

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

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan ALTO INGREDIENTS PEKIN PENSION PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 11/01/1981
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) ALTO PEKIN LLC 1300 SOUTH SECOND STREET PEKIN, IL 61554
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-4511689
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 309-347-9334
2d	Business code (see instructions) 325900

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	LARRY BRENT
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/10/2024	LARRY BRENT
	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
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	5 243
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	6a(1) 59 6a(2) 59 6b 86 6c 65 6d 210 6e 29 6f 239 6g(1) 0 6g(2) 0 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

1B 3D

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ 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 0
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

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

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 A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan ALTO INGREDIENTS PEKIN PENSION PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ALTO PEKIN LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-4511689	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	805335	239	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	0
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	7147946

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year**7b****c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

▶

(6) Total additions.....

7c(6)**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)**7d****e** Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

▶

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)**7f**

0

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
▶ Round off amounts to nearest dollar.	
▶ Caution: A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.	
A Name of plan ALTO INGREDIENTS PEKIN PENSION PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF ALTO PEKIN LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-4511689
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☐ 100 or fewer ☒ 101-500 ☐ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information			
1	Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2023			
2	Assets:			
a	Market value	2a	16740959	
b	Actuarial value	2b	18415054	
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a	For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	115	8970128	8970128
b	For terminated vested participants	66	3011623	3011623
c	For active participants	62	6132269	6132269
d	Total	243	18114020	18114020
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) ☐			
a	Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a		
b	Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b		
5	Effective interest rate	5	5.28 %	
6	Target normal cost			
a	Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	232318	
b	Expected plan-related expenses	6b	68000	
c	Target normal cost	6c	300318	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	Signature of actuary JERIN GRAY Type or print name of actuary PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP Firm name PO BOX 9394 DES MOINES, IA 50306-9394 Address of the firm	09/06/2024 Date 23-08979 Most recent enrollment number 515-235-6038 Telephone number (including area code)
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Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		
	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	538159	0
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	538159	0
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-16.29</u> %	-87666	0
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		631718
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.46</u> %		34492
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		666210
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	450493	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages		
14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	101.66 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	101.66 %
16 Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	108.75 %
17 If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls					
18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
10/05/2023	200000	0			
			Totals ►	18(b)	200000
				18(c)	

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	192341
20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:		
a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:		
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year		
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd

Part V	Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost
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21 Discount rate:			
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %
			☐ N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code).....			21b 4
22 Weighted average retirement age			22 62
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☐ Prescribed - combined ☒ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute			

Part VI	Miscellaneous Items
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24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☒ Yes ☐ No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☐ Yes ☒ No
26 Demographic and benefit information		
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☒ Yes ☐ No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...		☐ Yes ☒ No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....	27	

Part VII	Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years
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28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII	Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year
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31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c).....		31a	300318
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a		31b	300318
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0	
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount		33	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)....		34	0
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....		36	0
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....		37	192341
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)		38a	192341
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances		38b	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)		39	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years		40	0

Part IX	Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)
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41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☒ 2021
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SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ALTO PEKIN LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-4511689	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	66792	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 99	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	20000	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
SAGEVIEW ADVISORY CONSULTING GROUP	27 99	20000

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	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 ALTO INGREDIENTS PEKIN PENSION PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ALTO PEKIN LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-4511689
Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIQUID ASSETS SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-024	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 476551
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LGCP S&P 500 INDEX SA-Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-016	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5608400
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN REAL ESTATE SECS SA-Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-095	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1062995
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

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 ALTO INGREDIENTS PEKIN PENSION PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ALTO PEKIN LLC		
D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-4511689		

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)	55000	
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	6012903	7147946
(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)	10674938	11337284
(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)		
(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	16742841	18485230
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	16742841	18485230

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)	200000	
(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)		200000
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)	298941	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		298941
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		1328799
(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)		815200
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		2642940

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	833759	
(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)		833759
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	66792	
(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)		66792
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		900551

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1742389
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: **RSM US LLP**

(2) EIN: **42-0714325**

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?	☒		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
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 523048.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan ALTO INGREDIENTS PEKIN PENSION PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ALTO PEKIN LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-4511689
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 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): 42-0127290		
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 0
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A		
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____		
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☒ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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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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 02 / 28 / 2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705206A.

