

<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 CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2014
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) CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORP. 100 EXECUTIVE PARKWAY HUDSON, OH 44236
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0934564
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 440-349-8000
2d	Business code (see instructions) 332400

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.	10/10/2024	DANIEL HERBERT
	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 ☒ 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	5 570
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) 434 6a(2) 410 6b 45 6c 96 6d 551 6e 2 6f 553 6g(1) 570 6g(2) 548 6h 25
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 2P 2Q 3I

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 CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORP.		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0934564

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		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	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)		
(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)	444757925	451883636
(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	444757925	451883636
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	6000000	5000000
j Other liabilities	1j	43253	36044
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	6043253	5036044
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	438714672	446847592

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)	1160865	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1160865
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(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)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	17744122	
(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)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		18904987

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	10618411	
(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)		10618411
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		153656
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		10772067

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		8132920
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: **PEASE BELL CPAS, LLC**

(2) EIN: **36-4267431**

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?	☒		1500000
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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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORP.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0934564	

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): 47-4428012		
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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c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	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 _____.

**CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORPORATION
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022



Financial Statements and Supplementary Information
CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORPORATION
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

December 31, 2023 and 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustees of
Cleveland Steel Container Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Cleveland Steel Container Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, 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 Cleveland Steel Container Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, 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. 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 Cleveland Steel Container Corporation Employee Stock Ownership 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 these 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 Cleveland Steel Container Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date 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 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Cleveland Steel Container Corporation Employee Stock Ownership 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 Cleveland Steel Container Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the 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 auditing standards.

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 are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Pease Bell CPAs, LLC

Akron, Ohio
October 4, 2024

**CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORPORATION
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023			2022		
	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS						
Investment in Cleveland Steel Container Corporation common stock, at estimated fair value	<u>\$ 305,526,380</u>	<u>\$ 146,357,256</u>	<u>\$ 451,883,636</u>	<u>\$ 273,781,571</u>	<u>\$ 170,976,354</u>	<u>\$ 444,757,925</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	305,526,380	146,357,256	451,883,636	273,781,571	170,976,354	444,757,925
LIABILITIES						
Interest payable	-	36,044	36,044	-	43,253	43,253
Loan payable	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>5,036,044</u>	<u>5,036,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,043,253</u>	<u>6,043,253</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 305,526,380</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 141,321,212</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 446,847,592</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 273,781,571</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 164,933,101</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 438,714,672</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORPORATION
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
ADDITIONS			
Employer contributions	\$ -	\$ 1,160,865	\$ 1,160,865
Allocation of 82,741.4474 shares of common stock of Cleveland Steel Container Corporation, at estimated fair value	31,607,233	-	31,607,233
Net unrealized appreciation in estimated fair value of investment	<u>10,755,987</u>	<u>6,988,135</u>	<u>17,744,122</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	42,363,220	8,149,000	50,512,220
DEDUCTIONS			
Interest expense	-	153,656	153,656
Distributions to participants	10,618,411	-	10,618,411
Allocation of 82,741.4474 shares of common stock of Cleveland Steel Container Corporation, at estimated fair value	<u>-</u>	<u>31,607,233</u>	<u>31,607,233</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>10,618,411</u>	<u>31,760,889</u>	<u>42,379,300</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	31,744,809	(23,611,889)	8,132,920
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:			
BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>273,781,571</u>	<u>164,933,101</u>	<u>438,714,672</u>
END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$305,526,380</u></u>	<u><u>\$141,321,212</u></u>	<u><u>\$446,847,592</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORPORATION
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following brief description of the Cleveland Steel Container Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for complete information.

General: Cleveland Steel Container Corporation (the “Company”) established the Cleveland Steel Container Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the “Plan”) effective as of January 1, 2014. The Plan operates as a leveraged employee stock ownership plan (“ESOP”) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). The Plan is administered by three Trustees appointed by the Company's Board of Directors.

