

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 CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY SAVINGS AND PROFIT SHARING RETIREMENT
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 06/01/1980
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) CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY 2700 YORK ROAD BURLINGTON, NC 27215-3398
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-0364367
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 336-538-6255
2d	Business code (see instructions) 424990

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	OLGA SILER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/11/2024	OLGA SILER
	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	5 642
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) 461 6a(2) 465 6b 0 6c 123 6d 588 6e 2 6f 590 6g(1) 584 6g(2) 581 6h 30
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached 0
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
- (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
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY SAVINGS AND PROFIT SHARING RETIREMENT	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-0364367	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a

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

b

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
42-0127290

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	122857	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

INDEPENDENT ADVISOR ALLIANCE

46-3825461

(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 50	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	15008	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	107	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

WILSHIRE ADVISORS LLC

95-2755361

(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 72	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	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
WILSHIRE ADVISORS LLC	27 72	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.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	1 BASIS POINT ANNUALLY ON ELIGIBLE PLAN ASSETS IN WILSHIRE 3(21) OR WILSHIRE 3(21) AUTO-EXECUTE FIDUCIARY SERVICE.	
(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:

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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-0364367

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GALLIARD STABLE RETURN PN		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 41-6202499-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3101333
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN/BR S&P 500 INDEX CIT N		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 94-3224211-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 10628267
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN/BR AGG BD INDEX CIT N		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 20-5699010-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1078608
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN/T. ROWE I LGC GR CIT N		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 45-6648614-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2759776
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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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
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D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-0364367	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
	Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	796154	329457
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	599945	597606
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	15271901	17567984
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	22189822	26408474
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	38857822	44903521
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	38857822	44903521

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)	1002693	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2396847	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	73568	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		3473108
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	34312	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		34312
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	532413	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		532413
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		3376953
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		2879547
c Other income	2c		1740
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		10298073

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	4114509	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		4114509
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	122857	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	15008	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		137865
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		4252374

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		6045699
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **GILLIAM BELL MOSER LLP**

(2) EIN: **56-0857953**

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.)	☒	☐	359
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☐	☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☐	☐	

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY SAVINGS AND PROFIT SHARING RETIREMENT	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-0364367	

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

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 42-0127290		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.			
3	Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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 <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702477A</u> .	

**Carolina Biological Supply Company
Savings and Profit Sharing Retirement Plan**

Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator of
Carolina Biological Supply Company
Savings and Profit Sharing Retirement Plan
Burlington, North Carolina

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Carolina Biological Supply Company Savings and Profit Sharing Retirement Plan (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). 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 audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the 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 3 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with 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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of 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 schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023 and the schedule of delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023 are presented for the purpose 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 GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including the 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 schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is 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 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).

Gillian Bell Moore LLP

Certified Public Accountants
Burlington, North Carolina
October 11, 2024

Carolina Biological Supply Company
Savings and Profit Sharing Retirement Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Investments at fair value	\$ 44,124,404	\$ 37,719,749
Receivables:		
Employer contribution receivable	329,457	796,154
Notes receivable from participants	<u>597,606</u>	<u>599,945</u>
	<u>927,063</u>	<u>1,396,099</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 45,051,467</u>	<u>\$ 39,115,848</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Carolina Biological Supply Company
Savings and Profit Sharing Retirement Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	\$ 532,413
Net appreciation in value of investments	<u>6,148,160</u>
	6,680,573
 Interest income on notes receivable from participants	 34,312
 Contributions:	
Employer	1,002,693
Participants	2,396,847
Rollovers	<u>73,568</u>
	3,473,108
 Benefits paid to participants	 (4,114,509)
 Administrative expenses	 <u>(137,865)</u>
 Net increase	 5,935,619
 Net Assets Available for Benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>39,115,848</u>
 End of year	 <u>\$ 45,051,467</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Carolina Biological Supply Company
Savings and Profit Sharing Retirement Plan
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2023 and 2022

Note 1: Description of Plan

The following description of the Carolina Biological Supply Company Savings and Profit Sharing Retirement Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General - The Plan, which became effective June 1, 1980, is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Carolina Biological Supply Company (Employer). Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the first month of the Plan year coincident with or following their 18th birthday. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions - Participants may contribute a portion of compensation as pre-tax or Roth deferrals. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. At the discretion of the Plan administrator, employees may contribute amounts from other eligible plans. Beginning February 1, 2019, the plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral amount set to a pre-tax deferral of 6% per pay period and their contributions invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. Employer matching contributions are 50% up to 3% of compensation that participants contribute to the Plan. The Employer may make discretionary nonelective contributions allocated to eligible participants as a uniform percentage of compensation. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the board approved a discretionary nonelective contribution of \$329,457, which will be paid in 2024. Contributions are subject to certain Plan and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Participant investments - Participants direct the investment of all contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investments at any time. Participant accounts are valued daily.