Structured Attachment Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Schedule SB, line 26a Schedule of Active Participant Data	2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Name of Plan	ALTO INGREDIENTS PEKIN PENSION PLAN						
Plan Year Begin Date	01/01/2023	Plan Year End Date	12/31/2023	EIN	47-4511689	PN	002

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	Under 1			1 to 4		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	5 to 9			10 to 14		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	0	2	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	0	1	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Name of Plan	ALTO INGREDIENTS PEKIN PENSION PLAN						
Plan Year Begin Date	01/01/2023	Plan Year End Date	12/31/2023	EIN	47-4511689	PN	002

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	15 to 19			20 to 24		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	2	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	4	0	0	4	0	0
50 to 54	6	0	0	7	0	0
55 to 59	4	0	0	6	0	0
60 to 64	5	0	0	3	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	25 to 29			30 to 34		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	0	1	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	0	4	0	0
55 to 59	3	0	0	2	0	0
60 to 64	5	0	0	2	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	1	0	0

Name of Plan	ALTO INGREDIENTS PEKIN PENSION PLAN					
Plan Year Begin Date	01/01/2023	Plan Year End Date	12/31/2023	EIN	47-4511689	PN 002

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	35 to 39			40 & Up		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Alto Ingredients Pekin Pension Plan

Financial Report
December 31, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

Audit Committee and Participants
Alto Ingredients Pekin Pension Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Alto Ingredients Pekin Pension Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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.

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

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

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of U.S. GAAP.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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

Other Matter—Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules, Schedule H, Line 4i—schedule of assets (held at end of year), and Schedule H, Line 4j—schedule of reportable transactions, as of or for the year ended December 31, 2023, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements, or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

RSM US LLP

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
October 10, 2024

Alto Ingredients Pekin Pension Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Assets		
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 11,337,284	\$ 10,674,938
Pooled separate accounts	7,147,946	6,012,903
Total investments	18,485,230	16,687,841
Contribution receivable	-	55,000
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 18,485,230	\$ 16,742,841

See notes to financial statements.

Alto Ingredients Pekin Pension Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions to net assets attributable to:	
Employer contributions	\$ 200,000
Interest and dividends	298,941
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	2,143,999
Total additions	<u>2,642,940</u>
Deductions from net assets attributable to:	
Benefits paid to participants	833,759
Administrative expenses	66,792
Total deductions	<u>900,551</u>
Net increase	1,742,389
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>16,742,841</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 18,485,230</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

Alto Ingredients Pekin Pension Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of Alto Ingredients Pekin Pension Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General and eligibility: The Plan is a defined-benefit plan established November 1, 1981, covering certain employees of Alto Pekin, LLC (the Company). The Plan is maintained pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement. The most recent collective bargaining agreement will expire on October 31, 2026. Eligible participants in the Plan are all union employees of the Company hired prior to November 1, 2010, and who are compensated on an hourly basis. Participation in the Plan began automatically for union employees hired prior to November 1, 2010. Independent contractors, leased employees, highly compensated employees and employees of affiliated employers who have not adopted the Plan were excluded from participation in the Plan.

The Plan was amended, effective November 1, 2010, to preclude new entry into the Plan by employees hired on or after the effective date. Furthermore, no inactive or former participants may reenter into the Plan. All employees covered under the Plan on December 31, 2010, shall continue to be covered under the restated Plan with no loss of benefits and will continue to accrue benefits and vest as long as they are active employees. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

The Plan is administered by the Company's Investment Committee (the Committee), which is assigned by Company management. The Committee has overall responsibility for the operation and administration of the Plan. The Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investments and monitors investment performance. Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company and its affiliate, Principal Life Insurance Company (collectively, Principal) is the trustee of the Plan and handles all record keeping and custodial responsibilities as well as prepares the Form 5500 and regulatory compliance testing.

Contributions: The Plan is noncontributory on the part of participants. Contributions from the Company are actuarially determined and accrued annually. Contributions are invested in accordance with the Plan document. Interest, dividends, and net realized and unrealized gains/losses on investments serve to reduce future contributions that would have otherwise been required to provide the defined level of benefits under the Plan.

Funding policy: The Plan's funding policy is for the Company to contribute an amount which will meet or exceed the annual ERISA minimum funding requirement. During 2023, the Company met the minimum funding requirements of ERISA.

Vesting: A participant's interest in the benefits to be received by the Company is vested based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service. Prior to five years of credited service, a participant is not vested in the Plan.

Benefits: Participants are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65. The normal retirement benefit is based on the participant's years of credited service prior to the date of retirement. Under the normal form of retirement benefit, as defined in the Plan, a monthly benefit, as defined in the collective bargaining agreement, multiplied by the number of years of credited service is paid to eligible participants. If the value of the pension benefit is \$5,000 or less, the benefit will be distributed in the form of a lump-sum distribution.

