

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 STEP ENERGY SERVICES (USA) 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 05/01/1995
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) STEP ENERGY SERVICES (USA) LTD. 480 WILDWOOD FOREST DRIVE STE 300 SPRING, TX 77380
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 37-1775333
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 281-606-3609
2d	Business code (see instructions) 561110

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.	10/11/2024	KATHERINE CLIFTON
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
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	5 621
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) 551 6a(2) 483 6b 0 6c 76 6d 559 6e 0 6f 559 6g(1) 257 6g(2) 271 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:
 2G 2J 2K 2F 2T 3H 3D

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

A Name of plan STEP ENERGY SERVICES (USA) 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STEP ENERGY SERVICES (USA) LTD.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 37-1775333

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a

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

X

YesNo
- 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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35-2552359

(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	ADVISOR	19323	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		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?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	11891	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
INVS DIVRS DIVD R5 - INVESCO INVES 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	0.35%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TRP RETIRE 2005 ADV - T. ROWE PRIC 52-2269240	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TRP RETIRE 2020 ADV - T. ROWE PRIC 52-2269240	0.40%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TRP RETIRE 2025 ADV - T. ROWE PRIC 52-2269240	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TRP RETIRE 2030 ADV - T. ROWE PRIC 52-2269240	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TRP RETIRE 2035 ADV - T. ROWE PRIC 52-2269240	0.40%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
TRP RETIRE 2040 ADV - T. ROWE PRIC 52-2269240	0.40%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
TRP RETIRE 2045 ADV - T. ROWE PRIC 52-2269240	0.40%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
TRP RETIRE 2050 ADV - T. ROWE PRIC 52-2269240	0.40%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TRP RETIRE 2055 ADV - T. ROWE PRIC 52-2269240	0.40%	
(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:
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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		
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STEP ENERGY SERVICES (USA) LTD.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 37-1775333	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	357076	516411
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	109068	234360
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	7107899	9628782
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	7574043	10379553
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	7574043	10379553

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)	851957	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1508080	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	96481	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		2456518
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	24512	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	10476	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		34988
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	352467	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		352467
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		1506886
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		4350859

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1513069	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		1513069
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		1066
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	11891	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	19323	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		31214
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1545349

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2805510
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) ☒ 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: **ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON, PLLC**

(2) EIN: **26-1631123**

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.)	☒	☐	50351
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☒	☐	440
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 _____.

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

A Name of plan STEP ENERGY SERVICES (USA) 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STEP ENERGY SERVICES (USA) LTD.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 37-1775333

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 04-6568107 Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.	
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.	
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.	
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes ☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes ☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes ☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes ☐ No

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 _____

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan
Financial Statements and Supplemental Information
December 31, 2023 and 2022

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***Note:** All other schedules required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted since they are either not applicable or the information required therein has been included in the financial statements or notes thereto.*

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Trustees and Plan Administrator of the STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) 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, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C 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 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above 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 ("U.S. 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 STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) 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 these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. 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 STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) 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 STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules, Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions, as of December 31, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the 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 generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion—

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

ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON, PLLC.

Robertson & Robertson, PLLC
Houston, Texas
October 5, 2024

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 10,145,193	\$ 7,464,975
Total investments	<u>10,145,193</u>	<u>7,464,975</u>
Contributions receivable:		
Other	-	6,335
Notes receivable from participants	<u>247,358</u>	<u>120,999</u>
Total contributions receivable	247,358	127,334
 Total assets	 10,392,551	 7,592,309
 Net assets available for benefits	 <u>\$ 10,392,551</u>	 <u>\$ 7,592,309</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan
December 31, 2023

	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Additions:	
Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income (loss):	
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 1,506,887
Interest and dividends	376,979
Total investment income	<u>1,883,866</u>
Interest from notes receivable from participants	10,476
Contributions:	
Participants' contributions	1,508,080
Employer's contributions	851,957
Rollovers	96,481
Total contributions	<u>2,456,518</u>
Total additions	4,350,860
Deductions:	
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Benefits paid to participants	1,513,069
Administrative expenses	37,549
Total deductions	<u>1,550,618</u>
Net increase (decrease)	2,800,242
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	7,592,309
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u><u>\$ 10,392,551</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements

STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan

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Note A – Description of the plan

The following brief description of the STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan (“the Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. The Plan is sponsored by STEP Energy Services (USA) Ltd. (the “Plan Sponsor” or “Company”). Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan that provides retirement savings benefits to eligible employees of the Company through tax deferred voluntary contributions by employees and discretionary matching and nonelective contributions by the Company. The Plan, which commenced effective May 1, 1995 and was amended and restated effective October 1, 2022, covers substantially all employees of the Company. Participation in the Plan is voluntary. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after the completion of three (3) months of service. Employees can enter the plan immediately upon satisfaction of eligibility requirements. There is no age requirement. Excluded from the class of eligible employees are union employees, residents of Puerto Rico, and nonresident aliens with no income from a U.S. source. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”) and the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). The Company is the designated administrator of the Plan and Fidelity Management Trust Company (“FMTCC”) is the Custodian of the Plan responsible for the management and control of the Plan’s assets which are held in individual participant investment accounts.

Plan amendments

The Plan was amended and restated on October 1, 2022 to revise eligibility requirements to allow eligible employees employed on October 1, 2022 to immediately participate in the Plan. Additionally, the Plan was amended and restated on October 20, 2021 to reflect recent legislative and regulatory changes set forth in IRS Notice 2017-37 (i.e., the 6-year pre-approved plan restatement cycle).

Participant accounts

Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions and allocations of (a) employer discretionary matching and nonelective contributions and (b) Plan earnings (losses) and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on the percentage which the participant’s contributions, account balance, and compensation, as defined, bear to the total of all participants’ contributions, account balances, and compensation, respectively. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s account.

