

<div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: <div><div>☐ a multiemployer plan</div><div>☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div>☒ a single-employer plan</div><div>☐ a DFE (specify) _____</div><div>☐ the first return/report</div><div>☐ the final return/report</div><div>☐ an amended return/report</div><div>☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div>
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: <div><div>☒ Form 5558</div><div>☐ automatic extension</div><div>☐ the DFVC program</div><div>☐ special extension (enter description)</div></div>
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information	
1a	Name of plan THE WILL-BURT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP TRUST AND PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
		1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1985
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) THE WILL-BURT COMPANY P.O. BOX 900 ORRVILLE, OH 44667-9000 401 COLLINS BOULEVARD ORRVILLE, OH 44667-9000	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0620280 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 330-682-7015 2d Business code (see instructions) 332900

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.	10/08/2024	BRUCE INZETTA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/08/2024	RICHARD LEWIN
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 334
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> 6a(1) 249 6a(2) 222 6b 44 6c 77 6d 343 6e 1 6f 344 6g(1) 316 6g(2) 338 6h 6
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:

2I 3I 2O 2Q

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4) ☐ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☐ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan THE WILL-BURT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP TRUST AND PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE WILL-BURT COMPANY		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0620280

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	153909
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	2468	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	663459	714424
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	34263966	36560608
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	34929893	37428941
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	34929893	37428941

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)	976950	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	237460	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1214410
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	0	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(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)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	2732004	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		20356
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3966770

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1467722	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		1467722
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		0
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1467722

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2499048
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☒ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP**

(2) EIN: **41-0746749**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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

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

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

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

<div>SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div>
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE WILL-BURT COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0620280	

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 34-0620280		
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.)
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4	Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.				
5	If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
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
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9	If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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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.
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10	Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☒ No
11	a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☒ No
	b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☒ No
12	Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☒ Yes	☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

**THE WILL-BURT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK
OWNERSHIP TRUST AND PLAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
ERISA-REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
The Will-Burt Company Employee Stock Ownership Trust and Plan
Orrville, Ohio

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Will-Burt Company Employee Stock Ownership Trust and Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Will-Burt Company Employee Stock Ownership Trust and Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 Will-Burt Company Employee Stock Ownership Trust and 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 Will-Burt Company Employee Stock Ownership Trust and Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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.

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Canton, Ohio
September 30, 2024

THE WILL-BURT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP TRUST AND PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

ASSETS	2023			2022		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
CASH	\$ 153,909	\$ -	\$ 153,909	\$ 2,468	\$ -	\$ 2,468
INVESTMENTS (at Estimated Fair Value)						
Mutual Funds	714,424	-	714,424	663,459	-	663,459
Common Stock of The Will-Burt Company	36,560,608	-	36,560,608	34,263,966	-	34,263,966
Total Investments at Estimated Fair Value	37,275,032	-	37,275,032	34,927,425	-	34,927,425
RECEIVABLES						
Employer Contributions	800,000	-	800,000	1,037,460	-	1,037,460
Total Assets	38,228,941	-	38,228,941	35,967,353	-	35,967,353
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 38,228,941</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 38,228,941</u>	<u>\$ 35,967,353</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 35,967,353</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

THE WILL-BURT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP TRUST AND PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023			2022		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
ADDITIONS:						
INVESTMENT INCOME						
Net Appreciation in Estimated Fair Value of Investments	\$ 2,732,004	\$ -	\$ 2,732,004	\$ 2,040,955	\$ 213,150	\$ 2,254,105
Interest, Dividends, and Capital Gains	20,356	-	20,356	15,886	-	15,886
Total Investment Income	2,752,360	-	2,752,360	2,056,841	213,150	2,269,991
CONTRIBUTIONS						
Company Contributions	976,950	-	976,950	1,675,068	-	1,675,068
ALLOCATION OF NET REALIZED GAIN						
On Sale of 6,090 Unallocated Shares of The Will-Burt Company Common Stock For the Year Ended December 31, 2022	-	-	-	154,406	-	154,406
Total Additions	3,729,310	-	3,729,310	3,886,315	213,150	4,099,465
DEDUCTIONS:						
BENEFITS PAID TO PARTICIPANTS	1,467,722	-	1,467,722	10,286,220	-	10,286,220
INTEREST EXPENSE	-	-	-	-	58,744	58,744
ALLOCATION OF NET REALIZED GAIN						
On Sale of 6,090 Unallocated Shares of The Will-Burt Company Common Stock For the Year Ended December 31, 2022	-	-	-	-	154,406	154,406
Total Deductions	1,467,722	-	1,467,722	10,286,220	213,150	10,499,370
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	2,261,588	-	2,261,588	(6,399,905)	-	(6,399,905)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:						
Beginning of Year	35,967,353	-	35,967,353	42,367,258	-	42,367,258
End of Year	<u>\$ 38,228,941</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 38,228,941</u>	<u>\$ 35,967,353</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 35,967,353</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

THE WILL-BURT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP TRUST AND PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of The Will-Burt Company Employee Stock Ownership Trust and Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of The Will-Burt Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, Will-Burt Advanced Composites, Inc. (collectively, the Company). The Plan is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (IRC) and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

See Note 8 regarding loan and transactions with parties-in-interest. The borrowing was collateralized by the unallocated shares of common stock and was guaranteed by the Company. The lender has no rights against shares of common stock once they are allocated to participants in accordance with the terms of the ESOP. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to:

- (a) the accounts of employees with vested rights in allocated common stock (Allocated) and
- (b) common stock not yet allocated to employees (Unallocated).