Alto Ingredients Pekin Pension Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of the Plan (Continued)

The Plan also provides for early retirement, disability, and death benefits as follows:

- **Early retirement:** Early retirement benefits may start at the later of the participant reaching age 55 or completing 10 years of credited service. The early retirement benefit is reduced by one-third of 1% per month for each month that benefits are paid prior to the participant's attainment of age 62.
- **Disability:** A participant with 15 or more years of service who, while an employee, becomes totally disabled as defined in the Plan document or has been disabled for six consecutive months shall be entitled upon proper application to retire on a disability retirement date and receive normal retirement benefits based on years of credited service as of the participant's disability retirement date.
- **Death:** Survivor benefits are payable to a participant's spouse, provided the participant has five or more years of service. Benefits at a reduced amount commence no earlier than the date on which the participant would have been eligible to take early retirement.

In most cases, participants have the option of receiving benefits in the form of a single-life annuity, joint and survivor benefit, or 10-year certain and life annuity.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting: The accompanying financial statements have been 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 requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Plan uses an actuary to determine the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits. A change in the actuarial assumptions used could significantly change the amount of the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits reported in Note 3.

Investment valuation and income recognition: The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for additional discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held, during the year.

Benefit payments: Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits: Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions that are attributable under the Plan's provisions for the service employees have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries and (b) present employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits payable under all circumstances—retirement, death, total disability, and termination of employment—are included, to the extent they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered to the valuation date. See Note 3 for further information.

Alto Ingredients Pekin Pension Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Administrative expenses: Certain administrative functions are performed by employees of the Company. No such employee receives compensation from the Plan. Certain administrative costs of the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. All other costs are paid by the Plan.

Subsequent events: The Plan Administrator has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and disclosure through October 10, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3. Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by consulting actuaries and is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, permanent disability, withdrawal or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment. The more significant assumptions underlying the actuarial computations for 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

Expected return on investments (discount rate)	6.50% per annum, compounded annually
Inflation	2.40% increase per year
Health mortality basis (2023)	PRI-2012 Blue Collar Mortality with Principal Mortality Improvement Scale (Principal 2023)
Health mortality basis (2022)	PRI-2012 Blue Collar Mortality with Principal Mortality Improvement Scale (Principal 2022)
Normal retirement—active participants	Age 65
Normal retirement—inactive participants	Age 62

The foregoing actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits.

The actuarial computed present value of accumulated plan benefits calculated by consulting actuaries as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, is as follows:

	2023	2022
Vested benefits:		
Participants currently receiving payments	\$ 8,146,412	\$ 8,266,608
Other participants	8,278,311	8,391,290
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	<u>\$ 16,424,723</u>	<u>\$ 16,657,898</u>

Alto Ingredients Pekin Pension Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3. Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits (Continued)

The change in the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is as follows for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Beginning present value of accrued benefits	\$ 16,657,898
Increase in interest due to decrease in discount period	934,194
Benefits paid	(833,759)
Benefits accumulated and plan experience	116,412
Change in assumptions	(450,022)
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	<u>\$ 16,424,723</u>

Plan experience included in the table above reflects a change in mortality tables.

The valuation dates for 2023 and 2022 were January 1, 2024 and January 1, 2023, respectively. This is one day after the financial reporting dates of December 31, 2023 and 2022. The difference in dating does not have a material impact on the balances and activity as reported for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 4. Information Prepared and Certified by the Trustee

The following is a summary of the Plan's asset information as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, included throughout the Plan's financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules, obtained by management and agreed or derived from information certified by Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, and furnished to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee that information provided to the Plan Administrator by the trustee related to the following investments is complete and accurate. Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the Plan Administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information that appears throughout the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules related to the following assets:

	2023	2022
Investments at fair value:		
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 7,147,946	\$ 6,012,903
Mutual funds	11,337,284	10,674,938
	<u>\$ 18,485,230</u>	<u>\$ 16,687,841</u>

The trustee also certified to the completeness and accuracy of \$2,143,999 of net appreciation in fair value of investments and \$298,941 of interest and dividends related to the aforementioned investments for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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Note 5. Fair Value Measurements

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

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

If the asset or liability has a specific (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's 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 used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value.

Mutual funds: Shares of mutual funds are valued at the quoted market price of shares held by the Plan as of year-end determined in active markets.

Pooled separate accounts: Pooled separate accounts (other than Principal Real Estate Securities Account) invest primarily in domestic and international stocks, commercial paper and mutual funds. The Principal Real Estate Securities Account invests primarily in commercial real estate and includes mortgage loans, which are backed by the associated properties. The net asset value (NAV) is used as a practical expedient to determine fair value for these accounts.