Employee contributions

Participants may elect to contribute, on a pre-tax basis, up to 80% of their eligible annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, not to exceed the maximum amount allowed under the IRC. The amount deferred is not subject to federal taxation to the participants until distributions are made from the Plan.

Participants who have attained age fifty (50) or older before the end of the tax year are eligible to make catch-up contributions up to the maximum amount allowed for deferral under the IRC. Participants may also designate all or a portion of their elective deferrals as Roth elective deferrals. Participants may discontinue their election to contribute at any time. Participants may also contribute eligible rollovers from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans and individual retirement accounts. Additional after-tax voluntary contributions are not permitted.

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Employer contributions

The Company may, at its discretion, make matching contributions to the Plan in a specified amount equal to a percentage of the participant's compensation or dollar amount determined by the Plan Sponsor. During 2023 and 2022, the Company contributed 100% of the first 5% of the participants' eligible compensation contributed to the Plan.

Additionally, each Plan year the Company may make nonelective contributions in amounts determined by the Company each Plan year. Discretionary nonelective contributions are allocated to eligible participants based upon the percentage of the participant's compensation to the total compensation of all eligible participants. Eligible participants who are employed on the last day of the Plan year share in any discretionary nonelective contributions. No discretionary nonelective contributions were made during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

ERISA and the IRC provide that plans such as the STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan cannot discriminate in favor of highly compensated individuals. To comply with these laws, certain highly compensated individuals may receive funds in the year that contributions were made in excess of the IRC Section 401(k) limit and all earnings attributable to such contributions. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no corrective distributions in excess of the annual limit payable to participants.

Investment Options

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Investment options primarily consist of shares of registered investment companies (mutual funds) and a money market fund. Participants may change their investment options during the year subject to certain restrictions on such changes imposed by the Plan's investment funds.

Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures are created when participants terminate employment before becoming entitled to their full benefits under the Plan. Forfeited amounts are retained in the Plan and will be used to pay administrative expenses of the Plan or to reduce future employer contributions for the Plan year. During 2023 and 2022, the Company applied \$0, respectively, from the forfeiture balance to reduce discretionary matching contributions and \$1,361 and \$0 to pay administrative expenses, respectively. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the unallocated forfeiture balance was \$36,334 and \$1,343, respectively.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance, whichever is less. No more than one (1) loan may be outstanding at any one time. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at 6%, which was commensurate with local prevailing rates at the time the loans were initiated as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. All loans must be repaid within five (5) years, unless the loan is used to purchase a primary residence, for which loan terms may range up to ten (10) years. A participant's loan balance becomes immediately due and payable upon termination of employment.

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Vesting

Participants are fully vested in their employee contributions and discretionary matching contributions plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Company discretionary nonelective contributions and earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. Additionally, a participant will become fully vested in the Company's contributions account upon reaching normal retirement age or in the event of death or total and permanent disability.

The vesting schedule for Company discretionary nonelective contributions and earnings are determined as follows:

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

Participants employed by Digital Logging Inc., Tucker Wireline Services Inc. (A Canadian Company), and Tucker Energy Services USA, Inc. received past service credit from these employers for purposes of vesting under the provisions of the Plan

Payment of Benefits

On termination of employment, disability, death, or normal retirement, a participant or designated beneficiary may elect to receive a lump-sum cash distribution equal to the value of the participant's vested account balance, a direct rollover distribution, or a combination of a cash distribution and direct rollover distribution. If withdrawing participants are not entitled to their entire account balance, the amounts not received are forfeited. Participants may defer receipt of distribution until a later date unless their account balance is \$5,000 or less. If the vested account balance is \$5,000 or less, the Company will direct the Custodian that any amount exceeding \$1,000 be distributed to the participant, without consent, into an IRA for their benefit. If the vested account balance is \$1,000 or less, the account will be distributed to the participant without consent as a lump-sum distribution in cash.

If an active participant has attained age fifty-nine and one-half (59½), they may elect to withdraw all or a portion of their account while still employed by the Company. Hardship distributions are available to participants who demonstrate an immediate and heavy financial need.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan permits the payment of expenses incurred in connection with the recordkeeping and administration of the Plan to be made from the Plan's assets. Expenses will generally be allocated among the accounts of all participants in the plan proportionately based on the value of the participant's account balances. Specific fees such as loan processing fees may also be charged directly to a participant's account in response to transactions requested under the Plan. Administrative expenses totaled \$37,549 and \$15,869 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are presented on the accrual basis of accounting and include all adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial statements of the Plan in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Contributions

Contributions from the Company and participants are accrued as they become obligations of the Company, as determined by the plan administrator and in the period in which they are deducted, in accordance with salary deferral agreements.

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reported at fair value and are measured in accordance with ASC 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" except for fully-benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Fair value is defined as 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. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments includes realized gains and losses on investments bought and sold during the year and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments held at year-end. Net realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) is recorded in the accompanying Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits as net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits paid to participants are recorded when paid. As of December 31, 2023, there were no amounts allocated to participants who elected to withdraw from the Plan but have not been paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are recorded as distributions and are recorded as a reduction to net assets available for benefits.

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Risks and uncertainties

The Plan provides for various investment options in shares of registered investment companies (mutual funds) and a money market fund. Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, 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 statements of net assets available for benefits and participant account balances.

Note C - Information Certified by the Custodian (Unaudited) or Investments

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the following information certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company ("FMTC"), the Custodian of the Plan, except for comparing such information certified by the Custodian to information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule.

