Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2023

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] 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
NEW ERA CAP, LLC SAVINGS & RETIREMENT PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2011

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)
NEW ERA CAP, LLC

160 DELAWARE AVE.
BUFFALO, NY 14202-2404

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
16-0770131

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
716-604-9000

2d Business code (see instructions)
315990

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.	10/07/2024	ANDREW CIANFLONE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name

4b EIN

c Plan Name

4d PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	664
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)**	460
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	500
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	3
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	202
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	705
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	1
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	706
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)**	640
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	676
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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

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

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)** [X] 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)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] 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)** [X] **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)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **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 C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEW ERA CAP, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
16-0770131

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

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

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

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	-38450	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
AF EUROPAC GROWTH R5 - AMERICAN FU 95-2566717	0.05%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
METWEST TOT RTN BD M - BNY MELLON 500 ROSS STREET 15253-4426 PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.35%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
WA TOT RTN UNCONST I - FRANKLIN TE 94-3167260	0.10%

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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DFE/Participating Plan Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEW ERA CAP, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
16-0770131

Part I **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MIP CL 1

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
04-3022712-024	C	887866

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AS CORE PLUS BOND D1

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
87-7012620-001	C	888175

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

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

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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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	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	2234	529
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	385467	386201
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	884763	1776041
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	50334820	61151414
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	51607284	63314185
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	51607284	63314185

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)	1593255	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	3524251	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	183917	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		5301423
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	47	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	23836	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		23883
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	1185688	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		1185688
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		51369
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		8697395
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		15259758
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3591307	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		3591307
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	-38450	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	0	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		-38450
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3552857
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		11706901
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

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) [X] 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) [X] 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: FREED MAXICK CPAS, P.C. **(2)** EIN: 45-4051133

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.)	**4a**		X	
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.)	**4b**		X	
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.)	**4c**		X	
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.)	**4d**		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
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?	**4g**		X	
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?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
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.)	**4j**		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		X	
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.	**4n**		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan
NEW ERA CAP, LLC SAVINGS & RETIREMENT PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEW ERA CAP, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
16-0770131

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): 04-6568107

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**

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):

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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): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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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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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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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): _____

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)	**14a**	
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)	**14b**	
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)	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

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

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 Q702438A .

Report to the Retirement Plan Committee

New Era Cap, LLC Savings & Retirement Plan for Management and Administrative Employees

December 31, 2023

FreedMaxick CPAs, P.C.

October 1, 2024

Mr. Kevin Wilson
Chief Financial Officer
New Era Cap, LLC Savings & Retirement Plan for Management & Administrative Employees
Buffalo, NY

Attention: Mr. Kevin Wilson

We are pleased to present this report related to our audit of the financial statements of New Era Cap, LLC Savings & Retirement Plan for Management & Administrative Employees (the Plan) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023. This report summarizes certain matters required by professional standards to be communicated to you in your oversight responsibility for the Plan's financial reporting process.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Retirement Plan Committee and management, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties. It will be our pleasure to respond to any questions you have about this report. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the Plan.

Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C.

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REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS

Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) (AU-C 260, *The Auditor's Communication With Those Charged With Governance*) require the auditor to promote effective two-way communication between the auditor and those charged with governance. Consistent with this requirement, the following summarizes our responsibilities regarding the financial statement audit as well as observations arising from our audit that are significant and relevant to your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process.

Our Responsibilities With Regard to the Financial Statement Audit

Our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America have been described to you in our engagement letter dated May 28, 2024. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities, which are also described in that letter.

As management determined it is permissible in the circumstances and elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), the audit did not extend to any 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 the applicable financial reporting framework.

Overview of the Planned Scope and Timing of the Financial Statement Audit

We have issued a separate communication dated May 28, 2024, regarding the planned scope and timing of our audit and identified significant risks.

Accounting Policies and Practices

Preferability of Accounting Policies and Practices
Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, in certain circumstances, management may select among alternative accounting practices. In our view, in such circumstances, management has selected the preferable accounting practice.

Adoption of, or Change in, Accounting Policies
Management has the ultimate responsibility for the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by the Plan. The Plan did not adopt any significant new accounting policies, nor have there been any changes in existing significant accounting policies during the current period.

Significant Accounting Policies
We did not identify any significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Unusual Transactions
We did not identify any significant unusual transactions.

Management's Judgments and Accounting Estimates
We did not identify any significant judgements or accounting estimates.

Audit Adjustments and Uncorrected Misstatements

There were no audit adjustments made to the original trial balance presented to us to begin our audit.

We are not aware of any uncorrected misstatements other than misstatements that are clearly trivial.

Form 5500 Filing

GAAS requires that we obtain and read a draft of the Plan's Form 5500 that is substantially complete prior to the dating of our auditor's report in order to identify material inconsistencies, if any, with the Plan's audited financial statements. We read the Plan's

draft Form 5500 filing for consistency with information in the financial statements. We did not identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements.

ERISA-Required Supplemental Schedule

We subjected the information included in the ERISA-required supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, 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 the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. The objective of these audit procedures was to determine whether the ERISA-required supplemental schedule, other than the certified investment information, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole, whether the form and content of the ERISA-required supplemental schedule are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure Under ERISA, and whether the certified investment information in the supplemental schedule agrees to, or is derived from, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). We will include an other-matter paragraph in our auditor's report for the ERISA-required supplemental schedule. We did not identify inconsistencies with the audited financial statements or with the certified investment information.

Observations About the Audit Process

Disagreements With Management
We encountered no disagreements with management over the application of significant accounting principles, the basis for management's judgments on any significant matters, the scope of the audit, or significant disclosures to be included in the financial statements.

Consultations With Other Accountants
We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.

Significant Issues Discussed With Management
No significant issues arising from the audit were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management.

Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit
We did not encounter any significant difficulties in dealing with management during the audit.

Difficult or Contentious Matters That Required Consultation
We did not encounter any significant and difficult or contentious matters that required consultation outside the engagement team.

Shared Responsibilities: AICPA Independence

The AICPA regularly emphasizes that auditor independence is a **joint responsibility** and is managed most effectively when management, audit committees (or their equivalents), and audit firms work together in considering compliance with American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) independence rules. For Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. (Freed Maxick) to fulfill its professional responsibility to maintain and monitor independence, management, the Retirement Plan Committee, and Freed Maxick each play an important role.

Our Responsibilities
- AICPA rules require independence both of mind and in appearance when providing audit and other attestation services. Freed Maxick is to ensure that the AICPA's General Requirements for performing non-attest services are adhered to and included in all letters of engagement.
- Maintain a system of quality management over compliance with independence rules and firm policies.

Your Responsibilities
- Timely inform Freed Maxick, before the effective date of transactions or other business changes, of the following:
  - New affiliates, directors or officers.
  - New beneficial owners of the Plan Sponsor's stock which have significant influence.
  - Change in corporate structure impacting affiliates such as add-on acquisitions or exits.
- Provide necessary affiliate information such as new or updated investment structure charts, as well as financial information required to perform materiality calculations needed for making affiliate determinations.