The methods described above 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 Administrator believes its valuation methodology is 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 5. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

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

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 11,337,284	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,337,284
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 11,337,284	\$ -	\$ -	11,337,284
Investments measured at NAV (a)				7,147,946
Total assets at fair value				\$ 18,485,230

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 10,674,938	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,674,938
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 10,674,938	\$ -	\$ -	10,674,938
Investments measured at NAV (a)				6,012,903
Total assets at fair value				\$ 16,687,841

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

Net asset value: The Plan follows guidance on how entities should estimate fair value of certain alternative investments. The fair value of investments within the scope of the guidance can be determined using NAV per share as a practical expedient, when fair value is not readily determinable, unless it is probable the investment will be sold at something other than NAV. The following table includes categories of investments where NAV is available as a practical expedient:

Investment	Fair Value		Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
	2023	2022			
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 7,147,946	\$ 6,012,903	\$ -	Immediate	None

Note 6. Plan Termination

In the event of Plan termination, the Plan will be liquidated and the assets will be distributed (after provision has been made for the expenses of administration, termination and benefits accrued prior to the date of termination) in the following order of precedence:

1. Benefits to participants or beneficiaries who began receiving benefits at least three years before the Plan termination date (including those benefits that would have been payable for at least three years had the participant retired) based on plan provisions in effect during the five years prior to termination, which provisions produce the least benefits.
2. All other benefits insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC).
3. All other nonforfeitable benefits under the Plan.
4. All other benefits under the Plan.

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Note 6. Plan Termination (Continued)

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the PBGC if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits, early retirement benefits, and certain disability and survivor's pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all types of benefits under the Plan, and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of the Plan's termination.

Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide for accumulated benefit obligations and may also depend on the financial condition of the Company and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

Note 7. Income Tax Status

The Plan has adopted a volume submitter plan document sponsored by Principal. Principal received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), dated March 30, 2018, which states that the volume submitter plan document satisfies the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since then, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently 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.

Management evaluated the Plan's income tax positions and concluded that the Plan has maintained its tax-exempt status and has taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustments to the financial statements. Therefore, no provision or liability for income taxes has been included in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 8. Related-Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan assets are shares of pooled separate accounts managed by Principal, the trustee as defined by the Plan; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Note 9. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the 2023 statement of net assets available for benefits.

Plan contributions are made and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

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Schedule H, Line 4i—Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) December 31, 2023

Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment	Number of Units	Cost	Current Value
Pooled separate accounts:				
Principal Life Insurance Co.*	PRIN LGCP S&P 500 INDEX SA-Z	21,142	\$ 2,322,794	\$ 5,608,400
Principal Life Insurance Co.*	PRIN REAL ESTATE SECS SA-Z	13,030	631,197	1,062,995
Principal Life Insurance Co.*	PRIN LIQUID ASSETS SEP ACCT-R6	8,634	464,905	476,551
Mutual funds:				
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.	METRO WEST TTL RTN BD I FUND	452,042	4,860,829	4,154,262
T. Rowe Price Funds	T. ROWE PRICE OVERSEAS STK FD	162,511	1,743,149	2,026,512
Legg Mason	LEGG MASON BW GBL OPP BD I FD	12,300	1,291,092	1,134,151
Victory Funds	VICTORY SYCAMORE EST VAL I FD	18,430	797,392	855,170
The American Funds	AMERICAN FUNDS NEWWORLD R6 FD	8,735	536,392	654,751
Eagle Financial Services, Inc.	CARILLON EAGLE MIDCAGWTH R5 FD	8,729	575,161	667,419
Prudential Investment Mgmt Svc	PRUDENTIAL HIGH-YIELD Z FD	119,122	637,091	565,831
Vanguard Group	VGD INFL-PROT SEC ADM FD	22,331	589,980	514,293
Victory Funds	VICTORY SYCA SM CO OPP R6 FD	8,533	464,059	412,215
Wasatch Funds	WASATCH CORE GROWTH FD	4,087	308,995	352,680
			<u>\$ 15,223,036</u>	<u>\$ 18,485,230</u>

*Party in interest to the Plan

The above information has been certified by Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, as complete and accurate. Principal Trust Company is a party in interest.

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Schedule H, Line 4j—Schedule of Reportable Transactions Year Ended December 31, 2023

Party Involved	Description of Asset	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Cost of Asset	Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain (Loss)
Series of Transactions Exceeding 5%						
Principal Life Insurance Co. *	PRIN LIQUID ASSETS SEP ACCT-R6	\$ 647,397	\$ 644,174	1,280,524	\$ 1,291,571	\$ 11,047

*Party in interest to the Plan

The above information has been certified by Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, as complete and accurate. Principal Trust Company is a party in interest.

