

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2023

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 01/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: [ ] a multiemployer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan... [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE... B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [X] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension... 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: C & S PRODUCTS CO., INC. 401K SAVINGS PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 04/01/1993
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): C & S PRODUCTS CO., INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 42-1029806
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 515-955-5605
2d Business code (see instructions): 423920

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	148
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits ..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits ..... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . ..... <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) ..... <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) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	116
	<b>6a(2)</b>	0
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	0
	<b>6d</b>	0
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	0
	<b>6g(1)</b>	136
<b>6g(2)</b>	0	
<b>6h</b>	0	
<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 3D 2S 2T

**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)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <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 \_\_\_\_\_
- (5)  **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

**b General Schedules**

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

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

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**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.

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

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**SCHEDULE A  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Insurance Information**

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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**2023**

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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **01/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>C &amp; S PRODUCTS CO., INC. 401K SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>C &amp; S PRODUCTS CO., INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>42-1029806</b>

**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  
**EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**

<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> NAIC code	<b>(d)</b> Contract or identification number	<b>(e)</b> Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	<b>Policy or contract year</b>	
				<b>(f)</b> From	<b>(g)</b> To
<b>84-0467907</b>	<b>68322</b>	<b>938122-01</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>01/01/2024</b>	<b>01/04/2024</b>

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid
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**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>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> 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

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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**  
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>	0
<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>b</b> Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	<b>6c</b>	
<b>d</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>	

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

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

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

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

**b** Balance at the end of the previous year ..... **7b** 2008

<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	
	<b>7c(2)</b>	
	<b>7c(3)</b>	
	<b>7c(4)</b>	
	<b>7c(5)</b>	

(6) Total additions ..... **7c(6)** 0

**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) ..... **7d** 2008

**e** Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>	2008
(2) Administration charge made by carrier .....	<b>7e(2)</b>	
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	<b>7e(3)</b>	
(4) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7e(4)</b>	

(5) Total deductions ..... **7e(5)** 2008

**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>	0
<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>	0
(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>		0
(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. ▶

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE TRST 20</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>26-1208510-259</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE TRST 20</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>26-0787945-261</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>RESOURCES DIVERSIFIED EQUITY</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>ALTA TRUST</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>83-2060613-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE TRST 20</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>85-3582370-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>RESOURCES DIVERSIFIED FIXED INCOME</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>ALTA TRUST</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>83-2064950-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE TRST 20</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>26-0788040-262</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>PRINCIPAL BLUE CHIP EQUITY FUND CL</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>GREAT GRAY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>38-7275324-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE TRST 20		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-1384344-263	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE TRST 20		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 27-3616920-273	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE TRST MA		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-0788428-268	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK EQUITY INDEX FUND R		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 20-3802168-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK RUSSELL 2000 INDEX FUND R		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 20-3802587-004	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RESOURCES DIVERSIFIED RISK MITIGATI		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): ALTA TRUST		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 83-2080943-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK MID CAP EQUITY INDEX FUND		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 20-3802327-003	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE TRST 20		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-0787670-258	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE TRST 20		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 27-3616920-275	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)



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<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>C &amp; S PRODUCTS CO., INC. 401K SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>►</b> <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>C &amp; S PRODUCTS CO., INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>42-1029806</b>

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	3016	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	8811	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>		
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	3929797	0
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	341218	0
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	2008	0
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities .....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property .....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....	1f	4284850	0
<b>Liabilities</b>			
g Benefit claims payable .....	1g		
h Operating payables .....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness .....	1i		
j Other liabilities .....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) .....	1k	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....	1l	4284850	0

**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 .....	2a(1)(A)		
(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)		0
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(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)		0
(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)	60	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C) .....	2b(2)(D)		60
(3) Rents .....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds .....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result .....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate .....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other .....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) .....	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>(6)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	<b>2b(6)</b>		-56308
<b>(7)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		-4447
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		-60695

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
<b>(1)</b> Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other.....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		0
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
<b>(1)</b> Salaries and allowances.....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> Contract administrator fees.....	<b>2i(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Recordkeeping fees.....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> IQPA audit fees.....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		0
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		0

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		-60695
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
<b>(1)</b> To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		4224155