- Understand and conclude on the permissibility, prior to the Plan and its affiliates, including the Plan Sponsor, and the officers, directors or persons in a decision-making capacity, engaging in business relationships with Freed Maxick.
- Not entering into relationships resulting in close family members of Freed Maxick covered persons temporarily or permanently acting as an officer, director or person in an accounting or financial reporting oversight role at the Plan or Plan Sponsor.

Significant Written Communications Between Management and Our Firm

Copies of significant written communications between our firm and the management of the Plan, including the representation letter provided to us by management, are attached as Exhibit A.

EXHIBIT A

Significant Written Communications Between Management and Our Firm

Engagement Letter – See Attached

Representation Letter – See Attached

EBP Audit Engagement Letter

May 28, 2024

Kevin Wilson, Chief Financial Officer
New Era Cap, LLC Savings & Retirement Plan for Management and Administrative Employees
160 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Mr. Kevin Wilson:

The Objective and Scope of the Audit

You have requested that Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. ("Freed", "we", "us", or "our") perform an audit in accordance with Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") Section 103(a)(3)(C) and report on the financial statements of New Era Cap, LLC Savings & Retirement Plan for Management and Administrative Employees (the "Plan", "you", or "your"), an employee benefit plan subject to ERISA that is sponsored by New Era Cap, LLC (the "Plan Sponsor"). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023; the related changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended; and the related notes to the financial statements.

The financial statements may also include supplemental schedules required by the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("ERISA-required supplemental schedules") for the year ended December 31, 2023. As part of our audit, we will report on ERISA-required supplemental schedules in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). This supplementary information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

The financial statements and any ERISA-required supplemental schedules are included in the Plan's Form 5500 filing.

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

Except as described in the preceding paragraphs, the objectives of our audit is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and 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. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and 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.

We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter ("Engagement Letter").

The Responsibilities of the Auditor

With respect to any Plan activity that has not been excluded from the scope of the audit as described above, we will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS. Those standards require that we are independent of the Plan and that we comply with applicable ethical requirements. For an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit, the audit will 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 ("U.S. GAAP"). Accordingly, the objective of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, based on an understanding of the entity and its environment, the applicable financial reporting framework, and the entity's system of internal control, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. 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 controls.

- Consider the entity's system of internal control 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. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.

- 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, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

- Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, 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 a reasonable period of time.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of controls, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS.

We will also communicate to the Retirement Plan Committee (a) any fraud involving senior management and fraud (whether caused by senior management or other employees) that causes a material misstatement of the financial statements that becomes known to us during the audit, (b) any instances of noncompliance with laws and regulations that we become aware of during the audit (unless they are clearly inconsequential) and (c) reportable findings identified during the audit of the Plan as a result of testing relevant plan provisions.

The information included in any ERISA-required supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, will be subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. Accordingly, our opinion will state whether the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA and whether the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

We will maintain our independence in accordance with the standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the DOL.

The Responsibilities of the Plan Administrator and Management and Identification of the Applicable Financial Reporting Framework

The Plan Administrator and management are responsible for:

1. Identifying and ensuring that the Plan complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities, and for informing us about all known violations of such laws or regulations, other than those that are clearly inconsequential;

2. The design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the Plan involving management, employees who have significant roles in internal control, and others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements; and

3. Informing us of its knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan received in communications from employees, former employees, participants, regulators, beneficiaries, service providers, third-party administrators or others.

The Retirement Plan Committee is responsible for informing us of its views about the risks of fraud within the Plan, and its knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan.

Management's election for the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that the Plan Administrator and management acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

1. For the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which includes the determination of the appropriate value of investments;

2. For determining whether:

    a. An ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances;

    b. The investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described in 29 CFR 2520.103-8;

    c. The certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5; and

    d. The certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP as of December 31, 2023;

3. To evaluate subsequent events through the date the financial statements are issued or available to be issued and to disclose the date through which subsequent events were evaluated in the financial statements. Management also agrees that it will not conclude on subsequent events earlier than the date of the management representation letter referred to below;

4. 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;

5. For evaluating whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date the financial statements are issued or available to be issued, and to provide appropriate financial statement disclosure, when applicable, about matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management is required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the liquidation basis of accounting;

6. For maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments;

7. For administering the Plan and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the Plan's 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;

8. For the preparation and presentation of any ERISA-required supplemental schedules and that they were derived from, and relate directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements including for the fair presentation of the ERISA-required supplemental schedules and the form and content of the ERISA-required supplemental schedules in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA;

9. For identifying and determining that the Plan complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities; and

10. To provide us with:

    a. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements including information relevant to disclosures to allow for the completion of the audit in accordance with the proposed timeline;

    b. A draft of Form 5500 that is substantially complete prior to the date of our auditor's report;

    c. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit; and

    d. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

As part of our audit process, we will request from the Plan Administrator and management written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit, including among other items:

1. That management has fulfilled its responsibilities as set out in the terms of this Engagement Letter; and

2. That it believes the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The Plan Administrator and management are responsible for informing us about related-party transactions, including transactions with parties in interest, as defined in Section 3(14) of ERISA and the regulations thereunder.

The Plan Administrator and management are responsible for adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and affirming to us in the representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The Plan Administrator and management agree to include the auditor's report on any ERISA-required supplemental schedules in any document that contains the ERISA-required supplemental schedules and indicates that the auditor has reported on such ERISA-required supplemental schedules. The Plan Administrator and management also agree to only present the ERISA-required supplemental schedules together with the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the Plan's financial statements. We will report on whether the financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework and whether the certified investment information in the financial statements agrees to or is derived from the information certified by a qualified institution. Our report will be addressed to participants and theRetirement Plan Committee of the Plan Sponsor.

We will also report on whether any ERISA-required supplemental schedules, other than the certified investment information, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and whether the form and content of ERISA-required supplemental schedules are presented in conformity with the DOL's rules and regulations for reporting and disclosure under ERISA, and whether the certified investment information in the supplemental schedules agrees to, or is derived from, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) opinion, or add an emphasis-of-matter paragraph or other-matter paragraph to our auditor's report.

If circumstances arise relating to the condition of the Plan's records, the availability of appropriate audit evidence or indications of a significant risk of material misstatement of the financial statements because of error, fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets which, in our professional judgment, prevent us from completing the audit or forming an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) opinion, we retain the unilateral right to take any course of action permitted by professional standards, including declining to express an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) opinion or issue a report, or withdrawing from the engagement.

Records and Assistance

During the course of our engagement, we may accumulate records containing data that should be reflected in the Plan's books and records. The Plan Administrator or management will determine that all such data, if necessary, will be so reflected. Accordingly, you will not expect us to maintain copies of such records in our possession.

The assistance to be supplied by Plan Sponsor personnel, including the preparation of schedules and analyses of accounts, has been discussed and coordinated with Ali Cloyd, Senior Manager. The timely and accurate completion of this work is an essential condition to our completion of the audit and issuance of our audit report.