The following information was certified as complete and accurate by the Custodian:

- Investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest income, dividend income, and interest income on notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- Investments reflected on Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year).

Note D – Fair Value Measurements

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value, establishes a consistent framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. 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 under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access at the measurement date. Valuation of these instruments does not require a significant degree of judgment since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily available in an active market.

Level 2: Significant observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect modifications to observable related market data or our assumptions about pricing by market participants.

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Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the plan’s assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Total assets in fair value hierarchy	\$ 10,145,193	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,145,193
	\$ 10,145,193	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,145,193
Investments measured at net asset value ^(a)				-
				\$ 10,145,193
Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Total assets in fair value hierarchy	\$ 7,464,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,464,975
	\$ 7,464,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,464,975
Investments measured at net asset value ^(a)				-
				\$ 7,464,975

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

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Note E – Related party transactions

Certain Plan investments are shares of registered investment companies (mutual funds) and a money market fund issued and managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company ("FMTC"). FMTC has been designated as the custodian as well as provides administration and recordkeeping services to the Plan. These specific investments issued or managed by FMTC qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Consequently, such transactions are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. There have been no known prohibited transactions with parties-in-interest.

The Plan has notes receivables from certain of its participants. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions, as defined by ERISA. However, such transactions are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

Note F - Tax status

The underlying non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, stating that the form of the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code, and therefore, the related trust is tax-exempt. The Plan Sponsor has determined that it is eligible to and has chosen to rely on the current IRS non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan opinion letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan administrator believes that the plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan Administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Note G - Reconciliation of Plan financial statements to Schedule H of Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits as reported in the financial statements to the assets reported on Schedule H of the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 10,392,551	\$ 7,592,309
Contributions receivable	-	(6,335)
Deemed distributions of participant loans for tax purposes	(12,998)	(11,931)
Net assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 10,379,553</u>	<u>\$ 7,574,043</u>

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The following is a reconciliation of the net changes in net assets available for benefits as reported in the financial statements to the net changes as reported on Schedule H of the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 2,800,242
Change in contributions receivable for financial reporting purposes	6,335
Change in deemed distributions for financial reporting purposes	(1,067)
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 2,805,510</u>

Note H - Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan, subject to provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in the employer enhanced safe harbor matching and discretionary contributions allocated to their accounts as of the effective date of termination of the Plan.

Note I - Nonexempt Transactions

Department of Labor (“DOL”) Regulation 2510.3-102 requires employers to remit amounts paid by a participant or beneficiary to an employer and/or withheld by an employer for contribution to a 401(k) plan as soon as they can be reasonably segregated from the employer’s general assets. The Plan sponsor demonstrated that the funds withheld from employees could be reasonably segregated and remitted to the Plan within three (3) days during the 2020 plan year. Any contributions and loan repayments remitted to the plan greater than three (3) days was considered a prohibited transaction and in violation of the provisions of ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code.

As reported on Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions, certain participant contributions were not remitted to the Plan within the time frame specified by the Department of Labor’s (“DOL”) Regulation 29 CFR 2510.3-102, thus constituting nonexempt transactions between the Plan and the Company. Late remittances amount to \$50,351. The Company is currently in process of making appropriate filings in accordance with the DOL’s Voluntary Fiduciary Corrective Program and estimating the amount of corrective payments due to the plan and believes the amount will be immaterial. Costs incurred for penalties and interest will be borne by the sponsor of the Plan.

The Plan Sponsor believes that with the completion of these corrections, the Plan will continue to be in compliance with applicable requirements of the Code.

Note J – Subsequent Events

The Company performed an evaluation of events that have occurred subsequent to the end of the Plan year through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. As of October 5, 2024, there have been no subsequent events that occurred during such period that would require recognition in the financial statements or would require disclosure in the financial statements.

Supplemental Information

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
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Employer Identification Number: 37-1775333, PN: 001
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment	Cost	Current value
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Puritan® Fund	**	\$ 132,663
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Growth Company Fund	**	1,249,268
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Investment Grade Bond Fund	**	139,352
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Capital & Income Fund	**	111,416
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Government Income Fund	**	25,594
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Real Estate Investment Portfolio	**	49,185
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Blue Chip Growth Fund	**	1,029,132
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Government Money Market Fund	**	516,411
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Small Cap Value Fund	**	96,517
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Mid Cap Index Fund	**	181,392
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Small Cap Index Fund	**	189,437
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Total Market Index Fund	**	529,380
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® International Index Fund	**	310,445
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Extended Market Index Fund	**	26,046
	Invesco Advisers, Inc.	Invesco Diversified Dividend Fund R5 Class	**	315,184
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Fund Advisor Class	**	164,073
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Fund Advisor Class	**	435,420
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Fund Advisor Class	**	880,375
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund Advisor Class	**	972,876
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Fund Advisor Class	**	993,426
	Massachusetts Financial Services Co	MFS Mid Cap Value Fund Class R6	**	131,243
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Fund Advisor Class	**	1,630
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund Advisor Class	**	306,192
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund Advisor Class	**	1,084,488
	Janus Capital Management LLC	Janus Henderson Triton Fund Class N	**	114,196
	Invesco Advisers, Inc.	Invesco Discovery Mid Cap Growth Fund R6	**	159,852
*	Participant Loans	Interest rates of 6.0% with various due dates	-0-	234,360
				\$ 10,379,553

* Denotes party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and, therefore, is not included.

Information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company ("FMTC"), the Custodian, but
not audited by the Plan's independent accountant

Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
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Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions				Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
\$ 50,351*	\$ 50,351*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*Denotes party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

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***Note:** All other schedules required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted since they are either not applicable or the information required therein has been included in the financial statements or notes thereto.*

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Trustees and Plan Administrator of the STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) 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, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C 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 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above 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 ("U.S. 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 STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) 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 these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. 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 STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) 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 STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules, Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions, as of December 31, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the 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 generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion—

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

ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON, PLLC.