Participant accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Employer's matching contributions, profit sharing contributions, if any, and the Plan's earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined in the plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting - Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Employer's contributions plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of service. A participant is fully vested when they attain normal retirement age. Prior to normal retirement age, a participant's interest in the Employer's contributions plus actual earnings thereon are vested 100% after five years of service.

<u>Number of completed years of service</u>	<u>Vested percentage</u>
Less than 1 year	0%
1 year	20%
2 years	40%
3 years	60%
4 years	80%
5 years or more	100%

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Note 1: Description of Plan (continued)

Notes receivable from participants - Participants may borrow from their account balances a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance at the time of the loan. Loan terms generally do not exceed five years. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime interest rate plus one percent on the date of the loan application or the last date published prior to the loan application. Principal and interest are paid by payroll deduction.

Payment of benefits - The Plan provides for fully vested benefits at normal retirement (age 65), death or disability. Other benefits are paid upon termination of employment and other designated conditions in which the participant is entitled to the vested portion of his or her account balance.

Forfeitures - Non-vested portions of terminated participant balances are either used to pay Plan expenses or reduce Employer contributions. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$1,958 and \$101,847, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2023, \$141,179 of forfeitures were used by the Employer to pay Plan expenses or reduce Employer contributions.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

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

Investment valuation and income recognition - Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Employer is the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator is responsible for oversight of the Plan and determines asset valuation policies using information provided by investment advisers, custodians and the trustee. Refer to Note 4 for fair value measurements discussion.

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

Notes receivable from participants - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. Should a participant terminate employment, the outstanding loan principal, plus accrued interest is due immediately.

Payment of benefits - Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative expenses - Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Employer. Expenses that are paid by the Employer are excluded from these financial statements. Transaction based fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Asset based fees are included in net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments.

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Subsequent events - The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 11, 2024, the date the financial statements are available to be issued for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

Note 3: Unaudited Certified Information

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the financial statements, including the associated investment income, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company.

Note 4: Fair Value Measurement

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 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: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets of liability; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodology used as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

Collective trusts: The fair value of participation units held in a collective trust is based on the net asset value per unit as reported by the fund manager. The collective trust provides for daily redemptions by the Plan at reported net asset value per share, with no advance notice requirement.

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Note 4: Fair Value Measurement (continued)

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

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

Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 26,408,474	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,408,474
Collective trusts*	-	-	-	17,715,930
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 26,408,474</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 44,124,404</u>

Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 22,189,822	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,189,822
Collective trusts*	-	-	-	15,529,927
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 22,189,822</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 37,719,749</u>

* - Investments measured at fair value using net asset value per share as a practical expedient. The amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Note 5: Party-in-Interest Transactions

Parties-in-interest are defined by Department of Labor regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the Employer, and certain others. Investment activities and certain fees paid by the Plan to parties-in-interest are considered party-in-interest transactions. The Plan engaged in the following party-in-interest transactions which are exempt from prohibited transaction rules defined by ERISA: investment transactions with the trustee; indirect fees included in the net appreciation of investments for investment management and custodial services; direct fee payments to the trustee for record keeping and custodial services.

Note 6: Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, the account balance of each participant would become fully vested, as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations, and would be distributed to each participant according to the provisions of the Plan.

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Note 7: Tax Status

The Plan is relying on IRS approval of the pre-approved plan it has adopted. The IRS has determined and informed the pre-approved plan sponsor by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended from the original pre-approved document, Plan management believes that the Plan is currently being operated in accordance with the IRC, and therefore, believe 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 if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service or Department of Labor. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 8: Plan Risks and Uncertainties

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

Note 9: Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for plan benefits per financial statements	\$ <u>45,051,467</u>	\$ <u>39,115,848</u>
Adjustments:		
Collective trust certified fair value vs Form 5500 value	<u>(147,946)</u>	<u>(258,026)</u>
Net assets per 5500	\$ <u>44,903,521</u>	\$ <u>38,857,822</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the net income reported in the Form 5500:

	<u>2023</u>
Increase in net assets per financial statements	\$ <u>5,935,619</u>
Adjustments:	
Change in collective trust certified vs Form 5500 value	<u>110,080</u>
Net income per 5500	\$ <u>6,045,699</u>