Accounting and Tax Services

In connection with our audit, you have requested us to perform the following accounting services:

1. Drafting the financial statements

Kevin Wilson, Chief Financial Officer will oversee the services, make all significant judgments that are the proper responsibility of management, evaluate the adequacy of the service, make an informed judgment about the results of the services, and accept responsibility for them. You also agree to establish and maintain internal control over the services, including ongoing monitoring activities. At the conclusion of our audit, we will ask you to provide written representations to that effect.

Our services under this Engagement Letter do not include services for tax return preparation, tax advice or representation in any tax matter. Nevertheless, we may discuss with you certain tax considerations or provide you with tax information that may be relevant to our services. Any such discussions or information would be based upon limited tax research, limited due diligence and limited analysis regarding the underlying facts. Because additional research or a more complete review of the facts could affect our analysis and conclusions, the information provided during these discussions shall not be used as the basis for proceeding with any transaction or any tax return reporting.

Separate arrangements, including fee arrangements, are required for tax preparation, tax advice or tax representation services.

Other Terms of Our Engagement

We will not render an opinion on the Plan's qualification for tax-exempt status or compliance with the provisions of ERISA. However, as a part of our audit, we will perform certain procedures, as required by GAAS, directed at considering the Plan's compliance with applicable Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") requirements for tax-exempt status, including whether management has performed relevant IRC compliance tests, and has corrected or intends to correct failures. As we conduct our audit, we will be aware of the possibility that events affecting the Plan's tax status may have occurred. Similarly, we will be aware of the possibility that events affecting the Plan's compliance with the requirements of ERISA may have occurred. We will inform you of any instances of potential tax or ERISA noncompliance that come to our attention during the course of our audit. You should recognize, however, that our audit is not designed to nor is it intended to determine the Plan's overall compliance with applicable provisions of the IRC or ERISA.

You have not engaged us to prepare or review the Plan's Form 5500 filing with the DOL. Professional standards require that we obtain and read a draft of the Plan's Form 5500 that is substantially complete prior to the dating of our auditor's report. The purpose of this procedure is to identify material inconsistencies, if any, with the Plan's audited financial statements. This procedure is not sufficient nor intended to determine that the Form 5500 is completely and accurately prepared. Further, any suggestions we might make do not constitute tax advice. The preparer of the Form 5500 and you will be responsible for all decisions regarding the Form 5500 and any tax positions reported on that form.

In the event that an inquiry is received from the DOL or Internal Revenue Service regarding the Form 5500 or the financial statements that are made a part of that filing, you agree to provide a copy of such inquiry to us as soon as possible following its receipt. Further, you agree to provide us with a draft of your response to any such correspondence prior to mailing.

Fees and Costs

Our fees for the services described above are based upon the value of the services performed and the time required by the individuals assigned to the engagement, plus directly billed expenses, including report processing, travel, meals, and fees for services from other professionals, as well as a charge of fees for all other expenses, including indirect administrative expenses such as technology, research and library databases, communications, photocopying, postage and clerical assistance. Our fee estimate and completion of our work are based upon the following criteria:

1. Anticipated cooperation from your personnel
2. Timely responses to our inquiries
3. Timely completion and delivery of client assistance requests
4. Timely communication of all significant accounting and financial reporting matters
5. The assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagement

Our fees for this engagement will be $18,000, plus billings for the aforementioned expenses. If any of the aforementioned criteria are not met (including discovery of significant record keeping problems or operational errors, Service Organization Control ("SOC 1") reports that are qualified or otherwise cannot be relied upon, suspected violations of ERISA or DOL regulations, or issues that cause the Plan's qualified tax status to be questioned), then fees may increase. Interim billings will be submitted as work progresses and as expenses are incurred. Billings are due upon submission.

Use of Subcontractors and Third-Party Products

We may, in our sole discretion, use qualified third-party service providers to assist us in providing professional services to you. In such circumstances, it may be necessary for us to disclose Confidential Information (as such term is defined below) to them. We may share your information, including Confidential Information, with these third-party service providers; provided that such recipients are bound by written obligations of confidentiality. You acknowledge and agree that our use of a third-party service provider may involve the processing, input, disclosure, movement, transfer, and storage of your information and data outside of our technology infrastructure. We will be responsible to you for the performance of our third-party service providers, solely as related to the services performed under this Engagement Letter, subject to all limitations and disclaimers set forth herein.

We also may provide services to you using certain third-party hardware, software, equipment, or products (collectively, "Third-Party Products" and each, individually, a "Third-Party Product"). You acknowledge that the use of a Third-Party Product may involve the processing, input, disclosure, movement, transfer, and storage of information provided by or on behalf of you to us, including Confidential Information and Personal Information, within the Third-Party Product's infrastructure and not ours. You further acknowledge that the terms of use and service, including, but not limited to, applicable laws, set forth in the end-user license, end-user subscription agreement, or other end-user agreement for such Third-Party Product (collectively, "EULA(s)") will govern all obligations of such licensor relating to data privacy, storage, recovery, security, and processing within such Third-Party Product's infrastructure, as well as, the service levels associated with such Third-Party Product. You hereby consent to the disclosure of your information, including your Confidential Information and Personal Information, to the licensors of such Third-Party Products for the purpose described herein.

To the extent Freed gives the Plan access to a Third-Party Product in connection with the services contemplated herein, the Plan agrees to comply with the terms of any applicable EULA for such Third-Party Product, and the Plan shall be solely responsible for the improper use of a Third-Party Product or a violation of the applicable EULA for such Third-Party Product, by the Plan, or any user to whom the Plan grants access to such Third-Party Product. The Plan agrees to indemnify and hold Freed harmless from and against any claims, actions, lawsuits, proceedings, judgments, liens, losses, damages, costs, expenses, fees (including reasonable legal fees, expenses, and costs) and other liabilities relating to, or arising from or out of, the improper use of a Third-Party Product, or a violation of the terms of the applicable EULA for such Third-Party Product, by the Plan, or any user to whom the Plan grants access to such Third-Party Product.

You acknowledge that the use of Third-Party Products may be subject to limitations, delays, interruptions, errors, and other problems which are beyond our control, including, without limitation, internet outage or lack of availability related to updates, upgrades, patches, fixes, maintenance, or other issues. We will not be liable for any delays, delivery failures, or other losses or damages resulting from such issues. Nor will we be held responsible or liable for any loss, or unauthorized use or disclosure, of any information or data provided by you, including, without limitation, Personal Information provided by you, resulting from the use of a Third-Party Product.

Use and Ownership; Access to Audit Documentation

The Audit Documentation for this engagement is the property of Freed. For the purposes of this Engagement Letter, the term "Audit Documentation" shall mean the confidential and proprietary records of Freed's audit procedures performed, relevant audit evidence obtained, other audit-related workpapers, and conclusions reached. Audit Documentation shall not include custom-developed documents, data, reports, analyses, recommendations, and deliverables authored or prepared by Freed for the Plan under this Engagement Letter, or any documents belonging to the Plan or furnished to Freed by the Plan.