Eligibility

Employees of the Company who have reached 18 years of age and who have completed 500 hours within six months of continuous service are eligible for the Plan. Participants who do not have at least 1,000 hours of service during a Plan year or who are not employed on the last working day of a Plan year are generally not eligible for an allocation of Company contributions for such year unless employment termination is due to death, disability, or retirement at or after age 65.

Contributions

The amount and frequency of the Company's contributions are determined by the Company's Board of Trustees, provided that such contributions shall not exceed the maximum allowable as a deduction under the IRC. Contributions may be made in the form of cash or common stock of the Company. Contributions by Plan participants are not permitted by the Plan. Contributions are subject to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

THE WILL-BURT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP TRUST AND PLAN
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NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Participant Accounts

A separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each Plan year with employer contributions, income earned on investments and forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company will receive an allocation in accordance with the Plan provisions. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation relative to total eligible compensation.

Voting Rights

Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account and is notified by the trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. The trustee is not permitted to vote any allocated share for which instructions have not been given by a participant. The trustee is required, however, to vote any unallocated shares on behalf of the collective best interest of the Plan participants and beneficiaries. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, all shares held by the Plan were allocated to participants.

Diversification

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement in order that they may have the opportunity to move portions of the value of their investment in Company stock into other retirement plan options. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of company stock that was acquired by the Plan after December 31, 1986, and has been allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%. Participants who elect to diversify receive a cash distribution. All shares were purchased by the Plan before December 31, 1986.

Payment of Benefits

No distributions from the Plan will be made until a participant retires, dies (in which case, payment shall be made to their beneficiary or, if none, to their legal representative), or otherwise terminates employment with the Company. Distributions are made only in cash. The Company is obligated to fund these distributions through contributions.

Distributions of participants account balances are made as lump sum distributions, if less than \$5,000. Account balances greater than \$5,000 are paid out over a period of five years. Participants who are receiving their third or fourth payment may elect to receive a lump sum distribution of their remaining account balance. The Plan has distribution options available under the Plan and automatic liquidation of shares held by former employees no later than the third year following the date of termination. Terminated participants are not allowed to hold investments in Company stock indefinitely. At each Plan year-end, participants who are not receiving periodic payments will have approximately one fifth of their investment in Company stock cashed-out and converted to an alternative investment. Account balances are based on the most recent valuation.

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NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Payment of Benefits (Continued)

Effective January 1, 2021, the Plan was amended as follows:

- a. To allow terminated participants to receive amounts due from their account in installments over a period of at least five years and no longer than the participant's life expectancy,
- b. To allow participants with benefits commencing after January 1, 2010 and with three or fewer remaining annual installments may also elect to receive a single lump sum payment of their account balance under the amendment, and
- c. To require any participant or beneficiary who commenced benefit payments during the Plan year ended December 31, 2021 and those who commenced benefits in a prior Plan year and were receiving installment payments to receive a single lump sum payment of all remaining payments due from their account as soon as administratively feasible after December 31, 2021 based on the valuation of their account as of December 31, 2021.

The lump sum payments related to this amendment commenced in July 2022 and totaled \$10,286,220 for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Forfeited Accounts

Plan forfeitures are allocated to each participant's account based upon the relation of the participant's compensation to total compensation for the Plan year. Forfeitures of terminated nonvested account balances allocated to remaining participants at December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$59,304 and \$27,451, respectively. There were no balances in forfeited nonvested accounts at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Vesting

Vesting in participant accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after three years of vesting service. A participant is immediately 100% vested in their participant account due to qualified disability, death, or after attaining normal retirement age.

Put Option

Under federal income tax regulations, the Employer stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or subject to trading limitations includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the fair market value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchase over a period of three years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following are the significant accounting policies followed by the Plan.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The assets of the Plan are valued at estimated fair market value. The value of the Company stock is determined annually by an independent appraisal. Shares of registered investment companies (mutual funds) are reported at fair value based on the quoted market price of the fund, which represents the net asset value (NAV) of the shares held by the fund at year-end. See Note 6 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The difference between fair value and the cost of investments, if any, is reflected in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits as net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Plan fees and expenses, including fees and expenses connected with the providing of administrative services by internal providers, are paid by the Company.

Allocations

The financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to (a) the accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock (allocated) and (b) stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated), including shares that are committed to be released.