SCHEDULE H, line 4j - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS

ALTO INGREDIENTS PEKIN PENSION PLAN
EIN 47 4511689
PLAN NUMBER 002
PLAN YEAR 01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

DESCRIPTION OF ASSET	(A) Total Number of Purchases	(B) Total Number of Sales	(C) Total Value of Purchases	(D) Total Value of Sales	(E) Net Gain/(Loss)
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LIQUID ASSETS SEPARA	15		\$ 647,396.60		\$ 0.00
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LIQUID ASSETS SEPARA		15		\$ 644,173.84	\$ 11,046.60

* Schedule is prepared using the alternative way of reporting (iii) series transactions under DOL Regulation 2520.103-6(d)(2).

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

ALTO INGREDIENTS PEKIN PENSION PLAN

EIN 47 4511689

PLAN NUMBER 002

PLAN YEAR 01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

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

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, 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
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company AMERICAN FUNDS NEWORLD R6	\$ 536,392.00	\$ 654,750.79
	Legg Mason	Registered Investment Company BRANDYMETEGLBL GBL OPPS BD I	\$ 1,291,092.14	\$ 1,134,151.14
	Eagle Financial Services, Inc.	Registered Investment Company CARILLON EAGLE MIDCAGWTH R5 FD	\$ 575,161.09	\$ 667,418.81
	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co	Registered Investment Company METRO WEST TTL RTN BD I FUND	\$ 4,860,828.91	\$ 4,154,261.86
	PGIM Investments	Registered Investment Company PGIM HIGH YIELD Z FUND	\$ 637,090.93	\$ 565,831.08
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LGCP S&P 500 INDEX SA-Z	\$ 2,322,794.09	\$ 5,608,400.00
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIQUID ASSETS SEP ACCT-R6	\$ 464,905.05	\$ 476,550.85
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN REAL ESTATE SECS SA-Z	\$ 631,196.57	\$ 1,062,995.27
	T. Rowe Price Funds	Registered Investment Company T. ROWE PRICE OVERSEAS STK FD	\$ 1,743,148.62	\$ 2,026,512.45
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company VGD INFL-PROT SEC ADM FUND	\$ 589,980.32	\$ 514,293.12
	Victory Funds	Registered Investment Company VICTORY SYCA SM CO OPP R6 FUND	\$ 464,058.63	\$ 412,215.19
	Victory Funds	Registered Investment Company VICTORY SYCAMORE EST VAL I FD	\$ 797,391.87	\$ 855,169.91
	Wasatch Funds	Registered Investment Company WASATCH CORE GROWTH FUND	\$ 308,994.62	\$ 352,679.19

Assumptions prescribed by law

Mortality	Before benefit payment period IRS Prescribed Mortality - Static Non-annuitant, male and female. During benefit payment period IRS Prescribed Mortality - Static Annuitant, male and female.
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Assumptions selected by actuary

Inflation

2.40% increase per year.

Our long-term inflation assumption considered the current economic environment, recent and historical data, and forecasts from Federal Reserve Bank FOMC, Congressional Budget Office, and Survey of Professional Forecasters. See Long-Term Capital Market Assumptions link.

Asset return

6.25% for the current plan year.

The asset return is developed as a weighted average rate based on the target asset allocation of the plan and the long-term capital market assumptions. The calculated return is on an arithmetic mean basis. For details, see the Long-Term Capital Market Assumptions link.

Expected expense

The expected expense included in target normal cost is an estimate based on prior year expenses paid from plan assets. This is the best estimate available of upcoming year's expenses.

Retirement

All participants are assumed to retire at the following rates:

Age	Probability of retirement	Age	Probability of retirement
55	5%	61	10%
56	5%	62	25%
57	5%	63	25%
58	5%	64	25%
59	5%	65	100%
60	10%		

This assumption is based on the results of recent experience analysis and anticipated future experience. Some participants retire early since the plan provides an early retirement subsidy beginning at age 62.

Disability

1987 Commissioner’s Group Disability Table, six month elimination period, male and female.

We rely on a publicly published table due to the limited size of the plan. The 1987 CGDT was recommended by the Society of Actuaries for pension valuation purposes.