As required by ERISA, we are required to make certain Audit Documentation available to the DOL upon request for its regulatory oversight purposes. Access to the requested Audit Documentation will be provided to the DOL under the supervision of Freed audit personnel and at a location designated by our firm. The fees associated with providing access to this audit documentation will be billed at our standard rates.

Review of Audit Documentation by a successor auditor or as part of due diligence is subject to applicable Freed policies, and will be agreed to, accounted for and billed separately. Any such access to our Audit Documentation is subject to a successor auditor signing an Access & Release Letter substantially in Freed's form. Freed reserves the right to decline a successor auditor's request to review our workpapers.

In the event we are required by government regulation, subpoena or other legal process to produce our documents or our personnel as witnesses with respect to our engagement for the Plan, the Plan, to the extent permitted by law, or the Plan Sponsor, as applicable, will, so long as we are not a party to the proceeding in which the information is sought, reimburse us for our professional time and expenses, as well as the fees and expenses of our counsel, incurred in responding to such requests.

Indemnification, Limitation of Liability, and Claim Resolution

Because Freed will rely on the Plan and its management and Retirement Plan Committee to discharge the foregoing responsibilities, the Plan agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and release Freed and its directors, principals, officers, employees, affiliates, subsidiaries, contractors, Subcontractors, agents, representatives, successors, or assigns from all third-party claims, liabilities, losses and costs arising in circumstances where there has been a knowing misrepresentation by a member of the Plan's management.

THE PLAN AND FREED AGREE THAT NO CLAIM ARISING OUT, FROM, OR RELATING TO THE SERVICES RENDERED PURSUANT TO THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER SHALL BE FILED MORE THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE AUDIT REPORT ISSUED BY FREED OR THE DATE OF THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER IF NO REPORT HAS BEEN ISSUED. IN NO EVENT SHALL FREED OR THE PLAN, OR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DIRECTORS, PRINCIPALS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AFFILIATES, SUBSIDIARIES, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS, OR ASSIGNS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COVERED PARTIES" AND EACH INDIVIDUALLY, A "COVERED PARTY"), BE LIABLE FOR THE INTERRUPTION OR LOSS OF BUSINESS, ANY LOST PROFITS, SAVINGS, REVENUE, GOODWILL, SOFTWARE, HARDWARE, OR DATA, OR THE LOSS OF USE THEREOF (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH LOSSES ARE DEEMED DIRECT DAMAGES), OR INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, PUNITIVE, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, OR SIMILAR SUCH DAMAGES, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. EXCEPT FOR A COVERED PARTY'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE TOTAL AGGREGATE LIABILITY OF THE COVERED PARTIES ARISING OUT OF, FROM, OR RELATING TO THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER, OR THE REPORT ISSUED OR SERVICES PROVIDED HEREUNDER, REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OR NATURE OR TYPE OF CLAIM, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, CLAIMS ARISING FROM A COVERED PARTY'S NEGLIGENCE OR BREACH OF CONTRACT OR WARRANTY, OR RELATING TO OR ARISING FROM A GOVERNMENT, REGULATORY OR ENFORCEMENT ACTION, INVESTIGATION, PROCEEDING, OR FINE, WILL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE FEES PAID TO FREED UNDER THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, NOTHING IN THIS LIMITATION OF LIABILITY PROVISION SHALL, OR SHALL BE INTERPRETED OR CONSTRUED TO, RELIEVE THE PLAN OR THE PLAN SPONSOR OF ITS PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS TO FREED UNDER THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER.

Confidentiality

Freed and the Plan may, from time to time, disclose Confidential Information (as defined below) to one another. Accordingly, Freed and the Plan agree as the recipient of such Confidential Information (the "Receiving Party") to keep strictly confidential all Confidential Information provided to it by the disclosing party (the "Disclosing Party") and use, modify, store, and copy such Confidential Information only as necessary to perform its obligations and exercise its rights under this Engagement Letter. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the Receiving Party may only disclose the Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party to its personnel, agents, and representatives who are subject to obligations of confidentiality at least as restrictive as those set forth herein and only for the purpose of exercising its rights and fulfilling its obligations hereunder. To avoid any doubt, Freed is permitted to disclose the Plan's Confidential Information to Freed's personnel, agents, and representatives to provide the services or exercise its rights under this Engagement Letter or for the purpose of maintaining compliance with applicable laws and professional, regulatory, and/or ethical standards.

As used herein, "Confidential Information" means, information in any form, oral, graphic, written, electronic, machine-readable or hard copy consisting of: (i) any nonpublic information provided by the Disclosing Party, including, but not limited to, all of its inventions, designs, data, source and object code, programs, program interfaces, know-how, trade secrets, techniques, ideas, discoveries, marketing and business plans, pricing, profit margins and/or similar information; (ii) any information that the Disclosing Party identifies as confidential; or (iii) any information that, by its very nature, a person in the same or similar circumstances would understand should be treated as confidential, including, but not limited to, this Engagement Letter. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Plan acknowledges and agrees that Audit Documentation constitutes Confidential Information of Freed.

As used herein, the term "Confidential Information" will not include information that: (i) is publicly available at the time of disclosure by the Disclosing Party; (ii) becomes publicly available by publication or otherwise after disclosure by the Disclosing Party, other than by breach of the confidentiality obligations set forth herein by the Receiving Party; (iii) was lawfully in the Receiving Party's possession, without restriction as to confidentiality or use, at the time of disclosure by the Disclosing Party; (iv) is provided to the Receiving Party without restriction as to confidentiality or use by a third party without violation of any obligation to the Disclosing Party; or (v) is independently developed by employees or agents of the Receiving Party who did not access or use the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information.

The Receiving Party will treat the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information with the same degree of care as the Receiving Party treats its own confidential and proprietary information, but in no event will such standard of care be less than a reasonable standard of care. The Receiving Party will promptly notify the Disclosing Party if it becomes aware that any of the Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party has been used or disclosed in violation of this Engagement Letter.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Receiving Party becomes legally compelled to disclose any of the Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party, or as may be required by applicable regulations or professional standards, the Receiving Party will use commercially reasonable efforts to provide the Disclosing Party with notice prior to disclosure, to the extent permitted by law.

Preexisting Nondisclosure Agreements

In the event that the parties have executed a separate nondisclosure agreement, such agreement shall be terminated as of the effective date of this Engagement Letter and the terms of this Engagement Letter shall apply to the treatment of information shared by the parties hereto.