**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: BERGANKDV, LTD.

(2) EIN: 41-1431613

**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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	294
<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 type="checkbox"/>	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2000000
<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 type="checkbox"/>	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input 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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**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)
CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY INVESTMENT GROWTH PLAN	68-0275553	001

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

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 01/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>C &amp; S PRODUCTS CO., INC. 401K SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>C &amp; S PRODUCTS CO., INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-1029806</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
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**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): 84-0467907

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	3	
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (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.)
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**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.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	6a	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....	6b	
<b>c</b> 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

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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**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

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (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.
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**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

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

<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>	

**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:

<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>	

**16** 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.....

**Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment.....

**19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) 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**

**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 Q703912A.

**C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan**

**Financial Statements and  
Supplemental Schedules**

**Period From January 1, 2024 through January 4, 2024  
And the Years Ended December 31, 2023, and 2022**

**C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan  
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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator  
C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan  
Fort Dodge, Iowa

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of January 4, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period from January 1, 2024 through January 4, 2024 and the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of January 4, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the period from January 1, 2024 through January 4, 2024 and the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to benefits provided under the Plan or 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 the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

## **Emphasis of Matter - Merging Plan**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, on November 9, 2023, the Plan Administrator of voted to merge into the Central Garden & Pet Company Investment Growth Plan as of January 1, 2024. The C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan Company transferred its net assets into the Central Garden & Pet Company Investment Growth Plan and ceased operations as of January 4, 2024. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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

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

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the 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 Schedules Required by ERISA***

The supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023 and of delinquent participant contributions for the period from January 1, 2024 through January 4, 2024 and the year ended December 31, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to 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. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedules related to benefits provided under the Plan or 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).

*BerganKDV, LTD.*

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
October 1, 2024

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan**  
**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**As of January 4, 2024,**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	January 4, 2024	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>Assets</b>			
Investments, at fair value	\$ -	\$ 4,271,015	\$ 3,527,931
Investments, at contract value	-	2,008	62
Total investments	-	4,273,023	3,527,993
 Receivables			
Employer contribution	-	3,016	-
Participant contributions	-	8,811	-
Total receivables	-	11,827	-
 <b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,284,850</b>	<b>\$ 3,527,993</b>

**C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan**  
**Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**  
**For the Period from January 1, 2024 through January 4, 2024**  
**and the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Period from January 1, 2024 through January 4, 2024</u>	<u>Year Ended December 31, 2023</u>
<b>Additions</b>		
Investment income (loss)		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ (60,755)	\$ 599,910
Dividends and interest	60	13,537
Total investment income (loss)	<u>(60,695)</u>	<u>613,447</u>
Contributions		
Employer	-	84,802
Participants	-	304,798
Total contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>389,600</u>
Total additions, net	<u>(60,695)</u>	<u>1,003,047</u>
<b>Deductions</b>		
Benefits paid to participants	-	193,187
Administrative expenses	-	53,003
Total deductions	<u>-</u>	<u>246,190</u>
Change in net assets	(60,695)	756,857
Transfer of assets to Central Garden & Pet Company Investment Growth Plan	<u>(4,224,155)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>		
Beginning of year	<u>4,284,850</u>	<u>3,527,993</u>
End of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,284,850</u>

See notes to financial statements.

## **C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan Notes to Financial Statements**

### **NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of the C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### **General**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of C & S Products Co., Inc. (the Company) who are at least 18 years of age and have completed 60 days of eligible service. The trustees are responsible for the oversight of the plan, determine the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, and monitor investment performance. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

#### **Plan Merger**

During 2023, Plan participants were notified that the Plan would be merged into the Central Garden & Pet Company Investment Growth Plan as of January 1, 2024. Transfers from the Plan, including residual dividends and appreciation occurred through January 4, 2024.

#### **Contributions**

Each year, participants may contribute a portion of their annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, not to exceed the limit of the Internal Revenue Code. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investments of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan includes an automatic enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 3% of eligible compensation and their contributions are invested in a designated fund until changed by the participant.

The Company may make discretionary employer matching contributions and discretionary non-elective contributions to participants. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company made a discretionary match of \$84,802. Contributions are subject to certain IRS limits.

#### **Participant Accounts**

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, Company matching and non-elective contributions, and Plan earnings. Participant's accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

#### **Vesting**

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's employer matching and non-elective contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after six years of continuous service.