Marriage	80% married; husbands are 3 years older than wives. This assumption does not have material impact on the results of this report and has been selected based on our best estimate of active workforce.
Withdrawal	2003 Society of Actuaries Small Plan Age Table, multiplied by 0.50. We rely on a publicly published table due to the limited size of the plan. The SOA Small Plan Age Table is the most recent withdrawal experience table published by the Society of Actuaries. A multiplier of 0.50 is applied to this table to reflect the results of the most recent experience analysis and anticipated future experience.
Form of benefit	Participants are assumed to receive their benefits on the normal form at the assumed retirement ages. This assumption is based on the results of recent experience analysis and anticipated future experience.
Methods prescribed by law	
Liability measure	Funding target is the present value of the benefits accrued on the valuation date. Target normal cost is based on benefits expected to accrue during the current plan year and includes an estimate of plan expenses for the year.
Methods selected by plan sponsor	
Asset method	The asset valuation method is prescribed by law for plans that elect to use a value other than market value. For each of the preceding two years, an expected value of assets at the end of the year is compared to the end of year market value. The resulting gain or loss is recognized evenly over three plan years. The expected value includes contributions, distributions, any deducted administrative expenses, and expected earnings (based on the lesser of the assumed interest rate or the maximum allowable rate). The deferred gains and losses are added to the current market value and then restricted to no more than 110% and no less than 90% of that market value. When actual returns exceed the assumed return, the actuarial value of assets will lag below market value. The lag and the smoothing effect are limited since the value must be within 10% of market value.
Segment rates	24-month average with no weighting to prior law basis. Use rates where August is the last month included in the average.

PBGC premium basis

Variable rate premiums are calculated using census, market value of assets and the one-month average of corporate bond rates in effect on the valuation date.

Segment 1 years 0-5	Segment 2 years 5-20	Segment 3 years 20+
4.84%	5.15%	4.85%

Methods elected by actuary

Retirees

Assets and liabilities for current and future retirees are included.

Vested benefits

A benefit is included in vested benefits if it meets the requirements under PBGC. The benefit is multiplied by the participant's vesting percentage applicable to each benefit on the valuation date.

The following ancillary benefits are always treated as nonvested: disability benefits payable to retirement age unless in pay status, pre-retirement death benefits in excess of the survivor annuity death benefit and post retirement death benefits for non-retired participants except as noted in the Plan provisions.

Assumptions and methods elected by actuary - plan accounting (ASC 960)

With the exceptions below, all assumptions and methods are the same as those used in determining your plan's regular funding target and target normal cost.

Mortality

Based on Pri-2012 Blue collar base rate mortality table projected generationally using the using the Principal Mortality Improvement Scale (Principal 2022).

Mortality base rates

Before benefit payment period

Employee amount-weighted, male and female

During benefit payment period

Retiree amount-weighted, male and female

The Society of Actuaries (SOA) is an actuarial organization that periodically reviews mortality data and publishes mortality tables and improvement scales. In October 2019, the SOA released the Pri-2012 Mortality Tables for private-sector retirement plans in the U.S. The Pri-2012 report contains different sets of mortality tables based on complete dataset or various subsets. The Blue collar base rate table was selected based on information provided by the plan sponsor.

Pri-2012 section 12.4. provided three approaches for designated beneficiaries in the calculation of joint-and-survivor annuities. We believe "Approach 1" is reasonable for this plan.

Mortality improvement

Principal 2022 MI scale is based on MIM-2021-v3 application tool issued by SOA in October 2022 with the following parameters:

Parameter	Principal 2022
Historical dataset	SSA
Whittaker-Henderson Graduation	Order 3
Interpolation Structure	Basic
Graduated MI data last year ("jumping off" point)	2017
H/D transition ultimate year by age/cohort	2028/2028
Weight placed on interpolation by cohort	50%
Initial Slope periods (constraint)	2016-2017 (0.000)
LTR	SSA LTR 2022
COVID-19 or Excess load	None ¹

¹Based on the sponsor's input, plan experience does not show a need for long-term excess death or Covid death load adjustments.

See [Mortality documentation](#) for rationale and additional information.

Interest rate used to value liabilities

5.75%

The interest rate used to value ASC 960 liabilities is developed as long-term expected geometric return on plan assets. Arithmetic expected return is calculated as the weighted average of broad asset classes' arithmetic returns of the plan's target asset allocation, and then converted to the geometric under lognormal distribution assumption. For details, see Long-Term Capital Market Assumptions link.

Treatment of administrative expenses

No adjustments are made for administrative expenses, either through a reduction in the discount rate or by calculating a present value of future expenses.

Plan sponsors may change their administrative expense handling at any time. Our approach provides consistent handling of ASC 960 liabilities from year to year, whether expenses are paid with plan assets or directly by the employer.

Note - expenses paid with plan assets are required to be included in funding normal cost. As a result, the plan is reimbursed annually through required funding. Exception – contributions are not required due to assets sufficiently in excess of liabilities to fund both expenses and normal cost. In this case, administrative expenses are taken from the excess assets.