Robertson & Robertson, PLLC
Houston, Texas
October 5, 2024

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 10,145,193	\$ 7,464,975
Total investments	<u>10,145,193</u>	<u>7,464,975</u>
Contributions receivable:		
Other	-	6,335
Notes receivable from participants	247,358	120,999
Total contributions receivable	<u>247,358</u>	<u>127,334</u>
 Total assets	 10,392,551	 7,592,309
 Net assets available for benefits	 <u>\$ 10,392,551</u>	 <u>\$ 7,592,309</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan
December 31, 2023

	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Additions:	
Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income (loss):	
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 1,506,887
Interest and dividends	376,979
Total investment income	<u>1,883,866</u>
Interest from notes receivable from participants	10,476
Contributions:	
Participants' contributions	1,508,080
Employer's contributions	851,957
Rollovers	96,481
Total contributions	<u>2,456,518</u>
Total additions	4,350,860
Deductions:	
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Benefits paid to participants	1,513,069
Administrative expenses	37,549
Total deductions	<u>1,550,618</u>
Net increase (decrease)	2,800,242
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	7,592,309
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u><u>\$ 10,392,551</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements

STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note A – Description of the plan

The following brief description of the STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan (“the Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. The Plan is sponsored by STEP Energy Services (USA) Ltd. (the “Plan Sponsor” or “Company”). Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan that provides retirement savings benefits to eligible employees of the Company through tax deferred voluntary contributions by employees and discretionary matching and nonelective contributions by the Company. The Plan, which commenced effective May 1, 1995 and was amended and restated effective October 1, 2022, covers substantially all employees of the Company. Participation in the Plan is voluntary. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after the completion of three (3) months of service. Employees can enter the plan immediately upon satisfaction of eligibility requirements. There is no age requirement. Excluded from the class of eligible employees are union employees, residents of Puerto Rico, and nonresident aliens with no income from a U.S. source. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”) and the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). The Company is the designated administrator of the Plan and Fidelity Management Trust Company (“FMTCC”) is the Custodian of the Plan responsible for the management and control of the Plan’s assets which are held in individual participant investment accounts.

Plan amendments

The Plan was amended and restated on October 1, 2022 to revise eligibility requirements to allow eligible employees employed on October 1, 2022 to immediately participate in the Plan. Additionally, the Plan was amended and restated on October 20, 2021 to reflect recent legislative and regulatory changes set forth in IRS Notice 2017-37 (i.e., the 6-year pre-approved plan restatement cycle).

Participant accounts

Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions and allocations of (a) employer discretionary matching and nonelective contributions and (b) Plan earnings (losses) and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on the percentage which the participant’s contributions, account balance, and compensation, as defined, bear to the total of all participants’ contributions, account balances, and compensation, respectively. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s account.

Employee contributions

Participants may elect to contribute, on a pre-tax basis, up to 80% of their eligible annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, not to exceed the maximum amount allowed under the IRC. The amount deferred is not subject to federal taxation to the participants until distributions are made from the Plan.

Participants who have attained age fifty (50) or older before the end of the tax year are eligible to make catch-up contributions up to the maximum amount allowed for deferral under the IRC. Participants may also designate all or a portion of their elective deferrals as Roth elective deferrals. Participants may discontinue their election to contribute at any time. Participants may also contribute eligible rollovers from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans and individual retirement accounts. Additional after-tax voluntary contributions are not permitted.

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Employer contributions

The Company may, at its discretion, make matching contributions to the Plan in a specified amount equal to a percentage of the participant's compensation or dollar amount determined by the Plan Sponsor. During 2023 and 2022, the Company contributed 100% of the first 5% of the participants' eligible compensation contributed to the Plan.

Additionally, each Plan year the Company may make nonelective contributions in amounts determined by the Company each Plan year. Discretionary nonelective contributions are allocated to eligible participants based upon the percentage of the participant's compensation to the total compensation of all eligible participants. Eligible participants who are employed on the last day of the Plan year share in any discretionary nonelective contributions. No discretionary nonelective contributions were made during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

ERISA and the IRC provide that plans such as the STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan cannot discriminate in favor of highly compensated individuals. To comply with these laws, certain highly compensated individuals may receive funds in the year that contributions were made in excess of the IRC Section 401(k) limit and all earnings attributable to such contributions. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no corrective distributions in excess of the annual limit payable to participants.

Investment Options

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Investment options primarily consist of shares of registered investment companies (mutual funds) and a money market fund. Participants may change their investment options during the year subject to certain restrictions on such changes imposed by the Plan's investment funds.

Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures are created when participants terminate employment before becoming entitled to their full benefits under the Plan. Forfeited amounts are retained in the Plan and will be used to pay administrative expenses of the Plan or to reduce future employer contributions for the Plan year. During 2023 and 2022, the Company applied \$0, respectively, from the forfeiture balance to reduce discretionary matching contributions and \$1,361 and \$0 to pay administrative expenses, respectively. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the unallocated forfeiture balance was \$36,334 and \$1,343, respectively.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance, whichever is less. No more than one (1) loan may be outstanding at any one time. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at 6%, which was commensurate with local prevailing rates at the time the loans were initiated as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. All loans must be repaid within five (5) years, unless the loan is used to purchase a primary residence, for which loan terms may range up to ten (10) years. A participant's loan balance becomes immediately due and payable upon termination of employment.

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Vesting

Participants are fully vested in their employee contributions and discretionary matching contributions plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Company discretionary nonelective contributions and earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. Additionally, a participant will become fully vested in the Company's contributions account upon reaching normal retirement age or in the event of death or total and permanent disability.