Data Protection Compliance

a. Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C.'s does not collect information that is unnecessary for the business purposes as stated pursuant to an Arrangement Letter. Freed Maxick does not collect information from third parties such as clients unless these parties are notified about the collection activities before they occur. We maintain a robust information security program and take reasonable steps to comply with all applicable privacy, cybersecurity and data protection Laws that may apply to the data we process on behalf of our clients. Additional information regarding policies, procedures, and relevant data and privacy standards are available upon request.

b. You agree that prior to disclosure of the following Confidential Information to us, including without limitation Personal Information, you will identify any personal, technical or other data provided to us pursuant to an Arrangement Letter that may be subject to heightened protections under applicable privacy, cybersecurity or data protection laws, including but not limited to personal health information or financial information, prior to any transfer or disclosure to us. Upon your written request, we will discuss with you in good faith entering into a mutually acceptable agreement relating to the lawful cross-border transfer and processing of your Personal Information.

c. We and you may also correspond or convey information and documentation, including Confidential Information, via various forms of electronic transmission, including, but not limited to, Third-Party Products, such as email, FTP and cloud-based sharing and hosting applications (e.g., portals, data analytics tools, and helpdesk and support ticketing applications), and you acknowledge that neither party has control over the performance, operation, reliability, availability, or security of these electronic transmissions methods. Therefore, neither party will be liable for any loss, damage, expense, harm, disclosure or inconvenience resulting from the loss, delay, interception, corruption, unauthorized disclosure or use, or alteration of any electronic transmission where the party has used commercially reasonable efforts to protect your Confidential Information. We offer our clients various platforms for the exchange of information which may require additional user terms and conditions which will be made available to you prior to the use of such platform (whether by a link, click-through, or otherwise). You hereby agree that you will be bound by and comply with any and all user terms and conditions made available with respect to the platforms. If you are concerned about the security of particular information, please contact us to discuss alternative arrangements.

d. We may provide services to you using certain third-party hardware, software, software services, managed services (including, but not limited to, web hosting, data security, data back-up email security, or similar services subject to direct end- user or subscription agreements), applications, and equipment (collectively, Third Party Products).

e. You acknowledge that your or our usage of a Third-Party Product may involve the input, movement, transfer, and storage of your data or Confidential Information within the infrastructure provided by the Third-Party Product. and that the terms of use and service set forth in the end user licensing agreement or other agreements with the licensor of a Third-Party Product will govern all obligations of the licensor relating to data privacy, storage, recovery, security, and processing within a Third-Party Product's infrastructure, as well as, the service levels associated with the Third-Party Product.

f. You acknowledge that your or our use of Third-Party Products may be subject to limitations, delays, interruptions, errors, and other problems which are beyond our control, including, without limitation, internet outage or lack of availability related to updates, upgrades, patches, fixes, maintenance, or other issues. We will not be liable for any delays, delivery failures, or other losses or damages resulting from such issues. You agree that we will not be held responsible or liable for any loss, or unauthorized use or disclosure, of any information or data provided by you, including without limitation any Confidential Information, resulting from your or our use of a Third-Party Product.

Personal Information

As used herein, the term "Personal Information" means any personal information, as may be defined by applicable privacy, data protection, or cybersecurity laws, that directly or indirectly identifies a natural person, and includes, but is not limited to, nonpublic, personally identifiable information such as Social Security numbers, Social Insurance numbers, driver's license numbers or government-issued identification card numbers, and health information.

Each party agrees to transmit Personal Information consistent with applicable laws and any other obligations the respective party may have. We are permitted to use all such Personal Information to perform our obligations and exercise our rights under this Engagement Letter. You represent and warrant that you have provided all notices and obtained all consents required under applicable data protection laws prior to your collection, use and disclosure to us or our Subcontractors of such Personal Information and shall take reasonable steps to ensure that such Personal Information does not include irrelevant or unnecessary information about individuals.

We agree to maintain appropriate security measures to protect such Personal Information in accordance with applicable laws.

If we become aware of an unauthorized acquisition or use of Personal Information provided to us under this Engagement Letter, we will promptly inform you of such unauthorized acquisition or use as required by applicable laws and, upon your written request, reasonably cooperate with you at your sole cost in support of any breach notification requirements as imposed upon you by applicable laws.

Retention of Records

We will return to you all original records you provide to us in connection with this engagement. Further, in addition to providing you with those deliverables set forth in this Engagement Letter, we will provide to you a copy of any records we prepare or accumulate in connection with such deliverables which are not otherwise reflected in your books and records without which your books and records would be incomplete. You have the sole responsibility for retaining and maintaining in your possession or custody all of your financial and nonfinancial records related to this engagement. We will not host, and will not accept responsibility to host, any of your records. We, however, may maintain a copy of any records of yours necessary for us to comply with applicable law and/or professional standards or to exercise our rights under this Engagement Letter. Any such records retained by us will be subject to the confidentiality obligations set forth herein and destroyed in accordance with our record retention policies.

Termination

Your failure to make full payment of any and all undisputed amounts invoiced in a timely manner constitutes a material breach for which we may refuse to provide deliverables and/or, upon written notice, suspend or terminate our services under this Engagement Letter. We will not be liable to you for any resulting loss, damage or expense connected with the suspension or termination of our services due to your failure to make full payment of undisputed amounts invoiced in a timely manner.

Either party hereto may terminate this Engagement Letter for any reason upon fifteen (15) days' prior written notice to the other party. In the event you terminate this engagement, you will pay us for all services rendered (including deliverables and products delivered), expenses incurred, and noncancelable commitments made by us on your behalf through the effective date of termination.

Either party may terminate this Engagement Letter upon written notice if: (i) circumstances arise that in its judgment would cause its continued performance to result in a violation of law, a regulatory requirement, applicable professional or ethical standards, or, in the case of Freed, our client acceptance or retention standards; or (ii) if the other party is placed on a Sanctioned List (as defined herein), or if any director or executive of, or other person closely associated with such other party or its affiliate, is placed on a Sanctioned List.

We will not be responsible for any delay or failure in our performance resulting from acts beyond our reasonable control or unforeseen or unexpected circumstances, such as, but not limited to, acts of God, government or war, riots or strikes, disasters, fires, floods, epidemics, pandemics or outbreaks of communicable disease, cyberattacks, and internet or other system or network outages. At your option, you may terminate this Engagement Letter where our services are delayed more than 120 days; however, you are not excused from paying us for all amounts owed for services rendered and deliverables provided prior to the termination of this Engagement Letter.

When an engagement has been suspended at the request of management and work on that engagement has not recommenced within 120 days of the request to suspend our work, we may, at our sole discretion, terminate this Engagement Letter without further obligation to you. Resumption of our work following termination may be subject to our client acceptance procedures and, if resumed, will require additional procedures not contemplated in this Engagement Letter. Accordingly, the scope, timing and fee arrangement discussed in this Engagement Letter will no longer apply. In order for us to recommence work, the execution of a new Engagement Letter will be required.

The parties agree that those provisions of this Engagement Letter which, by their context, are intended to survive, including, but not limited to, payment, limitations on liability , claim resolution , use and ownership, and confidentiality obligations, shall survive the termination of this Engagement Letter.

Miscellaneous

We may mention your name and provide a general description of the engagement in our client lists and marketing materials.

Notwithstanding anything stated to the contrary in this Engagement Letter, the Plan acknowledges and consents that we also may utilize Confidential Information and Personal Information to (i) improve the quality of our services and offerings and/or (ii) develop or perform internal data analysis or other insight generation. Information developed in connection with these purposes may be used by us to provide services or offerings. We will not use your Confidential Information or Personal Information in a way that would permit the Plan or an individual to be identified by third parties without your prior written consent.