Supplemental Schedules

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Schedule H Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
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 EIN 56-0364367
 Plan Number: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(e) Current value
*	SEI Trust Principal/BR S&P 500 Index Trust	Collective Trust	\$ 10,628,267
	SEI Trust Galliard Stable Return Trust	Collective Trust	3,101,333
*	SEI Trust Principal/TR Large Cap Growth	Collective Trust	2,759,776
*	SEI Trust Principal/BR Agg Bond Index Trust	Collective Trust	1,078,608
	Total collective trusts		<u>17,567,984</u>
	American Funds Target Date 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund	3,648,992
	American Funds Target Date 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund	3,254,048
	American Funds Balanced Fund	Mutual Fund	2,667,217
	American Funds Target Date 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund	2,544,052
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	2,375,090
	American Funds Target Date 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,966,427
	American Funds Target Date 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,386,727
	American Funds Target Date 2045 Fund	Mutual Fund	1,326,124
	Janus Henderson Triton Fund	Mutual Fund	1,019,870
	MFS Int'l New Discovery Fund	Mutual Fund	910,196
	Delaware Small Cap Value Fund	Mutual Fund	815,770
	American Funds Target Date 2015 Fund	Mutual Fund	718,464
	American Funds Target Date 2055 Fund	Mutual Fund	673,315
	American Funds Target Date 2010 Fund	Mutual Fund	606,942
	Dreyfus BNYM Dynamic Value Fund	Mutual Fund	551,328
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	547,730
	PIMCO Income Fund	Mutual Fund	481,733
	American Funds Target Date 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund	380,422
	American Funds Target Date 2060 Fund	Mutual Fund	375,672
	American Funds Target Date 2065 Fund	Mutual Fund	94,889
	Oakmark International Fund	Mutual Fund	<u>63,466</u>
	Total mutual funds		<u>26,408,474</u>
*	Participant loans	Interest rates of 4.25% - 9.50%	<u>597,606</u>
	Total		<u>\$ 44,574,064</u>
*	Party-in-Interest		
	Cost information is not required for participant directed investments.		

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Schedule H Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions
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Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: ☐	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside of VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
	\$ 359	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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

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EIN 56 0364367
 PLAN NUMBER 001
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company Am Fds EuroPacific Grth R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 547,729.60
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fds Trgt Dte Rtm 2010 R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 606,942.48
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fds Trgt Dte Rtm 2015 R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 718,464.08
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fds Trgt Dte Rtm 2020 R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 380,421.68
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fds Trgt Dte Rtm 2025 R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,544,052.06
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fds Trgt Dte Rtm 2030 R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,648,991.72
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fds Trgt Dte Rtm 2035 R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,966,426.73
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fds Trgt Dte Rtm 2040 R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,254,048.12
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fds Trgt Dte Rtm 2045 R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,326,123.97
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fds Trgt Dte Rtm 2050 R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,386,726.55
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fds Trgt Dte Rtm 2055 R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 673,314.98
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fds Trgt Dte Rtm 2060 R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 375,672.04
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Am Fds Trgt Dte Rtm 2065 R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 94,888.79
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company Amer Funds Amer Bal R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,667,217.23
	Dreyfus Funds	Registered Investment Company BNYM Dynamic Value I Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 551,328.04

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

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EIN 56 0364367
 PLAN NUMBER 001
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
	Delaware Investments	Registered Investment Company Delaware Small Cap Value R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 815,769.58
	SEI TRUST COMPANY	Common/Collective Trust Galliard Stable Return PN	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,101,333.00
	Janus International Holding, LLC	Registered Investment Company JanusHenderson Triton N	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,019,869.89
	MFS Investment Management	Registered Investment Company MFS Int'l New Discovery R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 910,196.22
	Oakmark	Registered Investment Company Oakmark International Fund-Inv	\$ 0.00	\$ 63,467.80
	SEI TRUST COMPANY	Common/Collective Trust Prin/BR Agg Bd Index CIT N	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,078,607.67
	SEI TRUST COMPANY	Common/Collective Trust Prin/BR S&P 500 Index CIT N	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,628,267.38
	SEI TRUST COMPANY	Common/Collective Trust Prin/T.Rowe I LgC Gr CIT N	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,759,776.36
	PIMCO Funds	Registered Investment Company PIMCO Income Institutional Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 481,733.05
	Vanguard Group	Registered Investment Company Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,375,089.56
*	Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 4.25% To 9.50%	\$ 0.00	\$ 597,606.00



