$500,000 (effective December 2023) or \$250,000 (prior to December 2023) or more, who terminate employment after the "Normal Retirement Age", 57 years, or on account of death or disability shall be made in five substantially equal annual payments commencing in the Plan year following termination.

Distributions to participants with balances in excess of \$500,000 (effective December 2023) or \$250,000 (prior to December 2023) who do not meet the requirements provided in the preceding paragraph shall be made in five substantially equal annual payments beginning three years after termination, or the first year after reaching the "Normal Retirement Age", whichever occurs sooner.

If a participant's balance exceeds \$1,330,000 (2023) and \$1,230,000 (2022), the five-year distribution period shall be extended one additional year for each \$265,000 (2023) and \$245,000 (2022), or fraction thereof, by which the account balance exceeds \$1,330,000 (2023) and \$1,230,000 (2022). However, the extended distribution period may not exceed eight years. The dollar amounts are adjusted on an annual basis. The Company may also modify distribution adoptions in a non-discriminatory manner as provided in the Internal Revenue Code.

If a participant does not consent to the foregoing distribution schedule, then the Participant's vested interest will be transferred, in accordance with the schedule set forth above, into a segregated account set up for the participant.

A participant may also elect to roll a distribution into an IRA, a Roth IRA, or another qualified plan.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

1 Description of Plan, Continued

Parties-in-Interest:

Garland Industries, Inc. stock is held by the ESOP and is a party-in-interest to the Plan.

The Trust sold 17,654.15 (2023) and 18,119.86 (2022) shares to Garland Industries Inc. at \$4,789 (2023) and \$3,737 (2022) per share. Total sale of shares in dollars is \$84,545,724 (2023) and \$67,713,917 (2022).

In addition, the Plan has arrangements with various service providers and these arrangements qualify as party-in-interest.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting:

The Plan's transactions are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

Valuation of Investments:

Investments are stated at fair value. Marketable securities are reported at fair market value as of the balance sheet date. Fair market values represent quoted market prices or, if quoted market prices are not available, estimated fair values as determined by the Plan's independent appraiser.

Purchases and sales of securities traded on an open exchange are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments purchased and sold and held during the year.

Use of Estimates:

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

Risks and Uncertainties:

The Plan's investments include investments in the Company stock and mutual funds with varying degrees of risk, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Plan Benefits.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Benefit payments:

Distributions are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events:

Management evaluates subsequent events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through September 19, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3 Tax Status

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on January 16, 2018, 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.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken uncertain tax positions that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by applicable taxing authorities. The Plan Administrator has analyzed tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain tax positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require recognition of a liability or that would require disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions. However, currently no audits for any tax periods are in progress.

4 Administration of Plan Assets

The Plan's assets, which consist principally of Garland voting common shares and segregated accounts are held by the Trustee of the Plan.

Company contributions are held and managed by the Trustee, which invests cash received, interest income and makes distributions to participants.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company or its subsidiaries. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Administrative expenses are paid directly by the Company.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

5 Investments

Plan investments are carried at fair market value and consist of voting common stock of Garland Industries, Inc. The fair market value per share of Garland's stock, as determined by an independent appraiser, was \$4,789 and \$3,737 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

A summary of the Plan's investments in Garland Industries, Inc. stock is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Number of Shares	<u>353,358.42</u>	<u>371,012.57</u>
Cost	<u>\$ 14,001,965</u>	<u>\$ 14,701,518</u>
Market Value	<u>\$1,692,233,473</u>	<u>\$ 1,386,473,974</u>

6 Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Topic 820 are described as follows:

- * Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan can access at the measurement date.
- * Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:
 - * Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - * Quoted prices for identical assets or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - * Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - * Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

- * Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

6 Fair Value Measurements, Continued

Employer Stock:

The fair value of the employer stock is based on a valuation determined by an independent appraiser. These instruments are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

Mutual Funds:

The fair value of the mutual funds are based on quoted market prices. These instruments are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Employer Stock	\$ -	\$ 1,692,233,473	\$ 1,692,233,473
Mutual Funds	<u>411,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>411,431</u>
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 411,431</u>	<u>\$ 1,692,233,473</u>	<u>\$ 1,692,644,904</u>
Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Employer Stock	\$ -	\$ 1,386,473,974	\$ 1,386,473,974
Mutual Funds	<u>332,161</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>332,161</u>
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 332,161</u>	<u>\$ 1,386,473,974</u>	<u>\$ 1,386,806,135</u>

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR
Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i

Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

EIN 34-1115246
Plan Number 002

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
		Common stock - Garland Industries, Inc. voting stock		
*	Garland Industries, Inc.	\$4,789 per share, 353,358.42 shares	\$ 14,001,965	\$ 1,692,233,473
#	Principal Conservative Balanced Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	<u>411,431</u>
				<u>\$ 1,692,644,904</u>

* Party-in-interest to the Plan.

Participant directed, cost is not required.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR
Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i

Garland Industries, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

EIN 34-1115246
Plan Number 002

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
		Common stock - Garland Industries, Inc. voting stock		
*	Garland Industries, Inc.	\$4,789 per share, 353,358.42 shares	\$ 14,001,965	\$ 1,692,233,473
#	Principal Conservative Balanced Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	<u>411,431</u>
				<u>\$ 1,692,644,904</u>

* Party-in-interest to the Plan.

Participant directed, cost is not required.

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

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

► **Complete all entries in accordance with
the instructions to the Form 5500.**OMB Nos. 1210 - 0110
1210 - 0089**2023****This Form is Open to
Public Inspection****Part I Annual Report Identification Information**For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2023** and ending **12/31/2023**

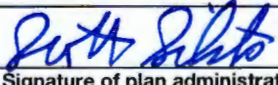
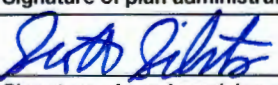
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- B** This return/report is: ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
- ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report
- ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
- C** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here ☐
- D** Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program
- ☐ special extension (enter description) _____
- E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here ☐

Part II Basic Plan Information - enter all requested information

1a Name of plan THE GARLAND INDUSTRIES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN & TRUST	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 002
	1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1985
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) GARLAND INDUSTRIES, INC 4500 ROCKSIDE ROAD SUITE 400 INDEPENDENCE OH 44131	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-1115246
	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 216-641-7500
	2d Business code (see instructions) 339900

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		10/2/24	SCOTT SIBITS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		10/2/24	SCOTT SIBITS
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
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4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
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5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	1,260
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c, and 6d).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	6a(1)	1,019
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2)	1,123
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	6b	97
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c	144
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c	6d	1,364
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	6e	9
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	1,373
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(1)	1,109
(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(2)	1,329
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6h	47
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 20 2Q 2R 3H

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
 (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information - Small Plan)
 (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) - Number Attached _____
 (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 _____