Our professional standards require that we perform certain additional procedures, on current and previous years' engagements, whenever a director or professional employee leaves the firm and is subsequently employed by or associated with a client in a key position. Accordingly, you agree to compensate us for any additional costs incurred as a result of your employment of one of our directors, principals or employees.

Each party hereto affirms it has not been placed on a Sanctioned List (as defined below) and will promptly notify the other party upon becoming aware that it has been placed on a Sanctioned List at any time throughout the duration of this Engagement Letter. The Plan shall not, and shall not permit third parties to, access or use any of the deliverables provided for hereunder, or Third-Party Products provided hereunder, in violation of any applicable sanctions laws or regulations, including, but not limited to, accessing or using the deliverables provided for hereunder or any Third-Party Products from any territory under embargo by the United States or Canada. The Plan shall not knowingly cause Freed to violate any sanctions applicable to Freed. As used herein "Sanctioned List" means any sanctioned person or entity lists promulgated by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. State Department, the Consolidated Canadian Autonomous Sanctions List, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, and the United Kingdom.

Any term of this Engagement Letter that would be prohibited by or impair our independence under applicable law or regulation shall not apply, to the extent necessary only to avoid such prohibition or impairment.

Notices

Unless otherwise expressly agreed upon by the parties in this Engagement Letter, all notices required to be given hereunder will be in writing and addressed to the party at the business address provided in this Engagement Letter, or such other address as such party may indicate by a notice delivered to the other party. A copy of any legal notice (e.g., any claimed breach or termination of this Engagement Letter) sent by the Plan to RSM shall also be sent to the following address: Office of the Managing Director, Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C., 424 Main Street, Suite 800, Buffalo, NY 14202. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Engagement Letter, notices hereunder will be deemed given and effective: (i) if personally delivered, upon delivery; (ii) if sent by registered or certified mail or by overnight courier service with tracking capabilities, upon receipt; and, (iii) if sent by electronic mail (without indication of delivery failure), at such time as the party that sent the notice receives confirmation of receipt, whether by read-receipt confirmation or otherwise.

Governing Law

This Engagement Letter, including, without limitation, its validity, interpretation, construction, and enforceability, and any dispute, litigation, suit, action, claim, or other legal proceeding arising out of, from, or relating in any way to this Engagement Letter, any provisions herein, a report issued or the services provided hereunder, will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to its conflict of law principles, and applicable U.S. federal law.

Entire Agreement

This Engagement Letter constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of agreement between Freed and the Plan and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, and proposals, whether oral or written, relating to the subject matter of this Engagement Letter.

If any term or provision of this Engagement Letter is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such term or provision will be deemed stricken, and all other terms and provisions will remain in full force and effect.

This Engagement Letter may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both parties.

Electronic Signatures and Counterparts

Each party hereto agrees that any electronic signature of a party to this Engagement Letter or any electronic signature to a document contemplated hereby (including any representation letter) is intended to authenticate such writing and shall be as valid, and have the same force and effect, as a manual signature. Any such electronically signed document shall be deemed (a) to be "written" or "in writing," (b) to have been signed and (c) to constitute a record established and maintained in the ordinary course of business and an original written record when printed from electronic files. Each party hereto also agrees that electronic delivery of a signature to any such document (via email or otherwise) shall be as effective as manual delivery of a manual signature. For purposes hereof, "electronic signature" includes, but is not limited to, (a) a scanned copy (as a "pdf" (portable document format) or other replicating image) of a manual ink signature, (b) an electronic copy of a traditional signature affixed to a document, (c) a signature incorporated into a document utilizing touchscreen capabilities or (d) a digital signature. This Engagement Letter may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original instrument, but all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement. Paper copies or "printouts," of such documents if introduced as evidence in any judicial, arbitral, mediation or administrative proceeding, will be admissible as between the parties to the same extent and under the same conditions as other original business records created and maintained in documentary form. Neither party shall contest the admissibility of true and accurate copies of electronically signed documents on the basis of the best evidence rule or as not satisfying the business records exception to the hearsay rule.

Please sign and return a copy of this Engagement Letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit, including our respective responsibilities.

Acknowledgement and Acceptance

Each party acknowledges that it has read and agrees to all of the terms and conditions contained herein. Each party and its signatory below represent that said signatory is a duly authorized representative of such party and has the requisite power and authority to bind such party to the undertakings and obligations contained herein.

AGREED TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C.

Holly M. Hejmowski, CPA

Holly M. Hejmowski, CPA
Director

RESPONSE:

Confirmed on behalf of New Era Cap, LLC Savings & Retirement Plan for Management and Administrative Employees:



Kevin Wilson, Chief Financial Officer

May 28, 2024

Date

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To Whom it May Concern:

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audits of the financial statements of New Era Cap, LLC Savings & Retirement Plan for Management and Administrative Employees (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) sponsored by New Era Cap, LLC (the Plan Sponsor). The Plan's financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022; the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended; and the related notes to the financial statements.

We elected to have the audit 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. We acknowledge that the audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier, that is regulated, supervised and subject to periodically examination by a state or federal agency, a qualified institution, that prepared and certified the investment information in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We have determined that an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances. We have also determined that the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described by 29 CFR 2520.103-8, that the certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5 and that the certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

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

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that as of the date of your report:

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated May 28, 2024 for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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2. We acknowledge our responsibility for administering the plan and determining the plan's transaction that are presented and disclosed in the ERISA plan financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

3. We acknowledge our responsibility 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.

4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of controls to prevent and detect fraud.

5. The methods, data, and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement or disclosure that is reasonable in the context of U.S. GAAP, and reflect our judgment based on our knowledge and experience about past and current events, and our assumptions about conditions we expect to exist and courses of action we expect to take.

6. We are responsible for the estimation methods and assumptions used in measuring assets and liabilities reported or disclosed at fair value, including information obtained from brokers, pricing services or other third parties. Our valuation methodologies have been consistently applied from period to period. The fair value measurements reported or disclosed represent our best estimate of fair value as of the measurement date in accordance with the requirements of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820, Fair Value Measurement. In addition, our disclosures related to fair value measurements are consistent with the objectives outlined in FASB ASC Topic 820.

7. Related-party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.

8. Transactions with parties in interest, as defined in Section 3(14) of ERISA and regulations thereunder, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed.

9. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements, and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure, have been adjusted or disclosed.

10. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

11. We have no intention to terminate the Plan.

12. We have properly reported and disclosed amendments to the Plan instrument, if any.

13. We have no knowledge of any uncorrected misstatements in the financial statements.

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14. With respect to financial preparation services performed in the course of the audit:

    a. We have made all management decisions and performed all management functions;

    b. We assigned an appropriate individual to oversee the services who possesses suitable skills, knowledge and (or) expertise;

    c. We evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed, and made an informed judgment on the results of the services performed;

    d. We have accepted responsibility for the results of the services; and

    e. We have accepted responsibility for all significant judgments and decisions that were made

Supplementary Information

15. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the ERISA-required supplemental schedules in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. In this regard:

    a. We believe such schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

    b. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.

    c. We will only present the ERISA-required supplemental schedules together with the audited financial statements and auditor's report thereon and will not separate the ERISA-required supplemental schedules from the audited financial statements and auditor's report thereon in any document that contains such information.