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 available for benefits and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through September 30, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

THE WILL-BURT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP TRUST AND PLAN
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NOTE 3 INVESTMENT IN COMPANY STOCK

The Plan invests in The Will-Burt Company common stock, which is held by the trustees of the Plan. The estimated fair market value, as determined by independent appraisal as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$610 and \$565 per share, respectively.

The following table presents the investment in The Will-Burt Company common stock as of December 31:

	2023		2022	
	Allocated	Unallocated	Allocated	Unallocated
The Will-Burt Company Common Stock:				
Number of Shares	59,935	-	60,644	-
Cost	\$ 1,474,411	\$ -	\$ 1,491,847	\$ -
Market (at Estimated Fair Value)	\$ 36,560,608	\$ -	\$ 34,263,966	\$ -

NOTE 4 ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN ASSETS

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

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

NOTE 5 PLAN AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

The Company has the right to amend the Plan if it determines that it is necessary and desirable to do so. Further, the Company intends to continue the Plan indefinitely, but reserves the right to terminate it at any time, provided it will not be undertaken in such a manner to constitute a violation of any applicable provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

NOTE 6 FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy 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.

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NOTE 6 FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair market 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 valuation methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

Company Common Stock – The fair value of The Will-Burt Company common stock held by the Plan is valued at estimated fair value based upon an independent appraisal. This appraisal was based upon a combination of the market and income valuation techniques consistent with prior years. The appraiser took into account historical and projected cash flow and net income, return on assets, return on equity, market comparables, and estimated fair value of company assets and liabilities. Plan management has concluded that a market participant would also recognize a discount for lack of marketability.

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

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NOTE 6 FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 714,424	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 714,424
Common Stock of The Will-Burt Company	-	-	36,560,608	36,560,608
Total Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 714,424</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 36,560,608</u>	<u>\$ 37,275,032</u>

2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 663,459	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 663,459
Common Stock of The Will-Burt Company	-	-	34,263,966	34,263,966
Total Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 663,459</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 34,263,966</u>	<u>\$ 34,927,425</u>

Changes in Fair Value Levels

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting period.

Plan management has evaluated the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers in or out of Levels 1, 2, or 3.

Purchases of the Plan's Level 3 assets for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$-0- and 3,227,700, respectively.

NOTE 7 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

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

	2023	2022
Net Assets Available for Benefits per Financial Statements	\$ 38,228,941	\$ 35,967,353
Adjustments of Contribution Receivable from The Will-Burt Company	(800,000)	(1,037,460)
Net Assets Available for Benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 37,428,941</u>	<u>\$ 34,929,893</u>

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NOTE 7 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500 (CONTINUED)

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

	2023	2022
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Available for Benefits per Financial Statements	\$ 2,261,588	\$ (6,399,905)
Contribution Receivable at Beginning of Year	1,037,460	800,000
Contribution Receivable at End of Year	<u>(800,000)</u>	<u>(1,037,460)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Available for Benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 2,499,048</u>	<u>\$ (6,637,365)</u>

NOTE 8 TRANSACTIONS WITH PARTIES-IN-INTEREST

Certain Plan investments are managed by American Funds and Manning & Napier, the custodians as defined by the Plan and, therefore, the investment transactions are considered party-in-interest transactions. Additional transactions consist of purchases and sales of Company stock and payment of administrative expenses.

Effective January 1, 2022, the Plan entered into a purchase agreement with the Company to purchase 6,090 shares of Company stock at a price of \$530 per share, as determined by independent appraisal as of December 31, 2021. The total purchase price of \$3,227,700 was funded through a loan agreement with the Company. The term of the loan was thirty years with annual principal and interest payments due on December 31, 2022 through December 31, 2051. The loan bore interest at 1.82% per annum and was collateralized by the underlying Company stock shares. Shares are released from collateral and allocated to participants as payments of principal and interest are made.

During 2022, the Plan made an early repayment of the full note payable balance and related interest expense of \$58,744 through the sale of Company stock back to the Company. As a result, none of the shares purchased through the note were allocated to participants and there is no note payable balance on the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022.

Other than as previously described, the Plan has no agreements or transactions with any parties-in-interest. All of these party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transactions rules of ERISA.

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NOTE 9 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan investments consist primarily of the Company's common stock, which is exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows and/or other such techniques. Due to the level of risk associated with the investment in the common stock and to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the common stock will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 10 PLAN TAX STATUS

The IRS has determined and informed the Company by a letter that the Plan is qualified and the trust established under the Plan is tax-exempt, under the appropriate sections of the IRC. The Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

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 (or asset) 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.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
*	The Will-Burt Company	Common Stock 59,935 shares	\$ 1,474,411	\$ 36,560,608
*	Manning & Napier	Pro-Blend Conservative Term S	<u>761,117</u>	<u>714,424</u>
			<u><u>\$ 2,235,528</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 37,275,032</u></u>

* Indicates party-in-interest