The vesting schedule for Company discretionary nonelective contributions and earnings are determined as follows:

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

Participants employed by Digital Logging Inc., Tucker Wireline Services Inc. (A Canadian Company), and Tucker Energy Services USA, Inc. received past service credit from these employers for purposes of vesting under the provisions of the Plan

Payment of Benefits

On termination of employment, disability, death, or normal retirement, a participant or designated beneficiary may elect to receive a lump-sum cash distribution equal to the value of the participant's vested account balance, a direct rollover distribution, or a combination of a cash distribution and direct rollover distribution. If withdrawing participants are not entitled to their entire account balance, the amounts not received are forfeited. Participants may defer receipt of distribution until a later date unless their account balance is \$5,000 or less. If the vested account balance is \$5,000 or less, the Company will direct the Custodian that any amount exceeding \$1,000 be distributed to the participant, without consent, into an IRA for their benefit. If the vested account balance is \$1,000 or less, the account will be distributed to the participant without consent as a lump-sum distribution in cash.

If an active participant has attained age fifty-nine and one-half (59½), they may elect to withdraw all or a portion of their account while still employed by the Company. Hardship distributions are available to participants who demonstrate an immediate and heavy financial need.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan permits the payment of expenses incurred in connection with the recordkeeping and administration of the Plan to be made from the Plan's assets. Expenses will generally be allocated among the accounts of all participants in the plan proportionately based on the value of the participant's account balances. Specific fees such as loan processing fees may also be charged directly to a participant's account in response to transactions requested under the Plan. Administrative expenses totaled \$37,549 and \$15,869 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are presented on the accrual basis of accounting and include all adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial statements of the Plan in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Contributions

Contributions from the Company and participants are accrued as they become obligations of the Company, as determined by the plan administrator and in the period in which they are deducted, in accordance with salary deferral agreements.

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reported at fair value and are measured in accordance with ASC 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" except for fully-benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Fair value is defined as 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. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments includes realized gains and losses on investments bought and sold during the year and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments held at year-end. Net realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) is recorded in the accompanying Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits as net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits paid to participants are recorded when paid. As of December 31, 2023, there were no amounts allocated to participants who elected to withdraw from the Plan but have not been paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are recorded as distributions and are recorded as a reduction to net assets available for benefits.

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Risks and uncertainties

The Plan provides for various investment options in shares of registered investment companies (mutual funds) and a money market fund. Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, 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 statements of net assets available for benefits and participant account balances.

Note C - Information Certified by the Custodian (Unaudited) or Investments

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the following information certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company ("FMTC"), the Custodian of the Plan, except for comparing such information certified by the Custodian to information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule.

The following information was certified as complete and accurate by the Custodian:

- Investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest income, dividend income, and interest income on notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- Investments reflected on Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year).

Note D – Fair Value Measurements

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value, establishes a consistent framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. 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 under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access at the measurement date. Valuation of these instruments does not require a significant degree of judgment since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily available in an active market.

Level 2: Significant observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect modifications to observable related market data or our assumptions about pricing by market participants.

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Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the plan’s assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Total assets in fair value hierarchy	\$ 10,145,193	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,145,193
	\$ 10,145,193	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,145,193
Investments measured at net asset value ^(a)				-
				\$ 10,145,193
Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Total assets in fair value hierarchy	\$ 7,464,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,464,975
	\$ 7,464,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,464,975
Investments measured at net asset value ^(a)				-
				\$ 7,464,975

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

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Note E – Related party transactions

Certain Plan investments are shares of registered investment companies (mutual funds) and a money market fund issued and managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company ("FMTC"). FMTC has been designated as the custodian as well as provides administration and recordkeeping services to the Plan. These specific investments issued or managed by FMTC qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Consequently, such transactions are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. There have been no known prohibited transactions with parties-in-interest.

The Plan has notes receivables from certain of its participants. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions, as defined by ERISA. However, such transactions are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

Note F - Tax status

The underlying non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, stating that the form of the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code, and therefore, the related trust is tax-exempt. The Plan Sponsor has determined that it is eligible to and has chosen to rely on the current IRS non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan opinion letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan administrator believes that the plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan Administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Note G - Reconciliation of Plan financial statements to Schedule H of Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits as reported in the financial statements to the assets reported on Schedule H of the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 10,392,551	\$ 7,592,309
Contributions receivable	-	(6,335)
Deemed distributions of participant loans for tax purposes	(12,998)	(11,931)
Net assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 10,379,553</u>	<u>\$ 7,574,043</u>

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The following is a reconciliation of the net changes in net assets available for benefits as reported in the financial statements to the net changes as reported on Schedule H of the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 2,800,242
Change in contributions receivable for financial reporting purposes	6,335
Change in deemed distributions for financial reporting purposes	(1,067)
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 2,805,510</u>

Note H - Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan, subject to provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in the employer enhanced safe harbor matching and discretionary contributions allocated to their accounts as of the effective date of termination of the Plan.

Note I - Nonexempt Transactions

Department of Labor (“DOL”) Regulation 2510.3-102 requires employers to remit amounts paid by a participant or beneficiary to an employer and/or withheld by an employer for contribution to a 401(k) plan as soon as they can be reasonably segregated from the employer’s general assets. The Plan sponsor demonstrated that the funds withheld from employees could be reasonably segregated and remitted to the Plan within three (3) days during the 2020 plan year. Any contributions and loan repayments remitted to the plan greater than three (3) days was considered a prohibited transaction and in violation of the provisions of ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code.