On April 15, 2014, the Plan purchased all the outstanding Company common stock then held by the former sole shareholder of the Company for \$11.57 per share (as adjusted for a subsequent 10,000:1 stock split). The purchase was financed through the Plan's issuance of a related promissory note payable to the former sole shareholder for \$15,000,000 (see Note 7). The Plan holds the common stock in a trust established under the Plan. The Plan's loan payable to the former sole shareholder will be repaid over a period of fifteen years from fully deductible Company contributions to the trust fund. As the Plan makes each payment of principal and interest, a proportional percentage of stock is allocated to eligible employees' accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the Code. Shares vest fully after six years of service.

The Plan's loan payable is collateralized by the unallocated shares of common stock. The former shareholder has no rights against shares of common stock once they are allocated under the ESOP. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to:

1. the accounts of employees with vested rights in allocated common stock (allocated) and
2. common stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated).

Eligibility: Employees of the Company and its participating subsidiaries (collectively, the “participating employers”) are generally eligible to participate in the Plan after six months of service and reaching the age of 21. Employees enter the Plan on the first day of the quarter after meeting the eligibility requirements. Participants who do not have at least 1,000 hours of service during such Plan year or are not employed on the last working day of the plan year are generally not eligible for an allocation of the Company contributions for such year. Employees whose employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement under which retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining are not eligible to participate in the Plan, unless such agreement expressly provides for participation.

Contributions: The Plan is funded by cash contributions made by the Company. The Company is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which, when aggregated with the Plan's investment earnings, if any, equal the amount necessary to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on its loan payable. Company contributions in cash are first used to make interest and/or principal payments required to be made under the terms of the Plan's loan payable to the former shareholder. Cash contributions not used for principal or interest payments are to be allocated to the Employer contribution account of participants. Employee contributions are not allowed.

Payment of benefits: No distributions from the Plan will be made until a participant retires, dies (in which case, payment shall be made to his or her beneficiary or, if none, his or her legal representatives), or otherwise terminates employment with the Company.

Distributions of a participant's benefits are made in the form of whole and fractional shares of Company stock. However, as a condition of receiving any distributions from the Plan, while the Company is an S Corporation, the participant or beneficiary is required to immediately sell all such shares, or fractional shares, to the Company for cash in an amount equal to the fair market value thereof as described in Note 6.

Under certain circumstances, as described in the Plan agreement, in the event Company stock is distributed to participants and the Company is not an S Corporation, and such Company stock is not readily tradeable on an established securities market, a participant has the right to require the Company to repurchase the Company stock distributed to such participant under a fair valuation formula as defined in the Plan agreement. Participants begin receiving distributions the year after they retire (age 65 or greater), become disabled, as described in the Plan agreement, or are deceased. Distributions are paid in equal annual installments over five years (see note below on excess balances) with a \$50,000 per year minimum amount until an account balance is fully distributed. Effective January 1, 2023, the minimum amount was increased to \$100,000. Terminated participants with an account balance under \$250,000 may begin distributions the year after termination, like the retired group above. Participants with an account balance over \$250,000 must wait five years before distributions begin unless they retire (age 65 or greater), become disabled, as described in the Plan agreement, or are deceased before the end of the five year wait period.

In 2023, if a participant's balance exceeds \$1,330,000, the five-year distribution period can be extended one additional year (up to a maximum of five additional years) for each \$265,000 in excess of the \$1,330,000 balance. The foregoing dollar amounts are adjusted annually by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Plan requires distributions to commence as soon as administratively practicable after the valuation date immediately following the Plan year in which the participant became entitled to a distribution. In 2023, the Plan distributed 28,932.9996 shares of stock relating to participant terminations in prior years. The Company immediately repurchased such shares of stock from the terminated participants at a cost of \$10,618,411. The participant shares repurchased by the Company were retired upon repurchase.

Voting rights: The Trustees are required to vote all shares on behalf of the collective best interest of plan participants and beneficiaries. Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account for matters related to any corporate merger or consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, liquidation, dissolution, sale of substantially all assets or similar transactions.