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan <u>ALTO INGREDIENTS PEKIN PENSION PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>ALTO PEKIN LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>47-4511689</u>
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☐ 100 or fewer ☒ 101-500 ☐ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information
1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2023</u>	
2 Assets:	
a Market value	2a <u>16740959</u>
b Actuarial value	2b <u>18415054</u>
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown	
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	(1) Number of participants <u>115</u> (2) Vested Funding Target <u>8970128</u> (3) Total Funding Target <u>8970128</u>
b For terminated vested participants	<u>66</u> <u>3011623</u> <u>3011623</u>
c For active participants	<u>62</u> <u>6132269</u> <u>6132269</u>
d Total	<u>243</u> <u>18114020</u> <u>18114020</u>
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)	☐
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b
5 Effective interest rate	5 <u>5.28</u> %
6 Target normal cost	
a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a <u>232318</u>
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b <u>68000</u>
c Target normal cost	6c <u>300318</u>

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	<u>36</u>	<u>09/06/2024</u>
	Signature of actuary	Date
<u>Jerin Gray</u>	Type or print name of actuary	<u>2308979</u>
		Most recent enrollment number
<u>Principal Financial Group</u>	Firm name	<u>515-235-6038</u>
<u>PO Box 9394</u> <u>Des Moines, IA 50306-9394</u>		Telephone number (including area code)
	Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions ☐

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500 or 5500-SF.

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v. 230728

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	538159	0
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	538159	0
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-16.29</u> %	-87666	0
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		631718
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.46</u> %		34492
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		666210
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	450493	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	101.66 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	101.66 %
16 Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	108.75 %
17 If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls**18** Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
10/05/2023	200000	0			
Totals ►			18(b)	200000	18(c)

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	192341

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

- a** Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c** If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V	Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost
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21 Discount rate:			
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 % ☐ N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code).....			21b 4
22 Weighted average retirement age			22 62
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☐ Prescribed - combined ☒ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute			

Part VI	Miscellaneous Items
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24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	☒ Yes ☐ No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	☐ Yes ☒ No
26 Demographic and benefit information	
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	☒ Yes ☐ No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...	☐ Yes ☒ No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....	27

Part VII	Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years
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28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....	30	0

Part VIII	Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year
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31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c).....	31a	300318	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	300318	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0	
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33		
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)....	34	0	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....	36	0	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....	37	192341	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	192341	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b	0	
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0	
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	40	0	

Part IX	Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)
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41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☒ 2021
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Schedule SB, Line 2a - Explanation of Assets
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The market value of assets on line 2a does not equal assets shown on Schedule H, Schedule I or Form 5500-SF. Schedule H, Schedule I and Form 5500-SF use the full value of contributions received after plan year end. Line 2a includes the value of \$55,000 contributions received after the plan year end with a discounted value of \$53,118.

Schedule SB, Line 22 - Description Of Weighted Average Retirement Age
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The weighted average retirement age is weighted by the expected percentage of active participants retiring at each age. The retirement rate reflects only those participants who meet retirement eligibility. An active participant working past assumed retirement age is expected to retire at current age.

(1) Age	(2) Expected Active Headcount	(3) Retirement Rate	(4) Expected Retirements (2)*(3)	(5) Weighted Age (1)*(4)
55	28.7899	0.0500	1.4395	79.1722
56	32.0168	0.0500	1.6008	89.6470
57	34.0037	0.0500	1.7002	96.9106
58	33.8213	0.0500	1.6911	98.0816
59	33.6066	0.0500	1.6803	99.1395
60	35.3609	0.1000	3.5361	212.1656
61	34.1811	0.1000	3.4181	208.5046
62	32.0916	0.2500	8.0229	497.4198
63	27.3904	0.2500	6.8476	431.3983
64	21.9204	0.2500	5.4801	350.7270
65	15.9151	1.0000	15.9151	1,034.4810
66	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
67	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
68	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
69	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
70	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	70.0000
Total			52.3318	3,267.6472
Average				62.44

Schedule SB, Part V - Summary of Plan Provisions
Alto Ingredients Pekin Pension Plan
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This report reflects the maximum benefit limits under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 415 and maximum compensation limits under IRC Section 401 in effect on the first day of each plan year.

The following is a summary of plan provisions and does not alter the intent or meanings of the provisions contained in the contract or plan document. This report reflects the provisions of the plan through Amendment 3, signed April 13, 2022.

Plan eligibility

Service	Immediately for eligible employees.
Class	Any employee of the employer excluding the following: • Non-hourly class • Not represented for collective bargaining purposes by the United Steel Workers Union • Leased employee • Independent contractor • Highly compensated employee Plan participation is frozen effective October 31, 2010.