As reported on Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions, certain participant contributions were not remitted to the Plan within the time frame specified by the Department of Labor’s (“DOL”) Regulation 29 CFR 2510.3-102, thus constituting nonexempt transactions between the Plan and the Company. Late remittances amount to \$50,351. The Company is currently in process of making appropriate filings in accordance with the DOL’s Voluntary Fiduciary Corrective Program and estimating the amount of corrective payments due to the plan and believes the amount will be immaterial. Costs incurred for penalties and interest will be borne by the sponsor of the Plan.

The Plan Sponsor believes that with the completion of these corrections, the Plan will continue to be in compliance with applicable requirements of the Code.

Note J – Subsequent Events

The Company performed an evaluation of events that have occurred subsequent to the end of the Plan year through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. As of October 5, 2024, there have been no subsequent events that occurred during such period that would require recognition in the financial statements or would require disclosure in the financial statements.

Supplemental Information

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan
Employer Identification Number: 37-1775333, PN: 001
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment	Cost	Current value
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Puritan® Fund	**	\$ 132,663
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Growth Company Fund	**	1,249,268
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Investment Grade Bond Fund	**	139,352
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Capital & Income Fund	**	111,416
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Government Income Fund	**	25,594
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Real Estate Investment Portfolio	**	49,185
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Blue Chip Growth Fund	**	1,029,132
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Government Money Market Fund	**	516,411
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Small Cap Value Fund	**	96,517
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Mid Cap Index Fund	**	181,392
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Small Cap Index Fund	**	189,437
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Total Market Index Fund	**	529,380
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® International Index Fund	**	310,445
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Extended Market Index Fund	**	26,046
	Invesco Advisers, Inc.	Invesco Diversified Dividend Fund R5 Class	**	315,184
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Fund Advisor Class	**	164,073
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Fund Advisor Class	**	435,420
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Fund Advisor Class	**	880,375
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund Advisor Class	**	972,876
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Fund Advisor Class	**	993,426
	Massachusetts Financial Services Co	MFS Mid Cap Value Fund Class R6	**	131,243
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Fund Advisor Class	**	1,630
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund Advisor Class	**	306,192
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund Advisor Class	**	1,084,488
	Janus Capital Management LLC	Janus Henderson Triton Fund Class N	**	114,196
	Invesco Advisers, Inc.	Invesco Discovery Mid Cap Growth Fund R6	**	159,852
*	Participant Loans	Interest rates of 6.0% with various due dates	-0-	234,360
				\$ 10,379,553

* Denotes party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and, therefore, is not included.

Information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company ("FMTC"), the Custodian, but
not audited by the Plan's independent accountant

Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan
Employer Identification Number: 37-1775333, PN: 001
December 31, 2023

Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions				Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
\$ 50,351*	\$ 50,351*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*Denotes party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

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***Note:** All other schedules required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted since they are either not applicable or the information required therein has been included in the financial statements or notes thereto.*

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Trustees and Plan Administrator of the STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) 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, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C 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 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above 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 ("U.S. 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 STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) 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 these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. 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 STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) 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 STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules, Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions, as of December 31, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the 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 generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion—

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

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Houston, Texas
October 5, 2024

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 10,145,193	\$ 7,464,975
Total investments	<u>10,145,193</u>	<u>7,464,975</u>
Contributions receivable:		
Other	-	6,335
Notes receivable from participants	247,358	120,999
Total contributions receivable	<u>247,358</u>	<u>127,334</u>
 Total assets	 10,392,551	 7,592,309
 Net assets available for benefits	 <u>\$ 10,392,551</u>	 <u>\$ 7,592,309</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan
December 31, 2023

	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Additions:	
Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income (loss):	
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 1,506,887
Interest and dividends	376,979
Total investment income	<u>1,883,866</u>
Interest from notes receivable from participants	10,476
Contributions:	
Participants' contributions	1,508,080
Employer's contributions	851,957
Rollovers	96,481
Total contributions	<u>2,456,518</u>
Total additions	4,350,860
Deductions:	
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Benefits paid to participants	1,513,069
Administrative expenses	37,549
Total deductions	<u>1,550,618</u>
Net increase (decrease)	2,800,242
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	7,592,309
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u><u>\$ 10,392,551</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements

STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note A – Description of the plan

The following brief description of the STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan (“the Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. The Plan is sponsored by STEP Energy Services (USA) Ltd. (the “Plan Sponsor” or “Company”). Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan that provides retirement savings benefits to eligible employees of the Company through tax deferred voluntary contributions by employees and discretionary matching and nonelective contributions by the Company. The Plan, which commenced effective May 1, 1995 and was amended and restated effective October 1, 2022, covers substantially all employees of the Company. Participation in the Plan is voluntary. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after the completion of three (3) months of service. Employees can enter the plan immediately upon satisfaction of eligibility requirements. There is no age requirement. Excluded from the class of eligible employees are union employees, residents of Puerto Rico, and nonresident aliens with no income from a U.S. source. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”) and the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). The Company is the designated administrator of the Plan and Fidelity Management Trust Company (“FMTCC”) is the Custodian of the Plan responsible for the management and control of the Plan’s assets which are held in individual participant investment accounts.

Plan amendments

The Plan was amended and restated on October 1, 2022 to revise eligibility requirements to allow eligible employees employed on October 1, 2022 to immediately participate in the Plan. Additionally, the Plan was amended and restated on October 20, 2021 to reflect recent legislative and regulatory changes set forth in IRS Notice 2017-37 (i.e., the 6-year pre-approved plan restatement cycle).

Participant accounts

Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions and allocations of (a) employer discretionary matching and nonelective contributions and (b) Plan earnings (losses) and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on the percentage which the participant’s contributions, account balance, and compensation, as defined, bear to the total of all participants’ contributions, account balances, and compensation, respectively. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s account.