Participant accounts: The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. On the last day of each Plan year each participant's account is credited with an allocation of shares of the Company's common stock released by the Trustees from the unallocated account and forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the participating employers as of the last day of the Plan year or who are no longer actively employed due to retirement, disability, or death during the Plan year will receive an allocation. There are two parts to the allocation contribution; 50% of the allocation is based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation and 50% of the allocation is based on a participant's years of service with the participating employer, relative to total years of service with all participating employers for all participants.

Vesting: Vesting in the participant's account balance is based on years of service, based on the following schedule; however, a participant becomes fully-vested on the first day of the month after reaching age 65, if earlier.

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vesting</u>
Less than 2	0%
2	20%
3	40%
4	60%
5	80%
6	100%

Years of service prior to January 1, 2014, which is the effective date of the ESOP, and years of service prior to a participant attaining age 18 are not counted for vesting purposes. If, however, an employee became a participant in the Plan on January 1, 2014, and had attained age 60 on or before such date, the participant will be deemed to be 100% vested in his or her account.

Upon the death of a participant or in the event of a participant's total and permanent disability, before retirement or other termination of employment, the participant is deemed to be 100% vested in his or her account.

Diversification: Participants approaching normal retirement age have the opportunity to redirect a portion of the value of their investment in the Company stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants attaining age 55 with 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of the number of shares allocated to his or her account. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%. Participants who elect to diversify may transfer the diversification amounts, in cash, out of the Plan.

Forfeitures: Plan forfeitures are allocated to each participant's account based upon the relation of the participant's eligible compensation to total eligible compensation for the Plan year. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant's account based on the ratio of the participant's beginning of the year account balance to all participants' beginning of the year account balances. During 2023, 4,981.7833 shares of stock were forfeited from participant accounts. The forfeited shares were reallocated to other participants' accounts in accordance with the provisions of the Plan document.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting: The financial statements of the Plan are prepared 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 the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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 from collateral and become allocated generally in the period in which debt service is actually paid.

Investment valuation and income recognition: The shares of the Company common stock are valued at estimated fair value. See Note 6 for discussion of fair value measurements. Net appreciation includes the Plan’s gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Benefit payments: Benefit payments to participants are recorded when paid.

Operating expenses: Administrative expenses may be paid either by the Plan or by the Company.

Subsequent events: In preparing these financial statements, the Plan’s management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 4, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 – TAX STATUS

The Plan has received a determination letter from the IRS dated July 12, 2016, stating that the Plan is qualified, under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401(a) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in accordance with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The plan sponsor has indicated that it will take the necessary steps, if any, to maintain the Plan’s qualified status.

Additionally, the plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

NOTE 4 – ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN ASSETS

The Plan’s assets are held in trust by the Trustees of the Plan.

The Trustees also hold and manage employer contributions and administer the repayment of interest and principal on the loan, which is reimbursed to the trust fund through contributions by the Company.

Certain administrative functions are performed by a third-party administrator and officers or employees of the Company. Officers and employees do not receive compensation from the Plan. In 2023, all of the expenses of the Plan were paid directly by the Company.

NOTE 5 – INVESTMENTS

Plan investments, which consist solely of common stock of Cleveland Steel Container Corporation, are carried at fair market value. The fair market value per share of the Company's common stock, as determined by an independent appraiser, is \$382 and \$367 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Plan's investment in Cleveland Steel Container Corporation common stock at December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	
	Allocated	Unallocated	Allocated	Unallocated
Number of shares	<u>799,807.2786</u>	<u>383,134.1777</u>	<u>745,998.8308</u>	<u>465,875.6251</u>
Cost	<u>\$ 9,253,770</u>	<u>\$ 4,432,862</u>	<u>\$ 8,631,206</u>	<u>\$ 5,390,181</u>
Estimated fair value	<u>\$ 305,526,380</u>	<u>\$ 146,357,256</u>	<u>\$ 273,781,571</u>	<u>\$ 170,976,354</u>

NOTE 6 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy 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:

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

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

Level 3 - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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.