October 11, 2024

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of the Carolina Biological Supply Company Savings and Profit Sharing Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statement 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 disclosures (collectively, the "financial statements"), for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) and whether the supplemental schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole. As permitted by Regulation 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), we have elected for you to not perform any auditing procedures with respect to information prepared and certified to by Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company, the Trustee, in accordance with DOL Regulation 2520.103-5, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules. We understand that the form and content of the information in the financial statements and supplemental schedules, other than that derived from the information certified by the Trustee, has been audited by you in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and was subjected to tests of our accounting records and other procedures you considered necessary to enable you to express an opinion as to whether they are presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of this letter, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated February 22, 2024, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP, the notes include all disclosures required by laws and regulations to which the Plan is subject, including the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and the supplemental schedules referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility for 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.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 5) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 6) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 7) Related-party relationships and transactions and relationships and transactions with parties-in-interest, as defined in ERISA Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder, have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with GAAP and ERISA Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder.
- 8) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 9) We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries you have proposed, and they have been posted to the Plan's accounts.
- 10) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 11) Significant estimates and material concentrations have been properly disclosed in accordance with GAAP.
- 12) Financial instruments with concentrations of credit risk have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.
- 13) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Plan is contingently liable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with GAAP.
- 14) If applicable, the supplemental schedules or financial statements disclose the following:
 - a) All non-exempt party-in-interest transactions [as defined in ERISA Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder].
 - b) Investments or loans in default or considered to be uncollectible.
 - c) Reportable transactions [as defined in ERISA Section 103(b)(3)(H) and regulations thereunder].

Information Provided

- 15) We have provided you with:
- a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
 - b) A substantially complete draft of Form 5500.
 - c) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - d) Unrestricted access to persons within the Plan from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - e) Current plan instruments, trust agreements, insurance contracts, or investment contracts and amendments to such documents entered into during the year, including amendments to comply with applicable laws.
- 16) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 17) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 18) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Plan and involves:
- a) Management,
 - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 19) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, participants, regulators, beneficiaries, service providers, third-party administrators, or others.
- 20) We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations (including ERISA, DOL, and IRS regulations) whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 21) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 22) We have disclosed to you the names of the Plan's related parties and parties in interest and all the related-party and party-in-interest relationships and transactions, including any side agreements.
- 23) The Plan has satisfactory title to all owned assets, which are recorded at fair value, and all liens, encumbrances, or security interests requiring disclosure in the financial statements have been properly disclosed.
- 24) We have no—
- a) Plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
 - b) Intentions to terminate the Plan.

- 25) Amendments to the Plan document, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.
- 26) The methods and significant assumptions used to estimate fair values of financial instruments, including nonreadily marketable securities, are disclosed in the financial statements. The methods and significant assumptions used result in a measure of fair value appropriate for financial measurement and disclosure purposes.
- 27) The Plan, and the trust established under the Plan, are qualified under the appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code and we intend to continue them as a qualified plan and trust. The Plan sponsor has operated the Plan and trust in a manner that did not jeopardize this tax status. Required nondiscrimination testing related to Code Section 401(k) and 401(m) arrangements, as applicable, has been completed for the Plan, and any excess deferrals or contributions have been disposed of in accordance with regulations.
- 28) The Plan has complied with the DOL's regulations concerning the timely remittance of participant contributions to trusts containing assets for the Plan.
- 29) The Plan has complied with the fidelity bonding requirements of ERISA.
- 30) We have obtained the SOC 1 report from our service providers. We have reviewed such report, including the complementary user controls. We have implemented the relevant user controls, and they were in operation for the plan year.
- 31) We have apprised you of all communications, whether written or oral, with regulatory agencies concerning the operation of the Plan.
- 32) We have obtained appropriate fee disclosures from covered service providers and have concluded the fees are reasonable. The Plan is in compliance with DOL regulations regarding ERISA Section 408(b)(2).
- 33) We acknowledge our election to have an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect our responsibility for the financial statements and for determining the following:
 - a) The circumstances permit an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit.
 - b) A qualified institution has prepared and certified the investment information as described in 29 CFR 2520.103-8.
 - c) The certification meets the 29 CFR 2520.103-5 requirements.
 - d) The certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with GAAP.
- 34) For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company contributed a matching contribution to participants of 50% up to 3% of eligible compensation for a total of \$673,236. In addition, the Company approved a discretionary nonelective contribution of \$329,457 allocated to eligible participants as a uniform percentage of compensation.
- 35) We believe the form and content of the supplemental schedules are fairly presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. 38).

Carolina Biological Supply Company Savings and Profit Sharing Retirement Plan

Olga Siler

Plan Administrator