Employee contributions

Participants may elect to contribute, on a pre-tax basis, up to 80% of their eligible annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, not to exceed the maximum amount allowed under the IRC. The amount deferred is not subject to federal taxation to the participants until distributions are made from the Plan.

Participants who have attained age fifty (50) or older before the end of the tax year are eligible to make catch-up contributions up to the maximum amount allowed for deferral under the IRC. Participants may also designate all or a portion of their elective deferrals as Roth elective deferrals. Participants may discontinue their election to contribute at any time. Participants may also contribute eligible rollovers from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans and individual retirement accounts. Additional after-tax voluntary contributions are not permitted.

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Employer contributions

The Company may, at its discretion, make matching contributions to the Plan in a specified amount equal to a percentage of the participant's compensation or dollar amount determined by the Plan Sponsor. During 2023 and 2022, the Company contributed 100% of the first 5% of the participants' eligible compensation contributed to the Plan.

Additionally, each Plan year the Company may make nonelective contributions in amounts determined by the Company each Plan year. Discretionary nonelective contributions are allocated to eligible participants based upon the percentage of the participant's compensation to the total compensation of all eligible participants. Eligible participants who are employed on the last day of the Plan year share in any discretionary nonelective contributions. No discretionary nonelective contributions were made during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

ERISA and the IRC provide that plans such as the STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan cannot discriminate in favor of highly compensated individuals. To comply with these laws, certain highly compensated individuals may receive funds in the year that contributions were made in excess of the IRC Section 401(k) limit and all earnings attributable to such contributions. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no corrective distributions in excess of the annual limit payable to participants.

Investment Options

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Investment options primarily consist of shares of registered investment companies (mutual funds) and a money market fund. Participants may change their investment options during the year subject to certain restrictions on such changes imposed by the Plan's investment funds.

Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures are created when participants terminate employment before becoming entitled to their full benefits under the Plan. Forfeited amounts are retained in the Plan and will be used to pay administrative expenses of the Plan or to reduce future employer contributions for the Plan year. During 2023 and 2022, the Company applied \$0, respectively, from the forfeiture balance to reduce discretionary matching contributions and \$1,361 and \$0 to pay administrative expenses, respectively. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the unallocated forfeiture balance was \$36,334 and \$1,343, respectively.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance, whichever is less. No more than one (1) loan may be outstanding at any one time. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at 6%, which was commensurate with local prevailing rates at the time the loans were initiated as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. All loans must be repaid within five (5) years, unless the loan is used to purchase a primary residence, for which loan terms may range up to ten (10) years. A participant's loan balance becomes immediately due and payable upon termination of employment.

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Vesting

Participants are fully vested in their employee contributions and discretionary matching contributions plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Company discretionary nonelective contributions and earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. Additionally, a participant will become fully vested in the Company's contributions account upon reaching normal retirement age or in the event of death or total and permanent disability.

The vesting schedule for Company discretionary nonelective contributions and earnings are determined as follows:

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

Participants employed by Digital Logging Inc., Tucker Wireline Services Inc. (A Canadian Company), and Tucker Energy Services USA, Inc. received past service credit from these employers for purposes of vesting under the provisions of the Plan

Payment of Benefits

On termination of employment, disability, death, or normal retirement, a participant or designated beneficiary may elect to receive a lump-sum cash distribution equal to the value of the participant's vested account balance, a direct rollover distribution, or a combination of a cash distribution and direct rollover distribution. If withdrawing participants are not entitled to their entire account balance, the amounts not received are forfeited. Participants may defer receipt of distribution until a later date unless their account balance is \$5,000 or less. If the vested account balance is \$5,000 or less, the Company will direct the Custodian that any amount exceeding \$1,000 be distributed to the participant, without consent, into an IRA for their benefit. If the vested account balance is \$1,000 or less, the account will be distributed to the participant without consent as a lump-sum distribution in cash.

If an active participant has attained age fifty-nine and one-half (59½), they may elect to withdraw all or a portion of their account while still employed by the Company. Hardship distributions are available to participants who demonstrate an immediate and heavy financial need.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan permits the payment of expenses incurred in connection with the recordkeeping and administration of the Plan to be made from the Plan's assets. Expenses will generally be allocated among the accounts of all participants in the plan proportionately based on the value of the participant's account balances. Specific fees such as loan processing fees may also be charged directly to a participant's account in response to transactions requested under the Plan. Administrative expenses totaled \$37,549 and \$15,869 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are presented on the accrual basis of accounting and include all adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial statements of the Plan in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Contributions

Contributions from the Company and participants are accrued as they become obligations of the Company, as determined by the plan administrator and in the period in which they are deducted, in accordance with salary deferral agreements.

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reported at fair value and are measured in accordance with ASC 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" except for fully-benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Fair value is defined as 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. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments includes realized gains and losses on investments bought and sold during the year and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments held at year-end. Net realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) is recorded in the accompanying Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits as net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits paid to participants are recorded when paid. As of December 31, 2023, there were no amounts allocated to participants who elected to withdraw from the Plan but have not been paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are recorded as distributions and are recorded as a reduction to net assets available for benefits.

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Risks and uncertainties

The Plan provides for various investment options in shares of registered investment companies (mutual funds) and a money market fund. Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, 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 statements of net assets available for benefits and participant account balances.

Note C - Information Certified by the Custodian (Unaudited) or Investments

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the following information certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company ("FMTC"), the Custodian of the Plan, except for comparing such information certified by the Custodian to information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule.

The following information was certified as complete and accurate by the Custodian:

- Investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest income, dividend income, and interest income on notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- Investments reflected on Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year).