Company common stock: The Plan's investment, which consists solely of Company stock, is classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy. The fair value of the Company common stock is determined by an annual independent appraisal and is therefore classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy. Plan management accumulates the data for the appraiser from historical and projected financial information of the Company. The appraisal is based on a combination of the market and income valuation approaches. The appraiser takes into account historical and projected cash flow and net earnings, weighted average cost of capital, market comparables, and applicable discounts and premiums. The appraiser prepares a preliminary report that plan management, along with the ESOP Trustees, review in detail, discuss, and approve. The results of this process are documented in minutes of the ESOP Trustees.

The Trustees determine the fair value measurement policies and procedures. Those policies and procedures are reassessed at least annually to determine if the current valuation techniques are still appropriate. At that time, the unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurements are evaluated and adjusted as necessary, based on current market conditions and other third party information.

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.

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 assets for the year ended December 31, 2023.

	<u>Company common stock</u>
Beginning balance – January 1, 2023	\$ 444,757,925
Distributions	(10,618,411)
Unrealized appreciation in estimated fair value	<u>17,744,122</u>
Ending balance – December 31, 2023	<u><u>\$ 451,883,636</u></u>

There were no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy during 2023.

The gains included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023 are reported in net unrealized appreciation in estimated fair value of investments in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits and relate to assets still held at the reporting date.

NOTE 7 – LOAN PAYABLE

In April 2014, the Plan entered into a \$15,000,000 fifteen-year term loan with the former sole shareholder of the Company, the proceeds of which were used to purchase all outstanding shares of the Company's common stock. The loan requires quarterly principal payments of \$250,000 plus interest, commencing July 1, 2014, with interest initially at 3.28% and subject to adjustment to market interest rates as defined in the loan agreement, every five years. In accordance with the loan agreement, in April 2019, the interest rate was adjusted to 2.86%. In December 2014, a \$500,000 principal prepayment was made on the loan such that the remaining scheduled loan repayments will now fully repay the loan balance in October 2028.

Unallocated shares are collateral for the Plan's loan payable to the former sole shareholder. Shares are released from collateral and allocated to participants as payments of principal and interest are made. The number of shares released in any year is the number of shares held as collateral, multiplied by the ratio of the current year payments divided by the total of this year's payments plus all future years' principal and interest payments. This resulted in 82,741.4474 shares being released and allocated for the plan year ended December 31, 2023. The fair value of the loan payable as of December 31, 2023 approximates its carrying amount as the interest rate approximates the rate currently available for issuance of debt with similar terms, maturity dates, and nonperformance risk.

The aggregate maturities of the loan payable during the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

Year ending December 31,	Amount
2024	\$ 1,000,000
2025	1,000,000
2026	1,000,000
2027	1,000,000
2028	1,000,000
	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>

Interest expense on the loan for 2023 totaled \$153,656.

NOTE 8 – PARTIES-IN-INTEREST

The Plan invests in Company common stock and has indebtedness guaranteed by the Company. These are related party and party-in-interest transactions. As described in Note 4, in 2023, the Company paid all Plan expenses. The Plan has a number of service providers. Such providers are parties-in-interest under ERISA.

NOTE 9 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan's investment in the Company stock has varying degrees of risk, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows, and other such techniques. Due to the level of risk associated with this investment, it is reasonably possible that changes in the value of the investment will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 10 – PLAN TERMINATION

The Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to Plan provisions. Upon such termination of the Plan, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the Code. Upon termination of the Plan, the Trustees will pay all liabilities and expenses of the trust fund and sell shares of the financed common stock held in the loan suspense account to the extent it determines such sale to be necessary in order to repay the loan.

**CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER CORPORATION
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

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

DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Cleveland Steel Container Corporation	Common stock - Cleveland Steel Container Corporation voting stock, 1,182,941.4563 shares	<u>\$ 13,684,378</u>	<u>\$ 451,883,636</u>

* Represents party-in-interest

See report of independent auditors.