Information Provided

16. We have provided you with:

    a. Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;

    b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audits;

    c. Unrestricted access to persons within the Plan from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence;

    d. The currently effective version of the Plan document, including specimen plan document and adoption agreement, the trust agreement or insurance contracts, and all related amendments. The Plan was most recently amended on and effective as of December 15, 2022;

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e. A draft of the Form 5500 that is substantially complete;

f. All correspondence, filings, reports and determinations with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the DOL relating to the Plan's compliance with ERISA and the maintenance of its tax-exempt status;

g. All Plan financial records and related data. In that regard, the payroll information we provided you covered all employees that were eligible to participate in the Plan; and

h. All minutes of the meetings of the Plan's Retirement Committee, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.

17. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.

18. The Plan Sponsor's management designated an individual with sufficient skills, knowledge and experience to oversee the financial statement preparation process and take responsibility for the results of the financial statement preparation services. This individual performed a detailed review of the financial statements, consisting of the following procedures:

    a. Reconciliation of the trust activity to the financial statements.

    b. Review and approval of all journal entries proposed by you, including the review of supporting documentation and explanations.

    c. Review of the adequacy of financial statement disclosures by review and approval of the disclosure checklist completed by you.

    d. Review and approval of schedules and calculations supporting the amounts included in the notes to the financial statements.

19. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

20. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan involving:

    a. Management.

    b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control.

    c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

21. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan received in communications from employees, former employees, participants, regulators, beneficiaries, service providers, third-party administrators or others.

22. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements. Neither

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we nor the Plan Sponsor, or others acting on behalf of the Plan, have consulted a lawyer concerning litigation and claims or other matters affecting the Plan.

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

24. We are aware of no deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, including significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, in the design or operation of internal controls that could adversely affect the Plan's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data.

25. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets or liabilities.

26. The Plan or trust has satisfactory title to all owned assets that are recorded at fair value, and all liens, encumbrances or security interests have been properly disclosed.

27. We have answered your questions about the Plan's tax compliance to the best of our knowledge and belief.

28. There have been no communications, whether written or oral, from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in the operation of the Plan.

29. We have complied with (a) all aspects of debt and other contractual agreements, including provisions of the Plan, that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance, (b) the fidelity bonding requirements of ERISA, (c) all participant eligibility and coverage requirements of the Plan, ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), and (d) the filing requirements of appropriate agencies.

30. We have complied with the DOL's regulations concerning the timely remittance of participants' contributions to trusts containing assets for the Plan.

31. We have disclosed to you all known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations.

32. The Plan and the trust established under the Plan are qualified under the appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and intends to continue as a qualified Plan and trust. We have operated the Plan and trust in a manner that did not jeopardize this tax status.

33. We have reviewed the complementary user entity control considerations of the System and Organization Controls (SOC 1) Report for Fidelity Workplace Services LLC's Description of Its Defined Contribution Recordkeeping Services System and the Suitability of the Design and Operating Effectiveness of Controls dated December 4, 2023 for the period ending October 31, 2023, and we believe all applicable controls are properly designed and implemented and operating effectively.

34. We have reviewed the complementary user entity control considerations of the System and Organization Controls (SOC 1) Report for Fidelity Technology Group, LLC's Description of Its Data Center and Related Infrastructure System and the Suitability of the Design and Operating Effectiveness of Controls dated

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December 4, 2023 for the period ending October 31, 2023, and we believe all applicable controls are properly designed and implemented and operating effectively.

35. We have reviewed the complementary user entity control considerations of the System and Organization Controls (SOC 1) Report for Description of ADP's AutoPay Payroll Services System and the Suitability of the Design and Operating Effectiveness of Controls dated December 15, 2023 for the period ending September 30, 2023, and we believe all applicable controls are properly designed and implemented and operating effectively.

36. There are no:

    a. Non-exempt (prohibited) party-in-interest transactions [other than those reported in the financial statements or supplemental schedule.

    b. Notes receivable from participants or other receivables or investments in default or considered to be uncollectible that were not disclosed in the financial statements or supplemental schedule.

    c. Reportable transactions that were not disclosed in the supplemental schedule.

37. During the course of your audit, you may have accumulated records containing data that should be reflected in our books and records. All such data have been so reflected. Accordingly, copies of such records in your possession are no longer needed by us.

New Era Cap, LLC

Kevin Wilson,
Chief Financial Officer

Ali Cloyd,
Director – Total Rewards

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DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Participants and Administrator
of the New Era Cap, LLC
Savings & Retirement Plan
for Management and Administrative Employees

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit
We have performed audits of the financial statements of New Era Cap, LLC Savings & Retirement Plan for Management and Administrative Employees (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 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 (U.S. GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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

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

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

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

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 U.S. GAAP.

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

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA
The supplemental schedule, schedule h, line 4i – schedule of assets (held 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C.

Buffalo, New York
October 1, 2024

NEW ERA CAP, LLC
SAVINGS & RETIREMENT PLAN FOR
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31,

ASSETS	2023	2022
Investments, at fair value:		
Shares of registered investment companies	**$ 61,151,943**	$ 50,337,054
Common collective trust funds	**1,829,637**	948,812
Total investments	**62,981,580**	51,285,866
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	**386,201**	385,467
Net assets available for benefits	**$ 63,367,781**	$ 51,671,333

See accompanying notes.

NEW ERA CAP, LLC
SAVINGS & RETIREMENT PLAN FOR
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Years Ended December 31,

	2023	2022
Sources of net assets:		
Participant contributions	**$ 3,524,251**	$ 3,092,796
Employer contributions	**1,593,255**	1,375,032
Participant rollover contributions	**183,917**	167,425
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	**8,724,318**	-
Interest and dividends	**1,223,564**	4,226,490
Revenue credit, net	**38,450**	29,990
Total sources of net assets	**15,287,755**	8,891,733
Applications of net assets:		
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	**-**	15,341,828
Benefits paid to participants	**3,591,307**	3,202,519
Total applications of net assets	**3,591,307**	18,544,347
Increase (decrease) in net assets	**11,696,448**	(9,652,614)
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	**51,671,333**	61,323,947
End of year	**$ 63,367,781**	$ 51,671,333

See accompanying notes.

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the New Era Cap, LLC Savings & Retirement Plan for Management and Administrative Employees (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 as permitted under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan is funded by participant and employer contributions and covers all management and administrative employees of New Era Cap, LLC, 5th & Ocean Clothing, LLC, New Era Apparel, LLC, New Era Innovation, LLC, and New Era U.S. Retail, LLC (collectively the Company) who have attained age 21 and completed one month of service, as defined in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Retirement Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investments offerings and monitors investments performance.

Contributions: Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of their eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan, in the form of elective pre-tax deferrals, Roth elective deferrals, or a combination of both. 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).

After one month of employment, unless an affirmative election not to participate in the Plan is made, all newly hired employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan and deemed to have elected to contribute 4% of compensation. Participants may make an affirmative election at any time to contribute a different amount. Employees may elect not to have elective contributions made to the Plan on their behalf by opting out of the Plan through the online portal provided by the third-party administrator.