Note D – Fair Value Measurements

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value, establishes a consistent framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. 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 under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access at the measurement date. Valuation of these instruments does not require a significant degree of judgment since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily available in an active market.

Level 2: Significant observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect modifications to observable related market data or our assumptions about pricing by market participants.

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Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the plan’s assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Total assets in fair value hierarchy	\$ 10,145,193	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,145,193
	\$ 10,145,193	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,145,193
Investments measured at net asset value ^(a)				-
				\$ 10,145,193
Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Total assets in fair value hierarchy	\$ 7,464,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,464,975
	\$ 7,464,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,464,975
Investments measured at net asset value ^(a)				-
				\$ 7,464,975

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

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Note E – Related party transactions

Certain Plan investments are shares of registered investment companies (mutual funds) and a money market fund issued and managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company ("FMTC"). FMTC has been designated as the custodian as well as provides administration and recordkeeping services to the Plan. These specific investments issued or managed by FMTC qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Consequently, such transactions are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. There have been no known prohibited transactions with parties-in-interest.

The Plan has notes receivables from certain of its participants. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions, as defined by ERISA. However, such transactions are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

Note F - Tax status

The underlying non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, stating that the form of the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code, and therefore, the related trust is tax-exempt. The Plan Sponsor has determined that it is eligible to and has chosen to rely on the current IRS non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan opinion letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan administrator believes that the plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan Administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Note G - Reconciliation of Plan financial statements to Schedule H of Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits as reported in the financial statements to the assets reported on Schedule H of the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 10,392,551	\$ 7,592,309
Contributions receivable	-	(6,335)
Deemed distributions of participant loans for tax purposes	(12,998)	(11,931)
Net assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 10,379,553</u>	<u>\$ 7,574,043</u>

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The following is a reconciliation of the net changes in net assets available for benefits as reported in the financial statements to the net changes as reported on Schedule H of the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 2,800,242
Change in contributions receivable for financial reporting purposes	6,335
Change in deemed distributions for financial reporting purposes	(1,067)
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500	<u>\$ 2,805,510</u>

Note H - Plan termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan, subject to provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in the employer enhanced safe harbor matching and discretionary contributions allocated to their accounts as of the effective date of termination of the Plan.

Note I - Nonexempt Transactions

Department of Labor (“DOL”) Regulation 2510.3-102 requires employers to remit amounts paid by a participant or beneficiary to an employer and/or withheld by an employer for contribution to a 401(k) plan as soon as they can be reasonably segregated from the employer’s general assets. The Plan sponsor demonstrated that the funds withheld from employees could be reasonably segregated and remitted to the Plan within three (3) days during the 2020 plan year. Any contributions and loan repayments remitted to the plan greater than three (3) days was considered a prohibited transaction and in violation of the provisions of ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code.

As reported on Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions, certain participant contributions were not remitted to the Plan within the time frame specified by the Department of Labor’s (“DOL”) Regulation 29 CFR 2510.3-102, thus constituting nonexempt transactions between the Plan and the Company. Late remittances amount to \$50,351. The Company is currently in process of making appropriate filings in accordance with the DOL’s Voluntary Fiduciary Corrective Program and estimating the amount of corrective payments due to the plan and believes the amount will be immaterial. Costs incurred for penalties and interest will be borne by the sponsor of the Plan.

The Plan Sponsor believes that with the completion of these corrections, the Plan will continue to be in compliance with applicable requirements of the Code.

Note J – Subsequent Events

The Company performed an evaluation of events that have occurred subsequent to the end of the Plan year through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. As of October 5, 2024, there have been no subsequent events that occurred during such period that would require recognition in the financial statements or would require disclosure in the financial statements.

Supplemental Information

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan
Employer Identification Number: 37-1775333, PN: 001
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment	Cost	Current value
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Puritan® Fund	**	\$ 132,663
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Growth Company Fund	**	1,249,268
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Investment Grade Bond Fund	**	139,352
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Capital & Income Fund	**	111,416
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Government Income Fund	**	25,594
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Real Estate Investment Portfolio	**	49,185
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Blue Chip Growth Fund	**	1,029,132
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Government Money Market Fund	**	516,411
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Small Cap Value Fund	**	96,517
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Mid Cap Index Fund	**	181,392
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Small Cap Index Fund	**	189,437
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Total Market Index Fund	**	529,380
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® International Index Fund	**	310,445
*	Fidelity Management & Research Co	Fidelity® Extended Market Index Fund	**	26,046
	Invesco Advisers, Inc.	Invesco Diversified Dividend Fund R5 Class	**	315,184
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Fund Advisor Class	**	164,073
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Fund Advisor Class	**	435,420
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Fund Advisor Class	**	880,375
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund Advisor Class	**	972,876
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Fund Advisor Class	**	993,426
	Massachusetts Financial Services Co	MFS Mid Cap Value Fund Class R6	**	131,243
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Fund Advisor Class	**	1,630
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund Advisor Class	**	306,192
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund Advisor Class	**	1,084,488
	Janus Capital Management LLC	Janus Henderson Triton Fund Class N	**	114,196
	Invesco Advisers, Inc.	Invesco Discovery Mid Cap Growth Fund R6	**	159,852
*	Participant Loans	Interest rates of 6.0% with various due dates	-0-	234,360
				\$ 10,379,553

* Denotes party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and, therefore, is not included.

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not audited by the Plan's independent accountant

Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
STEP Energy Services (USA) 401(k) Plan
Employer Identification Number: 37-1775333, PN: 001
December 31, 2023

Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions				Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
\$ 50,351*	\$ 50,351*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*Denotes party-in-interest as defined by ERISA