Normal retirement benefit

Age	Attained age 65.
Form	Monthly annuity payable for life (optional forms may be elected in advance of retirement).
Amount	The product of (a) and (b) below:
(accrued benefit)	(a) An amount equal to \$43.00. (b) His accrual service on such date.

Early retirement benefit

Age	Attained age 55.
Service	Completed 10 years of vesting service.
Form	Same as normal retirement benefit.
Amount	Accrued benefit on early retirement date reduced by 1/3 of 1% for each month that the early retirement date precedes the date he attains age 62.

Late retirement benefit

Age	No maximum age.
Form	Same as normal retirement benefit.
Amount	Greater of accrued benefit on late retirement date or accrued benefit on normal retirement date actuarially increased to late retirement date.

Termination benefit

Vesting percentage	100% after five years of vesting service.
Form	Same as normal retirement benefit with income deferred until normal retirement date.
Amount	Accrued benefit on date of termination multiplied by the vesting percentage.

Disability benefit

Eligibility	Active participant who becomes totally and permanently disabled and has been disabled for 6 months
Service	15 years of vesting service.
Form	Monthly income payable on disability retirement date.
Amount	Actuarial equivalent of accrued benefit on disability retirement date.

Survivor annuity death benefit (a vested benefit)

Eligibility	Qualified married participant fully or partially vested in an accrued benefit.
Form	Monthly annuity payable to spouse, deferred to participant's earliest retirement date if later than the date of death.
Amount	If death occurs, the amount paid to the surviving spouse is equal to the amount that would have been paid had the participant terminated employment on the date of death and survived to his/her earliest retirement age, retired with a qualified joint and 50% survivor annuity in effect, then died the next day.

Definitions

Accrual Service Period of service expressed as whole years and fractional parts of a year, where a partial month equals a full month from date of entry.

Vesting Service Period of service expressed as whole years and fractional parts of a year, where a partial month equals a full month from date of hire.

Optional forms of benefit payments The optional forms of benefit payments are:

- Monthly annuity payable for life
- Monthly annuity payable 10 year certain and life
- Monthly annuity payable as a survivorship life annuity with survivorship percentages of 50, 75 or 100
- Monthly annuity payable as a survivorship life annuity with pop-up with survivorship percentages of 50 or 100.

The optional form conversion basis is based on plan factors for payments other than lump sums.

Form of distribution	Percentage
Single life annuity with 10-year certain period	93%
50% survivorship life annuity	90%
50% survivorship life annuity with pop-up	88%
75% survivorship life annuity	86%
100% survivorship life annuity	82%
100% survivorship life annuity with pop-up	80%

Lump sum provisions

Small amount force out (SAFO) – allowed up to \$5,000.

Lump sums in excess of SAFO – aren't allowed.

Conversion – greater of the deferred or immediate rate with the optional form conversion basis based on the applicable interest rate and applicable mortality table as set forth in Code Section 417. The applicable interest rate uses the average of the third, fourth, and fifth calendar months preceding the first day of the stability period which is monthly.

Changes in Principal Eligibility or Benefit Provisions

There have been no changes in principal eligibility or benefit provisions since the last valuation.

Significant Event

The enrolled actuary has not been made aware that any significant events have occurred during the year.

Certain non-prescribed assumptions have been changed since last year. These assumptions were changed to better reflect the anticipated experience of your plan. See the attachment, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods, for the rationale for each assumption.

The assumed asset return for the current year has increased from 6.00% to 6.25%. This rate is used in the calculation of the actuarial value of plan assets.

The inflation assumption has increased from 2.25% to 2.40%.

Retirement age has changed as follows:

01/01/2022		01/01/2023	
Active participants are assumed to retire at the following rates:		All participants are assumed to retire at the following rates:	
Age	Probability of retirement	Age	Probability of retirement
60-65	25%	55-59	5%
65	100%	60-61	10%
Inactive participants with 10 or more years of vesting service are assumed to retire at age 62, all others at age 65.		62-64	25%
		65	100%

Turnover has been updated from the Table T-3 of Pension Actuary Handbook to the 2003 Society of Actuaries Small Plan Age Table, multiplied by 0.50.

Disability has been updated from the 1996 Social Security Rate of Disability to the 1987 Commissioner's Group Disability Table, six month elimination period, male and female.

The marriage assumption has been updated from 65% male and 40% female to 80% male and female.

The interest rate used to calculate liabilities for Plan Accounting has increased from 5.25% to 5.75% to reflect current expectations of your plan's long-term investment performance.