The Company makes a safe harbor matching contribution in the amount of 100% of the participant's elective deferral not to exceed 4% of the participant's compensation. In addition, the Company may also make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution. There was no discretionary profit-sharing contribution during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Participants direct their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment allocation on a daily basis.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and Company safe harbor matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company's profit-sharing contribution and Plan earnings. Participant 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 100% vested in their contributions and in the safe harbor matching contributions. Participants are 20% vested in employer discretionary profit-sharing contributions after one year of service, as defined in the Plan, with a 20% annual increase in each of the next four years.

Notes Receivable from Participants: Participants who have at least one year of participation in the Plan may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at 1% above prime rate, as defined. Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits: On termination of service due to death, disability, retirement or normal termination, a participant may elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account as a lump sum distribution. The Plan also allows hardship distribution under certain circumstances.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The Plan prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting.

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: Investments are reported at fair 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 Retirement Plan Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors and trustees. See Note 3 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) in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants: Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

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

Subsequent Events: These financial statements have not been updated for subsequent events occurring after October 1, 2024, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standard Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification* (ASC) 820: *Fair Value Measurements*, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy 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.

NOTE 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.

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.

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.

Shares of registered investment companies: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year end. The NAV is the closing price reported on the active market on which the securities are traded. Shares of registered investment companies are classified as Level 1 investments.

Common collective trust funds: Valued at the NAV of underlying investments held by the funds. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the common collective trust fund, the issuer reserves the right to require 12 months notification in order to ensure that securities liquidation will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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

	December 31, 2023	
	Level 1	Total
Shares of registered investment companies	$ 61,151,943	**$ 61,151,943**
Common collective trust funds (a)	-	**1,829,637**
Total investments at fair value	$ 61,151,943	**$ 62,981,580**

	December 31, 2022	
	Level 1	Total
Shares of registered investment companies	$ 50,337,054	**$ 50,337,054**
Common collective trust fund (a)	-	**948,812**
Total investments at fair value	$ 50,337,054	**$ 51,285,866**

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

NOTE 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient: The following tables summarize investments measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

December 31, 2023	*Fair Value*	*Unfunded Commitments*	*Redemption Frequency*	*Redemption Notice Period*
Common collective trust funds	$1,829,637	n/a	Daily	12 months

December 31, 2022	*Fair Value*	*Unfunded Commitments*	*Redemption Frequency*	*Redemption Notice Period*
Common collective trust fund	$948,812	n/a	Daily	12 months

NOTE 4. FINANCIAL CERTIFICATION

The following unaudited financial information relating to the Plan's assets at December 31, 2023 and 2022, as well as earnings and transactions for the years then ended has been derived from information provided by Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity), the trustee, and has been certified by them as complete and accurate. The incorporation of this financial information in the accompanying financial statements is based solely on their certification and has not been audited by independent accountants.

	2023	2022
Investments, at fair value:		
Shares of registered investment companies	**$ 61,151,943**	$ 50,337,054
Common collective trust funds	**$ 1,829,637**	$ 948,812
Notes receivable from participants	**$ 386,201**	$ 385,467
Transactions for the years ended:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	**$ 8,724,318**	$ (15,341,828)
Interest and dividends	**$ 1,223,564**	$ 4,226,490

NOTE 5. 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 discretionary profit-sharing contributions.

NOTE 6. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan’s investments are shares of registered investment companies and a common collective trust fund managed by Fidelity. Fidelity is the Plan Trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fidelity receives revenue from mutual fund service providers for services Fidelity provides to the funds. This revenue is used to offset certain amounts owed to Fidelity for its administrative services to the Plan. If the revenue received by Fidelity from such mutual fund service providers exceeds the amount owed, Fidelity remits the excess to the Plan's trust on a quarterly basis. Such amounts may be applied

NOTE 6. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

to pay Plan administrative expenses or allocated to the accounts of the participants. During the year ended December 31, 2023, there were excess amounts of $89,960 that were allocated to the accounts of the participants ($90,285 - 2022). The Plan or Company may make a payment to Fidelity for administrative expenses not covered by revenue sharing.

Administrative expenses paid to the Plan's investment advisor and participant loans also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

NOTE 7. TAX STATUS

The Plan adopted a non-standardized pre-approved profit-sharing plan sponsored by Fidelity. The non-standardized pre-approved plan has received an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020 from the IRS as to the non-standardized pre-approved plan's qualified status. The opinion letter has been relied upon by this Plan. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions 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 likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 8. RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

NOTE 9. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits as reported on the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31,

	2023	2022
Net assets available for benefits as reported on the financial statements	**$ 63,367,781**	$ 51,671,333
Differences in:		
Value of interest in common collective trust funds	**(53,596)**	(64,049)
Investments	**386,201**	385,467
Notes receivable from participants	**(386,201)**	(385,467)
Net assets available for benefits as reported on Form 5500	**$ 63,314,185**	$ 51,607,284

NOTE 9. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500 (CONTINUED)

The following is a reconciliation of the increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the years ended December 31, to Form 5500:

	2023	2022
Increase (decrease) in net assets as reported on the financial statements	**$ 11,696,448**	$ (9,652,614)
Differences in:		
Value of interest in common collective trusts, net	**10,453**	(67,381)
Increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	**$ 11,706,901**	$ (9,719,995)

NEW ERA CAP, LLC
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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2023

Employer Identification Number: 16-0770131
Plan Number: 003

	Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Rate of Interest	Current Value
Common Collective Trust Funds:			
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Managed Income Portfolio Class 1	**$ 941,462**
	SEI Trust Company	Allspring Core Plus Bond CIT D1	**888,175**
			1,829,637
Shares of Registered Investment Companies:			
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund - Class K	**7,524,456**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund - Class K	**7,487,518**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund - Class K	**7,366,388**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund - Class K	**6,482,923**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	**6,184,453**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund - Class K	**5,671,649**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund - Class K	**5,016,789**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund - Class K	**3,206,340**
	The Vanguard Group, Inc.	Vanguard Growth Index Fund Admiral Shares	**2,038,185**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund - Class K	**2,008,647**
	American Funds	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund Class R-5	**1,398,690**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	**1,326,627**
	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth Fund Class R6	**1,238,745**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	**1,019,332**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund - Class K	**928,217**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2005 Fund - Class K	**814,419**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund - Class K	**643,262**
	Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund	Columbia Dividend Income Fund Class I3	**490,416**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2010 Fund - Class K	**222,432**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund - Class K	**55,371**
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom Income Fund - Class K	**26,556**
*	Fidelity Money Market	Fidelity Money Market Retirement Government Money Market II	**529**
			61,151,943
Notes receivable from participants:			
*	The New Era Cap, LLC Savings & Retirement Plan for Management and Administrative Employees	Participant loans (interest rates range from 4.25% to 9.50%)	**386,201**
			$ 63,367,781

***** Denotes party-in-interest to the Plan.

The above information has been certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company.