**C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan  
Notes to Financial Statements**

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Payment of Benefits**

On termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, a participant may receive the value of their vested interest in their account in the form of a lump sum payment or installments. For account balances that are \$5,000 or less, the plan administrator will authorize the benefit payment without the participant's consent. The Plan allows for in-service withdrawals of fully vested balances any time after reaching age 59 ½. Hardship distributions are also permitted for current employees.

**Forfeited Accounts**

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$2,008 and \$0, respectively. These accounts may be used to restore forfeitures, reduce employer contributions, pay plan expenses, or be allocated as employer contributions. In 2023, employer contributions were reduced by \$17,041 from forfeited nonvested accounts.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

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

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Investment Valuation and Income (Loss) Recognition**

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value (except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is reported at contract value). 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. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisor, custodians, and insurance company. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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.

**Contributions**

Contributions from Plan participants and the matching contributions from the Employer are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

**Payment of Benefits**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

**C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Administrative Expenses**

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) of fair value of investments.

**Subsequent Events**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 1, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 3 - CERTIFICATIONS**

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules, including investments held at January 4, 2024, December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest, and dividends for the period from January 1, 2024 through January 4, 2024 and the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company, LLC (the insurance company and custodian of the Plan).

**NOTE 4 - 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). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical 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 to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)**

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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 January 4, 2024, December 31, 2023 and 2022.

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Plan at year-end based on quoted market prices.

*Collective trust funds:* Valued at the NAV as reported by the investment advisor. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value.

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

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

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 341,218	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 341,218
Investments measured at NAV (a)				3,929,797
Investments at fair value				\$ 4,271,015

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 173,312	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 173,312
Investments measured at NAV (a)				3,354,619
Investments at fair value				\$ 3,527,931

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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)**

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

The Plan assets were \$0 as of January 4, 2024.

The following table sets forth additional disclosures for the fair value measurement of investments in certain entities that calculate NAV per share (or its equivalent) as practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Collective trust fund at December 31, 2023	\$ 3,929,797	\$ -	Daily	5 days
Collective trust fund at December 31, 2022	\$ 3,354,619	\$ -	Daily	5 days

**NOTE 5 - INVESTMENT CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY**

The Plan has a traditional group annuity contract with Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America that invests contributions in the Guaranteed Portfolio Fund. The Guaranteed Portfolio Fund is a fixed annuity general account product and meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under each 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 contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

The group annuity contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 0%. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The guaranteed investment contract allows for either party to terminate the agreement prior by providing 60 days notice.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

## **C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan Notes to Financial Statements**

### **NOTE 5 - INVESTMENT CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY (CONTINUED)**

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Examples of such events include the following: (a) the Plan's failure to qualify under section 401(a) of the Code or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under section 501(a) of the Code, (b) premature termination of the contract, (c) Plan termination or merger, (d) change in the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or (e) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Examples of such events include the following: (a) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, (b) a breach of material obligation under the contract, (c) a material misrepresentation or (d) a material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

### **NOTE 6 - RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain plan investments are managed by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Funds. Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America is the insurance company of the Plan and Empower Funds is an entity related to the insurance company, custodian, and recordkeeper of the Plan, and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party in interest transactions. Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America also provides administrative services to the Plan. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of the investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment.

### **NOTE 7 - PLAN TERMINATION**

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

### **NOTE 8 - TAX STATUS**

The Company has adopted a prototype plan document and is relying on the prototype sponsor's opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020. The letter states that the prototype plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC.

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 an uncertain position that more than likely would not be sustained upon examination.

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**NOTE 8 - TAX STATUS (CONTINUED)**

The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of January 4, 2024 and December 31, 2023 there were no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**NOTE 9 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks.

Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

**NOTE 10 - PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS**

During 2023, the Company erroneously failed to remit certain employee deferrals to the Plan aggregating \$294. During February 2024, the contributions were remitted to the Central Garden & Pet Company Investment Growth Plan. The Company intends to calculate and remit lost earnings during 2024.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**C & S Products Co., Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan**  
**Schedule of Delinquent Participant**  
**Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i**  
**EIN: 42-1029806**  
**Plan No. 001**  
**January 4, 2024 and December 31, 2023**

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
		Contributions not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
\$ 294	No	\$ 294	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -